

**Bellshill and District Community Forum**  
**Report to Local Area Partnership**  
**August 2008**

**Background**

The Community Forum has held two business meetings since the last LAP. This paper aims to give LAP members an update on Community Forum activity over the past few months.

**Sub Groups**

The Forum formally adopted their development plan at their last meeting and agreed to allocate the priorities and outcomes to sub groups for further development and action. The Forum sub groups are

- Media and PR
- Health and Inequalities
- Finance and funding
- Community Safety
- Project Development

Forum members have been allocated to each sub group and initial meetings have been organised. It is hoped that the formation of the sub-groups will ensure that tasks are allocated and actions undertaken more effectively.

**NL News**

The Forum recently submitted articles for their first full page in the NL News. The paper that will be circulated at the start of August will include a Community Forum page with articles on

- Introduction of new Office Bearers
- Blue Light Disco
- Forum AGM

**Research Visit**

Community Forum members visited the Ayr North Community Forum to see an example of how a similar type of organisation in another area operates. Forum members benefited from sharing ideas, good practice and experiences and enjoyed the opportunity to network with fellow Forum members, both from the Bellshill area and Ayrshire.

**Blue Light Disco**

The Community Forum continues to support Youth Involvement activity through their involvement in the organisation of the popular Blue Light Discos. Since the last LAP, another Blue Light Disco was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at the YMCA. Once again Young People aged 11-16 came together to have fun in a safe environment, promoting the message that you don't need drugs or alcohol to have fun.

**Previous action – 21<sup>st</sup> February meeting**

At the LAP meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 08 the Community Forum representative raised an issue relating to letting charges and the accessibility of facilities to community groups. It was agreed that the LAP would request a report on this matter from Learning and Leisure Services. The Forum requests an update on this matter.

**Community Forum Meetings**

The dates of the next Community Forum meetings are

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

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