

Michael Sherry Memorial Centre, Main Street, Holytown, 14 August 2008 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Delaney and H. McGuigan, North Lanarkshire Council; Walter Baker, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Tom Peebles, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, and Alison Williamson, Planning Assistant, Development Projects Team and Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services and Peter McGhee, Quality Improvement Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillor McCabe, North Lanarkshire Council and Mary Hendry, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 1 May 2008.

On a question by a member of the public regarding Burnhead Sports Pitch, the Convener gave an assurance that a response to the enquiry would be provided as soon as possible.

Thereon, Councillor H. McGuigan requested that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership regarding the position relative to the Burnhead Sports Pitch.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that a report on the current position regarding the Burnhead Sports Pitch be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the Minutes be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 21 May and 18 June 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of New Stevenston Community Council held on 9 April 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY PLAN LAUNCH

5. Kenny Moffat of the Council for Voluntary Service North Lanarkshire and Sandie MacKay, Community Regeneration Manager, provided a presentation on the launch of the Community Plan 2008/2012 (1) advising of the Single Outcome Agreement between the partners and the Scottish Government, which set out the outcomes for the next three years; (2) detailing the Community Plan process and its purpose; (3) listing the key partners to the Community Plan, together with the key structures and themes, and (4) outlining the Key Improvement areas and how they would proceed at a local level.

Decided: that the contents of the presentation be noted.

PRESENTATION - LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

6. Ian Shankland, Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership provided a presentation on the work of the Food and Health Partnership particularly in relation to (1) the promotion and provision of fruit and vegetables within nurseries, and (2) the provision and supply of fruit and vegetables through co-operatives and other locations, and responded to questions thereon.

Thereafter, the Convener thanked Mr. Shankland for an informative and interesting presentation.

Decided: that the content of the presentation be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report from Bellshill and District Community Forum (1) advising of the issues and activities of the Forum since the last meeting of the Partnership, and (2) seeking an update on the question of letting charges and accessibility of facilities to community groups.

Walter Baker of Bellshill and District Community Forum then highlighted the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Thereafter, the Convener advised that a report on letting charges and accessibility of facilities was being prepared by Learning and Leisure Services and would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership/Area Committee.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCALITY

8. There was submitted a report dated July 2008 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, advising of a major national and local public health programme during September 2008 to protect young girls against cervical cancer and detailing associated activities within the Bellshill locality.

Thereon, Tom Bryce summarised the contents of the report and responded to Members' questions during which he was asked to provide a report on methadone usage levels within the Bellshill and District area.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that a report on methadone usage within the Bellshill and District area be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the position be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

9. There was submitted a joint reported (docketed) dated 14 August 2008 by Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (1) advising of initiatives and measures taken to minimise the levels of crime within the Bellshill and District area, and (2) providing statistical information in respect of the three partners.

Thereon, the Partnership heard Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, when it was agreed that a report and presentation on the new Community Policing arrangements, including tasking and co-ordinating arrangements, be made to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that a report and presentation on the new Community Policing arrangements be made to the next meeting of the Partnership, to include details of tasking and co-ordinating arrangements, and
- (2) that the content of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

10. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 March 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the progress made in completing the projects contained within the Local Development Programme for 2007/2008 for the Bellshill and District area; (2) indicating that a capital funding package of £421,160 had been put together for the delivery of physical regeneration activities within the Bellshill and District area through the Local Development Programme during 2008/2009, which, less committed funding from 2007/2008 of £60,000, left a total of £361,160 for new projects during 2008/2009; (3) detailing project proposals for 2008/2009, including indicative costs, which were submitted for the approval of the Partnership, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, together with a project proposal requiring further development, to be phased into 2009/2010, and (4) pointing out that no further projects could be included within this year's Programme although further projects could be considered for inclusion within the 2009/2010 Programme.

Decided: that it be recommended

- (1) that the projects for financial year 2008/2009, as detailed within the Appendix to the report, be approved for delivery through the Local Development Programme;
- (2) that the project proposal for 2009/2010 be noted;
- (3) that the progress in delivering the projects or alterations to the Programme be reported to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that the position be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 13 December 2007, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) updating the Partnership on the progress made in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan; (2) indicating that Phases 1 and 2 of the Action Plan were scheduled for completion by the end of August, and (3) pointing out that consultancy services were in the process of being obtained to administer, manage and supervise the implementation of Phases 3 and 4 of the Plan, which would represent a further investment of £4m.

Decided: that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(2) PROPOSED WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS

12. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, there was submitted a report dated 24 July 2008 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) detailing proposed waiting and loading restrictions to be implemented following completion of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan; (2) indicating that an initial consultation with representative groups of all road users would commence immediately allowing sufficient time to have the appropriate Orders approved for the completion of the Phase 3 Street Scapeworks on Main Street; (3) pointing out that five proposed taxi ranks would be the subject of discussion with appropriate parties, and (4) advising that, if found to be necessary, the restrictions could be amended to permit the extension of waiting times for disabled drivers at times when loading restrictions did not apply.

Decided: that it be recommended that consideration of all aspects of the Traffic Management proposals for Bellshill Town Centre be continued to a special meeting of the Partnership, on a date to be arranged, to which all interested parties would be invited.

(3) TRAFFIC ISLAND AT NEILSTON STREET/MOTHERWELL ROAD, BELLSHILL

13. The Convener sought clarification of the proposals under the Option 8 Traffic Management Project in relation to the provision of a Traffic Island at Neilston Street/Motherwell Road, Bellshill.

Thereon, Tom Peebles, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, indicated that further consideration had been given to this proposal and the Traffic Island at Neilston Street/Motherwell Road would no longer proceed.

Decided:

- (1) that it be recommended that the proposals for the provision of a Traffic Island at Neilson Street/Motherwell Road, Bellshill, be removed from the Option 8 Project, and
- (2) that consideration of all other aspects of the Traffic Management proposals be continued to the special meeting previously referred to.

BELLSHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB/HATTONRIGG AREA - UPDATE

14. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February 2008, when it was agreed that a report on the overall position regarding the Bellshill Athletic Football Club ground and the Hattonrigg area would be submitted to a future meeting, there was submitted a report dated 14 August 2008 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that an agreement had been reached between the owner of the football ground and representatives of Bellshill Athletic Football Club Board regarding the use of the ground; (2) indicating that meetings had taken place to review the outstanding issues relative to the planning consent, including flood/drainage, landscaping and access parking, and (3) confirming that some of the information necessary to the completion of the outstanding works had now been received, although discussions were continuing.

Following a question regarding the condition of the footpath between Hattonrigg Road and Clay Crescent, the Convener indicated that this matter would be investigated.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

TIMETABLE AND VENUES FOR LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 2008 TO JUNE 2009

15. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 11 October 2007 when the venues and timetable of meetings of the Partnership and Area Committee up to 9 October 2008 had been amended, there was submitted a report dated 7 August 2008 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising that North Lanarkshire Council at its meeting on 12 June 2008 had approved the timetable of meetings for 2008/2010 subject to Bellshill and District Area Committee being authorised to determine the time and location of its meetings; (2) indicating that the holding of meetings of the Partnership/Area Committee on a rotational basis in relation to the timing of meetings had worked well over the last few meetings, and (3) proposing that future meetings of the Partnership/Area Committee continue to be held on a rotational basis and that those scheduled from December 2008 to May 2009 be held in the undernoted premises:-

Date	Location	Time
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19 February 2009	Burnhead Community Centre, Viewpark	2 pm
7 May 2009	Mossend Primary School, Mossend	7 pm

with the position being reviewed again prior to the end of this period.

Decided:

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- (2) that the position be reviewed again prior to the end of this period.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent, authorised its consideration to enable any representations to be submitted prior to the deadline of 1 September 2008.

NETWORK CHANGE PROGRAMME FOR THE PROVISION OF THE POST OFFICE NETWORK

16. There was submitted a report dated 12 August 2008 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services (1) referring to the Post Office Limited's review of the Post Office Network which had been ongoing for some time; (2) outlining the criteria and the procedure for the review; (3) advising that a consultation had now been received in relation to the proposals, which included the closure of 13 post office branches within North Lanarkshire, of which two were located within the Bellshill and District area, and (4) inviting comments to be submitted for inclusion in the Council's response to the consultation paper.

Decided: that it be recommended that the Executive Director of Corporate Services be advised of the Partnership's rejection of Post Office Limited's proposals for the closure of the Thorndean and Mossend Branch Post Offices and that the Post Office be requested to retain both facilities.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

17. The next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 9 October 2008 at 2 pm within Bellshill Cultural Centre, Bellshill.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 14 August 2008

Bellshill, 14 August 2008 at 9.05 pm.

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CHAIR

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IN ATTENDANCE

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APOLOGY

Councillor McCabe.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: the meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 1 MAY 2008

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 1 May 2008 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided:

- (1) that a report on the current position regarding the Burnhead Sports Pitch be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the Minutes be otherwise noted.

(2) COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(a) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(b) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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(3) PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY PLAN LAUNCH

Decided: that the contents of the presentation be noted.

(4) PRESENTATION - LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

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(9) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(a) UPDATE

Decided: that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

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(13) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 9 October 2008 at 2 pm within Bellshill Cultural Centre, Bellshill, and that the Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.