

**SPECIAL BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP –
11 November 2008**

Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 11 November 2008 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council; Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office and Lorna Bowden, Development Projects Team Leader; Bill Hazel, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader and Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle and McCabe.

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

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

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Partnership held on 8 September 2008, when it was agreed that all issues raised at that meeting be considered by the Executive Director of Environmental Services and that a further meeting be arranged in the evening to facilitate wider consultation, the Partnership then heard Councillor Lyle who invited those present to submit any questions they had in relation to the Traffic Management proposals to the Partnership following a presentation by representatives of Environmental Services.

Thereafter, Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician (1) outlined the action taken following the special meeting of the Partnership held on 8 September 2008, which included (a) agreements for amended bus routes to provide greater access from Main Street; (b) speed monitoring on Crossgates, the outcome of which had shown that this was not a major problem; (c) parking restrictions to encourage turnover of parking on Main Street, and (d) provisional agreement on the location of taxi ranks; (2) gave details of further action yet to be implemented, including (a) adjustment of the timing of traffic signals to improve the flow of traffic; (b) arrangements for the provision of railings at the entrance to Living Waters Christian Centre, and (c) consideration of the provision of disabled parking, which would be included in the next stage of the consultation, and (3) indicated that the next step in the implementation of these plans would be formal advertisement of the proposals.

Thereon, the Partnership heard a number of concerns from those present, in particular (1) speeding on Crossgates, particularly in the region of numbers 82 and 84 Crossgates; (2) the requirement for

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crossing provision; (3) the difficulties of traffic movements due to congestion; (4) the obstruction of residents accesses due to parking; (5) the unsuitability of the proposed taxi rank on Main Street opposite the Saints and Sinners; (6) the lack of buses along Main Street, and (7) the provision of traffic calming measures.

The Partnership then heard Councillors Delaney, Curran, McKeown, Burrows and H. McGuigan speak in respect of the proposals and the concerns raised.

Decided: that it be recommended

- (1) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services consider the issues raised and report back on the outcomes at a further special meeting to take place in January/February 2009, and
- (2) that further speed monitoring be undertaken on Crossgates opposite number 84.

SPECIAL BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 11 November 2008

Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 11 November 2008 at 9.25 pm.

A Special Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office and Development Projects Team Leader; Traffic and Transportation Team Leader and Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle and 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 RECOMMENDATION BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2008**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendation made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its special meeting held on 11 November 2008 and agreed the following:-

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

Decided:

- (1) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services consider the issues raised and report back on the outcomes at a further special meeting to take place in January/February 2009, and
- (2) that further speed monitoring be undertaken on Crossgates opposite number 84.

Cardinal Newman High School, Bellshill, 11 December 2008 at 7 pm.**A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP****PRESENT**

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire; Gerry MacMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Alistair Crichton, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Kate Rocks, Community Social Work Manager (Bellshill) and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services and Lorna Milligan, Development Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council; Walter Baker, Bellshill and District Community Forum and Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

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.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.

ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES

2. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 2008 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services (1) advising that Estate Based Initiative funding for 2008/2009 of £17,215 had been allocated for the Bellshill area and £6,834 for the Viewpark area; (2) proposing that the funding for the Bellshill area be used for (a) the installation of CCTV monitoring equipment for Unitas Court Sheltered Complex at a cost of approximately £10,000, and (b) erection and alterations to fencing at West End Drive Sheltered Complex at a cost of approximately £7,000, and (3) suggesting that, to maximise the delivery of projects in the Viewpark area, a contribution of £6,834 be made to the local Development Programme in respect of (a) environmental improvements at First Avenue; (b) fencing alterations at Juniper Road/Burnhead Street, and (c) environmental improvements at the former lock-up site at Myrtle Road.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the projects proposed for the Bellshill area be approved;

- (2) that the proposed contribution from the Viewpark area funding to the Local Development Project be approved, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

BURNHEAD SPORTS PITCH

3. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, when it was agreed that consideration of a report dated 30 September 2008 by the Head of Community Information and Learning advising of the sums which had been expended on the changing rooms and the two pitches at Burnhead, totalling £176,000, be continued to the next meeting, the Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LETTING CHARGES AND ACCESS TO NEW SCHOOL PREMISES

4. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, when it was agreed that consideration of a report dated 11 September 2008 by the Head of Community Information and Learning advising of charges applied to school and community facility lets and the current usage and availability of John Paul II and Tannochside Primary Schools, be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership, the Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

Thereon, Lorna Milligan, Development Officer (1) advised that the pitch usage at John Paul II Primary School had increased to 84% and that Wednesday evenings were no longer available for let; (2) indicated that the pitch usage at Tannochside Primary School had increased to 89%, gym usage had increased to 47% and Wednesday evenings were no longer available for let, and (3) answered Members' questions thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2009/2010

5. The Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services provided a presentation on the Council's budget process and the public expenditure allocation process, and advised of (1) the Scottish Government's position; (2) the Council's Income and Expenditure position; (3) the Key Services funded by the Council; (4) the Indicative Revenue Budget for 2009/2010, including efficiency savings; (5) additional cost pressures facing the Council, and (6) the key issues to be considered as part of the budget process.

Thereon, the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services responded to questions.

Decided: that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services be noted.

OVERVIEW OF NORTH LANARKSHIRE INTEGRATED ADDICTION SERVICE

6. Rosie Kidd, Service Manager, and Margaret Allison, Locality Team Manager (Bellshill), NHS Lanarkshire, gave an overview of the North Lanarkshire Integrated Addiction Service and the local perspective and service provision in the Bellshill area, in particular (1) outlining the structure of the

Addiction Service and the services provided; (2) giving statistical information for the Bellshill Locality; (3) providing the reasons for prescribing Methadone; (4) setting out the scale of the problem in the Bellshill Locality in relation to alcohol, and (5) detailing the local priorities and outcomes.

Thereon, the representatives of NHS Lanarkshire responded to questions.

Decided: that the presentation details be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

7. There were submitted the Minutes of the special meetings and meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held, respectively, on 8 September and 9 October 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 17 September and 15 October 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE

9. There was submitted a report from Bellshill and District Community Forum on (1) the activities of the Forum since the last meeting of the Partnership, and (2) issues for consideration, including the regeneration of Viewpark Glen and Bellshill Traffic Management System.

Colin MacFarlane of Bellshill and District Community Forum then advised that Walter Baker, Chairman of the Forum, had recently resigned from this position.

Thereon, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, expressed regret at the resignation of the Chairman and appreciation of the work undertaken by him and his service to the community.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - BELLSHILL LOCALITY

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 November 2008 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) advising that the new Bellshill Community Health Clinic would be operational by Monday, 15 December 2008; (2) indicating that the refurbishment of Viewpark Health Centre, which had been taking place over the last three months, was due for completion in December 2008, and (3) outlining various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill locality.

Thereon, Tom Bryce was heard in supplement to his report.

Decided: that the position be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

11. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 10 December 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 Gerry MacMillan, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(1) UPDATE

12. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 November 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 2008/2009 for the Bellshill and District area, and (2) indicating that proposals for the 2009/2010 Programme would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in delivering the projects or alterations to the 2008/2009 Programme be reported to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership;
- (2) that it be noted that proposals for the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme would be submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (3) that the position be otherwise noted.

(2) KING GEORGE V PARK, MOSSEND

13. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, when it was agreed that a report on the regeneration of the King George V Park, Mossend be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 November 2008 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of work which had been undertaken by the Council since 2005 in the King George V Park, Holytown Road, Mossend; (2) indicating that there was the possibility that vandalism within the Park would increase in the future as a result of the closure of the Bowling Club within the Park, and (3) seeking that consideration be given to the inclusion of the King George V Park on the list of potential projects for the Local Development Programme for 2009/2010 with the possibility of the contribution being made to the Town Parks Initiative for the provision of benches, litter bins and additional planting.

Thereon, Councillor Delaney advised that the Scottish Soft Tennis Association was currently considering locating their headquarters at the Bowling Club site.

Decided: that the King George V Park, Holytown Road, Mossend be included on the list of potential projects for inclusion in the Local Development Programme for 2009/2010, to be considered at the next meeting of the Partnership.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

14. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, there was submitted a report dated 5 November 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 project were now complete; (3) pointing out that Fountain Support Services, the contractor undertaking Phase 3 of the Streetscape Work, had been undertaking site survey work and were carrying out a CCTV survey of the sewers prior to commencing work in January 2009, when the site compound would be set up off Emma Jay Road, and (4) advising that the contract would be implemented over a 12 month period and represented an investment of £1.8m.

Thereon, Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, advised that he had been informed that there had been a delay in undertaking the survey work, which was taking place overnight to avoid disruption; that the CCTV survey would now take place in January, and that the site compound was being set up now to enable work to commence immediately in January 2009.

Thereafter, the Convener (1) referred to a request from the Bellshill and District Community Forum that parking be provided on Hamilton Road, Bellshill; (2) indicated that, in his opinion, this would not resolve the problems in this area, and (3) advised that the elected Members would be meeting soon to discuss solutions for the traffic problems within Bellshill Town Centre prior to the Special Meeting of the Partnership to be held in February 2009.

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

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

15. The next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 19 February 2009 at 2 pm within Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 11 December 2008

Bellshill, 11 December 2008 at 8.50 pm.

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services and Development Officer, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McShannon.

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 11 DECEMBER 2008**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 11 December 2008 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.

(1) **ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES**

Decided:

- (1) that the projects proposed for the Bellshill area be approved;
- (2) that the proposed contribution from the Viewpark area funding to the Local Development Project be approved, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

(2) **BURNHEAD SPORTS PITCH**

Decided: that the report be noted.

(3) **LETTING CHARGES AND ACCESS TO NEW SCHOOL PREMISES**

Decided: that the report be noted.

(4) **BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2009/2010**

Decided: that the presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services be noted.

(5) **OVERVIEW OF NORTH LANARKSHIRE INTEGRATED ADDICTION SERVICE**

Decided: that the presentation details be noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(7) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(8) **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM - UPDATE**

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(9) **NHS LANARKSHIRE - NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP - BELLSHILL LOCALITY**

Decided: that the position be noted.

(10) **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(11) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(a) UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in delivering the projects or alterations to the 2008/2009 Programme be reported to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership;
- (2) that it be noted that proposals for the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme would be submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (3) that the position be otherwise noted.

(b) KING GEORGE V PARK, MOSSEND

Decided: that the King George V Park, Holytown Road, Mossend be included on the list of potential projects for inclusion in the Local Development Programme for 2009/2010, to be considered at the next meeting of the Partnership.

(12) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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

(13) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 19 February 2009 at 2 pm within Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark, and that the Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.