

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 19th November 2008
Bellshill Academy Library**

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Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

T Leggate Chairman, E Williamson Vice Chair Person, W Baker, A Forsyth, P Bannister, T Taylor Treasurer, Ray Mitchell, Alan Wylie Police, D McLeod Secretary.

Apologies None

Minutes The minutes of the meeting from Wednesday 17th September were moved as correct from the previous meeting by T Taylor and seconded by E Williamson.

The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 15th October were moved correct by R Mitchell and seconded by A Wylie.

Business Arising none from both meeting that were not included in the agenda.

Police Report This was handed out to the members in writing, followed by a verbal explanation from Alan Wylie, where he stated that in the Bellshill area, sub division crime levels are fairly low and he hoped that this will continue. Alan also informed us of a number of serious incidents within the division, these have all been addressed by the division with some level of success. Although the crime level has stayed relatively low there have been an increase in break-ins, but the sub division are in control of this. Blue Light Disco that has been organised again is scheduled for 13th December at the Matt Busby Sports Centre, a special thanks must be passed to Coakley Buses for laying on transport after this disco. T Taylor then asked about an incident in the Hamilton Road where it took some length of time for a police presence A Wylie stated that he would look into this incident and report at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report T Taylor informed the meeting that the finances of the community council is good. We have also just received the NLC administration grant cheque.

Remembrance Day Parade & Service D McLeod gave the report stating that the parade was again first class and the service from rev Alan McKenzie was first class. D McLeod stated that the turn out was excellent and he has placed a thank you in the Bellshill Speaker but to date nothing has been printed. D McLeod then brought forward the normal fees for the people that have assisted me. The recommendation from D McLeod was Salvation Army £125, Imperial Flute Band £100, Rev Alan McKenzie £50 which was agreed to.

Correspondence

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- Letter from Bellshill Army Cadets for financial support, after discussion it was moved that we support this request with a cheque for £250
- Letter from NLC with Cheque for administration grant.
- Invite to NLC Tenant Conference (D McLeod attended this on 8th November and stated that it was a first class conference and he hoped for future meetings of this nature)

- Letter from NLC Environmental Services with a letter of undertaking for the PA System.
- Letter inviting a member to attend the community forum event meeting on Tuesday 2nd December in Civic Centre.
- Letter NLC inviting a member to the meeting for setting of the council budget and council tax.
- 3 application for premises licences from NLC
- Letter from NLC on post office closures
- Note from NLC cancelling tonight's meeting (D McLeod had contacted the Learning & Leisure Services and this cancellation was reversed)
- Letter from Town Centre Initiatives on Christmas switch on events, also looking for financial assistance, (D McLeod stated that both T Taylor and himself dealt with this letter as it arrived the day after our last meeting, D McLeod stated that the same arrangements should be made as last year and an E-Mail and Letter was sent indicating this decision.
- NL Voluntary Sector newsletter
- CVS customer satisfaction survey (duly completed and returned)
- ASCC postal ballot information (duly completed and returned)
- Letter from Zurich Insurance Services
- E-Mail from SCVO newsletter

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Information about Vincent Court in Bellshill local residents and police have requested the lane next to this address be closed due to vandalism (ongoing)

D McLeod brought forward requests from members of the public from Bellshill to seek assistance for the repair and cleaning of the War Memorial, they have also asked if it could be illuminated, (D McLeod to ask help from Michael McMahon MSP)

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chairman until the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th December 2008 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

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Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

T Leggate Chairman, E Williamson Vice Chair Person, A Forsyth, , T Taylor Treasurer, Ray Mitchell, D McLeod Secretary.

Apologies P Bannister, Alan Wylie (police)

Minutes The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 19th November were moved correct by A Forsyth and seconded by E Williamson.

Business Arising

E-Mail in response to questions raised at last meeting. T Taylor asked about response time on an incident of assault.

Road closure at Bellziehill roundabout signage was wrong.

Police Report None

Treasurers Report T Taylor informed the meeting that the finances of the community council is good.

Correspondence

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- Letter of thanks from Bellshill Army Cadets for donation.
- Letter of thanks from Town Centre Initiatives for donation for lighting up ceremony and Santa's sack.
- Letter from NLC with invite to area partnership and area committee meeting for setting Council Budget and Council Tax. (D McLeod attended this meeting and gave a short report indicating that the content from the meeting was excellent)
- Letter from Zurich for renewal of our insurance certificate
- 3 applications for Premises licensed
- Information card from rekk.co.uk about youth shelters
- Letter from NLC looking for volunteers to go onto Prison Visiting Committees.
- NLC winter maintenance policy and procedures document 2008/2009
- SCVO information down loaded from e-mail
- CVS information bulletin for November 2008
- Christmas card from Cllr Curran
- Calendar from CVS
- NLC draft core paths plan update.
- CVS Infobase update briefing paper
- NLC weekly planning applications
- NLC minutes of meetings from committees and sub-committees.

AOCB

Report from Tom Leggate from ASCC Annual National Conference 2008. He stated that the meeting was interesting especially the talk from Assistant Chief Constable John Nielsen on Community Policing and Community Councils.

Report from Tom Leggate from the meeting between the Scottish Government & COSLA. Tom recommended that the hand out should be copied and sent to all members along with the minutes.

Tom Taylor then brought forward the Christmas lighting ceremony where he attended this on behalf of the Community Council, before this event he telephoned Town Centre Initiatives & NLC to ask why and when the lights would be erected as the ceremony would be later in the week. The lights were erected but during the ceremony a number were not connected and a number of light poles had no decorations on them, Tom stated that there were 7 decorations missing from the light poles, to date some of these lights were still not connected. (recommendation that the secretary should write to Town Centre Initiatives and make our comments known)

Community Council member Ray Mitchell from Woolworth's informed us that this year she has raised in excess of £90000 for local causes. The members present passed on their congratulations to her and hoped she will continue to raise funds for deserving causes.

Various members then brought up traffic and sequencing of lights especially for members of the public crossing these roads. (secretary to contact NLC and make them aware of the Community Council's concerns)

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chairman until the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 21st January 2009
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

T Leggate Chairman, T Taylor Treasurer, Ray Mitchell, Walter Baker, Alice Forsyth, Pat Bannister, Alan Wylie Police, D McLeod Secretary.

Apologies E Williamson Vice Chair Person,

Minutes The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 17th December were moved correct by Ray Mitchell and seconded by A Forsyth.

Business Arising

D McLeod read out 2 letters that have been sent and they are still waiting on replies.

Letter 1 Roads Department Graham MacKay on various points on the time members of the public are given to cross various roads, within the road changes in Bellshill.

Letter 2 Anne Flood complaint on the Christmas Lighting Ceremony.

Various members then commented on various issues where drivers are turning around on the Main Street and travelling against the flow of traffic.

Lights at the junction of Hamilton Road and Glebe Street not enough time for pedestrians to cross the road also drivers turning from Glebe Street into Hamilton Road need to be aware of the sequencing of lights.

Main Street on a Friday afternoon is horrendous the amount of traffic is causing lengthy tailbacks.

Police Report

The month of January has been successful where crime in general has been fairly low. There has been an increase in house breakings within the Asian community, Alan Wylie our community Police Officer has set up surgeries within the local mosques to assist the people that have been targeted.

Blue Light disco again has been a great success within the Sir Matt Busby Centre where approximately 115 attended. Thanks should be extended to all that assisted during this event.

Off sales scheme where coloured carrier bags are used in certain off licenses.

Police campaign against violence is ongoing.

Treasurers Report T Taylor informed the meeting that the finances of the community council is good.

Correspondence

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- Receipt from the Salvation Army Band for their assistance at the Remembrance Day Parade & service
- Receipt from the Imperial Flute Band for their assistance at the Remembrance Day Parade & service
- Letter from Rev Alan McKenzie returning his cheque for his assistance at the Remembrance

Day service.

- Letter from Good Community Relations Project seeking a meeting or the chance to address the members of the community council (D McLeod to invite someone to address our members either March/April)
- SCVO news E-Mail download
- Public consultation document on Regulations of Bus Services Bill (D McLeod to reply to this)
- Letter from NLC Learning & Leisure services agreeing our meeting dates request.

AOCB

- Returned cheque from Rev Alan McKenzie, D McLeod stated that as Alan wanted to return this cheque the community council should not just ignore this. D McLeod suggested that the money should be redirected to a local charity and as Alan lives in Mossend D McLeod suggested The Holly Tree Foundation, a number of other charities were suggested but it was agreed the money be sent to The Holly Tree Foundation.
- The next issue brought forward was our annual street fair. D McLeod stated that the dates for the road closure would be applied for before the end of this month. T Leggate suggested we contact someone to ascertain if the remedial works to the Main Street will be completed, in case this would curtail the fair. D McLeod will contact Graham McKay of NLC Roads department
- D McLeod then asked for name of someone to open this years Street Fair, It was suggested Billy McNeill could be asked.
- Some of the members then brought forward the costs incurred by the public when going onto the rides supplied by M & D leisure. The member felt that if the prices were reduced more people would use these rides. D McLeod stated that every year he tries to get these prices reduced but he would ask Jensen the question and would hope for some success.
- D McLeod stated that the costs for advertising our Street Fair he felt that the cost for last years was far too much and he stated that this would be greatly reduced or our local newspapers would not be being used. Alan Wylie suggested we should use the North Lanarkshire News to advertise our fair.
- D McLeod then brought forward the current news in this weeks Bellshill Speaker, he stated that Ray Mitchell's charity work was highlighted, D McLeod stated that our congratulations should be recorded to Ray and hoped that she will continue her work. Ray intimated that the Post Office has agreed to let her carry on with her charity work. Walter Baker then moved that the community council should give Ray any support she needed, it was moved that £100 be put aside for Ray when she requires it.

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chairman until the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room.