

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 19 February 2009

Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark, 19 February 2009 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Delaney, McKeown and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council; Walter Baker and Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum; David Smith and Craig Shaw, 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) and Eric Hislop, Property Services Group Manager, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Les Stevenson, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Steven Gentles, Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator and Eleanor O'Brien, Senior Investigator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Joe McAvoy, Quality Improvement Manager, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Curran, McCabe and H. McGuigan, North Lanarkshire Council and Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire.

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 special meetings and meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held, respectively, on 11 November and 11 December 2008.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES – BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 19 November and 17 December 2008 and 21 January 2009.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

4. 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.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT - INTERIM REPORT

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 February 2009 by the Chief Executive (1) indicating that a joint Community Planning event had been held on 16 January 2009 to discuss the Single Outcome Agreement, Improving Communication and the Developing Partnership Agreements; (2) outlining the results of an evaluation of the event and key points raised during the group sessions; (3) setting out proposals for consideration, and (4) advising that a full report, detailing the key findings from the event, would be submitted to the next meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board to be held in March 2009, with a further report being submitted to the Local Area Partnerships thereafter.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that a full report on the joint Community Planning event be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership in May 2009, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL LOCALITY

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated January 2009 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) advising that the new Bellshill Community Health Clinic was now fully operational and arrangements for the official opening would be confirmed shortly; (2) indicating that the refurbishment of Viewpark Health Centre was also complete, and (3) outlining various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill locality.

Decided: that the position be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

7. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 19 February 2009 by Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, together with statistical information for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (tabled and docketed) (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 Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions. In addition, Laura O'Neill introduced Eleanor O'Brien, Senior Investigator, who would be the Anti Social Task Force's representative to the Local Area Partnership in the future and the Convener expressed his appreciation of the work undertaken by Ms. O'Neill during her time representing the Anti Social Task Force on the Local Area Partnership.

During consideration of this matter the problems being experienced by residents in the Bankhead Stores and Cairnlea Gardens and Glenmore Avenue areas of Bellshill were discussed and it was

agreed that the appropriate representatives of the Partnership would discuss the position with the residents present and arrange for action to be taken to improve the situation in these areas.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

BELLSHILL FIRE STATION – INTRODUCTION OF DUAL CREWING

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 July 2008 by the Chief Officer, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, which had been submitted to the Fire Board regarding New Challenges 2008/2011 and in particular (1) proposing that the current policy of dual crewing for all High Impact - Low Activity appliances, such as Major Incident Units and Heavy Rescue Vehicles, which were currently crewed at all times and which were rarely mobilised due to the very specialist nature of the appliances, be extended to align with the specialist crewing models employed throughout fire and rescue services in Scotland, and (2) advising that the policy of dual crewing enabled the specialist vehicles to remain available at all times without the need to employ dedicated staff, which would not affect the frontline service delivery to the public although it would involve the redeployment of 60 posts, with minimal impact on staff.

David Smith, Area Manager North Lanarkshire Area, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, then (1) advised on the reasons for the introduction of dual crewing, including the under utilisation of the current Major Incident Unit vehicle located at Bellshill Fire Station; (2) outlined the staffing effects of the introduction of dual crewing; (3) assured Members that when the Major Incident Unit was mobilised a pump would immediately be sent to Bellshill from another fire station to provide appropriate cover, and (4) responded to Members' questions thereon.

The Convener then thanked the Area Manager for his clarification in relation to the dual crewing system and his assurance that there would be no reduction in the service in the Bellshill area.

Decided: that the presentation by the Area Manager, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, be noted.

PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE ON STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

9. Craig Shaw, Group Manager North Lanarkshire, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (1) introduced the North Lanarkshire Strategic Assessment document which had been produced in December 2008 and provided a framework for partnership working, and (2) indicated that the document also detailed local priorities and provided statistical information for the North Lanarkshire area relating to different types of incidents and the costs of such incidents.

Following discussion, during which the relationship between fly tipping and secondary fires was discussed, the Convener indicated that, to keep such incidents to a minimum, all fly tipping should be reported to the Council's Call Centre as soon as possible.

Decided: that the presentation by the Group Manager, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN FINALISED DRAFT

10. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the forthcoming publication of the Finalised Draft North Lanarkshire Local Plan, the aim of which was to promote regeneration and sustainable growth of the communities within North Lanarkshire; (2) outlining the consultation procedures in relation to the Draft Local Plan, and (3) indicating that it was anticipated that the Plan would be adopted in 2010 and reviewed thereafter in 2012 following publication of a new Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Plan.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 December 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 January 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising on the progress made in completing the projects contained within the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009 for the Bellshill and District area, and (2) seeking approval of new and continuing project proposals for the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

On a question being raised regarding details of the work undertaken in relation to the Fitness Centre at Viewpark as part of the Programme for 2008/2009, the Convener indicated that this information would be provided for the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2008/2009, as listed in the Appendix to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the projects, as detailed within the Appendix to the report, be approved for delivery through the Local Development Programme during the 2009/2010 financial year;
- (3) that further reports on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that details of the work carried out in relation to the Fitness Centre at Viewpark, undertaken as part of the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

RETAIL UNITS IN BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

12. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2009 by the Head of Property Services (1) detailing the retail units located on Main Street, Bellshill which were in the ownership of North Lanarkshire Council; (2) outlining the action being taken within the Town Centre area to assist with its regeneration, and (3) indicating that discussions were ongoing with the Town Centre Manager and the Economic Development Unit to explore ways in which the Bellshill Town Centre could be improved.

Councillor McKeown requested that the Partnership hear a presentation by Tesco in relation to their future development at North Road and Emma Jay Road, Bellshill.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that arrangements be made for a presentation by Tesco in relation to their development within Bellshill Town Centre, and
- (2) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

13. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11 December 2008, there was submitted a report dated 2 February 2009 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) giving reasons for the delay in the contract; (3) outlining the work undertaken since the contract began in January 2009 which would be implemented over a period of 12 months at a cost of

approximately £1.8m, and (4) indicating that work had commenced on the extension to the car park at Glebe Street on 22 January 2009, which, when completed in four weeks time, would provide a total of 33 parking spaces, with a planting scheme to be implemented thereafter.

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

(2) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

14. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 February 2009 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) advising of the procedure and timescale for the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order in Bellshill Town Centre to restrict waiting times, and (2) outlining the proposals for the Hamilton Road area.

During consideration of this matter (1) the Convener proposed that the waiting time be restricted to two hours instead of the 30 minutes currently proposed, and (2) Councillor McKeown expressed concern about the traffic congestion on Hamilton Road and proposed that Main Street at its junction with Hamilton Road and North Road be re-opened to alleviate these problems.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the ongoing progress for the implementation of the parking/loading restrictions within Bellshill Town Centre be noted;
- (2) that waiting times under the restrictions be increased to two hours;
- (3) that further details on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Order be included within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan update report, and
- (4) that the Officers, in consultation with the Elected Members, give consideration to the problems being experienced on Hamilton Road, Bellshill and report back on proposals to alleviate these.

RAVENS CRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

15. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008, there was submitted a report dated 20 January 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the current position in relation to the redevelopment of the former Ravenscraig Steelworks; (2) highlighting various points including (a) the anticipated commencement, in the first half of the year, of a housing development; (b) the progress of the development of the new town centre through a joint venture between Wilson Bowden Developments and Richardsons Capital; (c) the undertaking of feasibility studies in relation to the new rail station at Ravenscraig, and (d) the current position in relation to the location of an Innovation Park within the site being set up by the Building Research Establishment, and (3) pointing out that the Council had supported Ravenscraig Limited's submission for the project to become one of the "sustainable communities" proposed throughout Scotland, the outcome of which was anticipated to be announced in the Spring.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS

16. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 9 October 2008 when the Bellshill and District Neighbourhood Improvement Plan was adopted, there was submitted a

report dated 19 February 2009 by the Chief Executive (1) proposing that the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be extended from 2008/2009 until March 2011 to align with the Single Outcome Agreement timescale and to reflect the outcomes from the recent joint Community Planning event, and (2) indicating that the Action Plan for the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan would continue to be reviewed on an annual basis, with an amended Action Plan being presented to the May 2009 Local Area Partnership meeting for approval.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the extension of the timescale of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan to 2011 be approved;
- (2) that the updated Action Plan be presented to the May 2009 Local Area Partnership meeting for consideration, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

TIMETABLE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE

17. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 14 August 2008, when the venues and timetable of meetings of the Partnership and Area Committee from December 2008 to May 2009 were approved, subject to the position being reviewed prior to the end of this period, there was submitted a report dated 10 February 2009 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising 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 (2) proposing (a) that future meetings of the Partnership/Area Committee continue to be held on a rotational basis, and (b) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Convener be authorised to approve the location of future meetings and report this to the meeting in line with current practice.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that from June 2009 all meetings of the Local Area Partnership/Area Committee be held at 7 pm;
- (2) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Convener be authorised to approve the location of future meetings subject to these being reported to the meeting in line with current practice, and
- (3) that the position be reviewed again in a year's time.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

18. The Local Area Partnership noted that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 7 May 2009 at 7 pm within Mossend Primary School, Calder Road, Bellshill.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following matter was relevant and competent, authorised its consideration to enable appropriate arrangements to be made.

PRESENTATION ON DOOR ENTRY SYSTEMS

19. The Convener proposed that a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership by Scotshield Limited in relation to door entry systems.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that a presentation on door entry systems be given at a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership by Scotshield Limited.

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**Burnhead Community Centre, Burnhead Street, Viewpark,
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PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Delaney and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Property Services Group Manager, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Senior Planning Officer, Ravenscraig Project Manager and Traffic Projects Technician, Environmental Services; Area Housing Manager, Mediation Co-ordinator and Senior Investigator, Housing and Social Work Services, and Quality Improvement Manager, Learning and Leisure Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe, H. McGuigan and McShannon.

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

Decided: The Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. **CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2009**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 19 February 2009 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES – BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(3) **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(4) JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT - INTERIM REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that a full report on the joint Community Planning event be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership in May 2009, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

(5) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL LOCALITY

Decided: that the position be noted.

(6) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(7) BELLSHILL FIRE STATION – INTRODUCTION OF DUAL CREWING

Decided: that the presentation by the Area Manager, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, be noted.

(8) PRESENTATION BY STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE ON STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

Decided: that the presentation by the Group Manager, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, be noted.

(9) NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN FINALISED DRAFT

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(10) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2008/2009, as listed in the Appendix to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the projects, as detailed within the Appendix to the report, be approved for delivery through the Local Development Programme during the 2009/2010 financial year;
- (3) that further reports on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and

- (4) that details of the work carried out in relation to the Fitness Centre at Viewpark, undertaken as part of the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(11) RETAIL UNITS IN BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

Decided:

- (1) that arrangements be made for a presentation by Tesco in relation to their development within Bellshill Town Centre, and
- (2) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

(12) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(a) UPDATE

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

(b) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing progress for the implementation of the parking/loading restrictions within Bellshill Town Centre be noted;
- (2) that waiting times under the restrictions be increased to two hours;
- (3) that further details on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Order be included within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan update report, and
- (4) that the Officers, in consultation with the Elected Members, give consideration to the problems being experienced on Hamilton Road, Bellshill and report back on proposals to alleviate these.

(13) RAVENSCRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

- Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

(14) NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Decided:

- (1) that the extension of the timescale of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan to 2011 be approved;

- (2) that the updated Action Plan be presented to the May 2009 Local Area Partnership meeting for consideration, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

(15) **TIMETABLE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE**

Decided:

- (1) that from June 2009 all meetings of the Local Area Partnership/Area Committee be held at 7 pm;
- (2) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Convener be authorised to approve the location of future meetings subject to these being reported to the meeting in line with current practice, and
- (3) that the position be reviewed again in a year's time.

(16) **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, 7 May 2009 at 7 pm within Mossend Primary School, Calder Road, Bellshill, and that the Area Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following matter was relevant and competent, authorised its consideration to enable appropriate arrangements to be made.

(17) **PRESENTATION ON DOOR ENTRY SYSTEMS**

- Decided:** that a presentation on door entry systems be given at a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership by Scotshield Limited.