



AGENDA ITEM No.....6.....

**Bellshill & District Community Forum**  
**Report to Local Area Partnership**  
**April 2009**



## **Background**

The Community Forum has held three business meetings since the last LAP:

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

This paper aims to give LAP members an update on Community Forum activity over the past few months.

## **Community Forum Update**

### Tasking & Coordinating/Local Area Team

The Forum continues to bring a wide and varied range of issues to the Local Area Team and Tasking and Coordinating Group and is pleased with the progress being made.

### Blue Light Disco

The most recent Blue Light Disco (BLD), which was again merged with 'Saturday Sport Scene', was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Sir Matt Busby Sports Complex. The disco was a great success with 270 young people attending, an increase of 155 young people from the previous disco in December. The next disco is on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The Blue Light Disco Planning Group is now looking to build on their successes and widen their remit beyond Bellshill to address some of the youth disorder/antisocial behaviour issues in the Holytown area. Discussions are taking place about the possibility of using the new 3G pitch at Kier Hardie to start-up youth engagement/diversionary activities at peak disorder times i.e. Friday/Saturday evenings.

### Training

The Community Forum will be running a Deafblind awareness training course in June to help support deafblind participation in local community planning. Any LAP member interested in participating should contact Shona McConnell [mcconnells@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:mcconnells@northlan.gov.uk) or 01698 403718.

## **Issues for Consideration at LAP**

### Orbiston Nursery

The Forum has concerns about the proposed closure of Orbiston Nursery on Liberty Road, given the excellent standard of early years work that this establishment provides, and would request that a justification be provided as to why the proposed closure is necessary.

## **Future Community Forum Meetings**

The dates of the next Community Forum meetings are:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

For further information on the Community Forum, or the content of this report, please contact Carmen Mair (Secretary) on 01698 747483.