

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Bellshill Local Area Partnership**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject:  KING GEORGE V PARK, MOSSEND
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 11 December 2008	Ref: DPT/16/SP	

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on previous work undertaken on the King George V Park, Holytown Road, Mossend under the Local Development Programme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

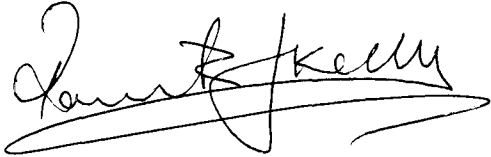
- 2.1 In 2005 the upgrading of the boundary fence of the King George V Park was identified by the Small Communities Programme as a potential project.
- 2.2 At around the same time the Director of Community Services awarded the King George V Park interim Neighbourhood Park status. It was proposed that the Urban Parks Development Team would facilitate the establishment of a 'Friends of Mossend Park' with representation from local people and groups. This was with a view, through local consultation and partnerships, to develop a range of projects and subsequent funding bids to address locally identified needs, priorities and aspirations.

**3 PROGRESS**

- 3.1 During 2006/07 works were undertaken, under the Local Development Programme, in conjunction with the Community Services Department to improve the access to the Park. The access was upgraded with soft landscaping and the installation of a notice board. The boundary fence was also repaired and painted.
- 3.2 Some consultation work was undertaken by the Town Parks Initiative to try to establish a Friends of the Park group. Some interest was expressed by a couple of local groups with specific rather than community-wide interests. Further local consultation will be required to constitute a local group with wider community interest for the park.
- 3.3 The Town Parks Initiative (TPI) has been involved in installing play equipment, a hard standing area and a couple of benches. Future work which the TPI would like to include is the installation of further benches, litter bins and some additional planting particularly around the park entrance.
- 3.4 It should be noted that the bowling club within the park has closed and consequently there is no presence to assist with the self-policing of the park environment. Therefore vandalism may become a bigger issue for the future management of the park.

#### 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership consider if the King George V Park in Mossend should be included on the list of potential projects for the Local Development Programme for 2009/10. The LAP may wish to consider if funding should be made available to assist the Town Parks Initiative with the provision of more benches, litter bins and additional planting.

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