

Mossend Primary School, Calder Road, Bellshill, 7 May 2009 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Delaney and H. McGuigan, North Lanarkshire Council; Carmen Mair and Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire; Edward Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Angus McPhail and Stewart Hurry, 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 and Andrew MacKenzie, Customer Services Manager, Environmental Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager and Laura O'Neill, Mediation Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and McKeown and Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

DEATH OF WILLIAM FOY

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Convener referred to the recent death of William Foy, a former member of Bellshill Community Council, representative of the Bellshill and District Community Forum on the Partnership, and past President of Bellshill YMCA and indicated that Mr. Foy's work for the community had been much appreciated by all and that he would be greatly missed.

The Convener intimated that a letter of condolence would be sent to his family on behalf of the Partnership.

Thereafter, the Partnership observed one minute's silence.

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 meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 19 February 2009.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 18 February and 18 March 2009.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of New Stevenston Community Council held on 12 November and 9 December 2008 and 11 February 2009.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 May 2009 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.

The Partnership then heard Edward Mullen, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Councillor H. McGuigan then indicated that a review of the framework for Anti-Social Behaviour was underway and asked that a presentation on the review proposals be made to a future meeting of the Partnership.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that a presentation on the review proposals for Anti-Social Behaviour be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration as a matter of urgency, to enable the matter to be dealt with timeously.

PETITION - LANE CLOSURES AT SANDY PARK

6. Residents of Noble Road and Warnock Crescent, Bellshill, submitted a petition with the request that consideration be given to the closure of two lanes leading to the Sandy Park due to the disturbance being experienced by local residents.

The Convener advised that the petition would be dealt with in terms of the normal procedure, which he then outlined, and that the petitioners would be advised of the outcome in due course.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the petition be dealt with in terms of the Council's normal procedure for dealing with petitions, and
- (2) that the terms of the petition be otherwise noted.

PRESENTATION – TESCO DEVELOPMENT IN BELLSHILL

7. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, when it was agreed that Tesco be requested to provide a presentation on their development in Bellshill, the Convener introduced Jennifer Duncan, Corporate Affairs Manager for Tesco, who gave a presentation on the proposals by Tesco for the construction of a 80,000 square foot store on two levels between North Road and Emma Jay Road, Bellshill, which was due to commence shortly and outlined amended proposals for the construction of a petrol station on the site and the relocation of the long stay car park to the Somerfield site, which were the subject of a planning application.

Thereafter, Ms. Duncan responded to questions and indicated that, for those questions requiring further information, a written response would be provided for the next meeting of the Partnership. The Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, then thanked Ms. Duncan for her informative presentation.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the further details in relation to the proposals by Tesco be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be noted.

PRESENTATION – RECYCLE FOR GOOD: NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL'S RECYCLING INITIATIVES

8. The Convener welcomed Andrew MacKenzie, Customer Services Manager, who gave a presentation on the Council's recycling initiatives, particularly in relation to (1) the blue bin system; (2) the brown bin system; (3) the glass collection system; (4) the provision of Bring Sites and Recycling Nodes; (5) the appointment of six further crews to provide additional special uplifts; (6) the identification of four potential sites for the provision of additional recycling centres, including the Bellshill area where the existing site would be expanded and refurbished; (7) the appointment of six Waste Awareness Officers to support the recycling initiatives; (8) a one year trial of Kitchen Waste Collection in selected areas within the Northern Corridor, and (9) the charitable donations which would be made to the Scottish Motor Neurone Association and the Scott McIvor Heart Foundation for Yorkhill during 2009, and responded to Members' questions thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation 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 closure of Orbiston Nursery, Liberty Road, Bellshill.

The Partnership then heard Carmen Mair, Secretary of the Bellshill and District Community Forum, who highlighted the main contents of the report. Thereafter, the Convener advised that the current proposal under consideration by the Learning and Leisure Services Committee was for the retention of Orbiston Nursery.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, when it was recommended that a full report on the Joint Community Planning Event be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 May 2009 by the Chief Executive (1) enclosing full details of the key findings and range of issues raised by partners at the Joint Community Planning Event held on 16 January 2009; (2) detailing key improvement actions identified from the findings, as detailed within the Action Plan set out in Appendix 2 to the report; (3) proposing that a joint event with members of the Local Area Teams be held in June 2009 to discuss the issues raised, including the provision of Terms of Reference for Local Area Teams and the development of the wider Community Engagement agenda, and (4) setting out a proposed calendar of events for 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (2) that an update on progress be provided to future Local Area Partnership meetings, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCALITY

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated March 2009 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) advising that the Bellshill Community Health Clinic had officially been opened on 16 March 2009; (2) indicating that discussions were ongoing regarding the roll out of the Living Better Project; (3) pointing out that the Keep Well Project would be rolled out over the coming months to all practices within the Bellshill Locality; (4) stating that the final evaluation of the mild/moderate mental health pilot would be available within the next two months, and (5) outlining various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill locality.

Tom Bryce was then heard in supplement to his report and in response to questions, during which concern was expressed regarding (1) the difficulties being experienced in accessing a doctor at some of the practices in the Partnership area, and (2) the proposal to relocate the local surgery in Viewpark. Tom Bryce was requested to submit a report on these matters to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire be requested to submit a report on the difficulties being experienced in accessing a doctor at some of the surgeries within the Partnership area and the relocation of the Viewpark Surgery to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

12. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 March 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, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (2) pointing out that the funding provided for Viewpark Fitness Centre had been match funding for the upgrading of an aerobics studio in terms of the Council's Health Improvement Agenda; (3) setting out the progress in relation to the new and continuing projects approved for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme, as summarised in Appendix 2 to the report, and (4) indicating that any future proposals brought forward for inclusion in the Local Development Programme would be retained on a holding list, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, for a assessment and consideration for delivery in 2010/2011.

The Convener then proposed that, to assist Bellshill Athletic Football Club, funding of up to £10,000 be allocated from the Local Development Programme for the provision, by the Council, of suitable changing accommodation and other facilities for the use of the Club and for the benefit of the wider community.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects in 2008/2009, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress in delivering the projects in 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that £10,000 be allocated from the Local Development Programme for one year only to assist Bellshill Athletic Football Club with the provision of suitable facilities, and
- (4) that further reports on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

VIEWPARK GLEN, VIEWPARK

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 April 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of works being undertaken within Viewpark Glen, Viewpark by the Conservation and Greening Unit in conjunction with Central Scotland Forrest Trust and other partners; (2) indicating that an application had been submitted for funding from the Forestry Commission's WIAT (Woodlands In and Around Towns) Fund to assist in the implementation of the Viewpark Glen Woodland Management Plan, the results of which were expected in early July and would cover 80% of the project costs with the remaining funding being sought from other sources or suitable Council funding streams, and (3) suggesting that consideration be given to the provision of future funding from the Local Development Programme to further support the regeneration and environmental improvement initiatives within Viewpark Glen.

Decided:

- (1) that Viewpark Glen, Viewpark be included on the holding list of Local Development Programme proposals for future assessment and consideration, and
- (2) that the initiatives currently being progressed for the improvement of Viewpark Glen and the role of partnership working in bringing about the improvements to the area be noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

14. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, there was submitted a report dated 26 March 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development updating the Partnership on the progress of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan, including (1) the completion of essential drainage work and sewer connection; (2) the closure of Main Street, currently programmed for November 2009, to allow the resurfacing of the carriageway, and (3) the completion of the extension of Glebe Street car park resulting in an additional ten spaces, with a planting scheme yet to be implemented.

Decided: that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(2) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

15. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, when, *inter alia*, it was agreed to recommend that waiting times under the restrictions be increased to two hours, there was submitted a report dated 29 April 2009 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) advising of the enforcement difficulties associated with the proposed two hour waiting time, and (2) proposing that, to allow adequate waiting time and to ensure effective enforcement, the proposed waiting time be amended to one hour and that this proposal be included within the formal consultation stage, the results of which may result in further changes to the Traffic Regulation Order.

Decided: that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(3) GLASGOW CENTRAL - SHOTTS - EDINBURGH - RAIL SERVICE THROUGH BELLSHILL STATION

16. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2009 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) advising of current proposals for an additional hourly express service between Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley calling at Bellshill, Shotts, West Calder, Livingstone South and Haymarket, and (2) indicating that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport had expressed concerns that Bellshill was not the most effective stop for the Caledonian Express due to its limited facilities for parking, lack of scope for future enhancement and access to the station and had, therefore, entered into further dialogue with Transport Scotland to seek an amendment to the proposed timetable changes and a stop at Uddingston instead of Bellshill.

Decided: that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(4) BELLSHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

17. This matter was considered in association with the item in relation to the Local Development Programme, which was dealt with in terms of paragraph 13 hereto.

NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS

18. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 19 February 2009, when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that the updated Action Plan would be presented to this meeting of the Partnership for consideration, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 May 2009 by the

Chief Executive (1) proposing that the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Bellshill and District Area be formally published and become the key working document of the Local Area Partnership, reflecting the needs and aspirations of the local communities, promoting partnership working and improving local services; (2) indicating that the Plan would develop over time and that there would be new ideas provided from the Local Area Team which would be included within the document; (3) advising that the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, along with other issues, would be discussed at an event planned for June 2009 with the updated version being presented to the August 2009 Local Area Partnership meeting, and (4) pointing out that the Action Plan would be subject to regular monitoring and review and would form the basis of future reports to the Partnership on progress with existing actions, including community engagement and information on future initiatives, contained therein.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the Bellshill and District Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be approved, and
- (2) that further reports on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

FAIRTRADE SCOTLAND – BECOMING A FAIRTRADE NATION

19. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2009 by the Chief Executive (1) setting out how the Partnership and Community Forum could contribute to raising the profile of Fairtrade within the Bellshill and District Area, and (2) advising on how to achieve Fairtrade status for the Bellshill and District Area and in turn help towards the Scottish Government's aim to achieve Fairtrade Nation status for Scotland by 2010.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that consideration be given to how local organisations can support the Fairtrade movement and encourage the use of Fairtrade products;
- (2) that Community Forum members, community groups, schools and places of worship within the Bellshill and District area be encouraged to use and promote the use of Fairtrade products, and
- (3) that the benefits of becoming an official Fairtrade area and of establishing a Steering Group in the area be promoted.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

20. The Local Area Partnership noted that the next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 13 August 2009 at 7 pm within the Multi-Purpose Room, Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 7 May 2009

Mossend Primary School, Calder Road, Bellshill, 7 May 2009 at 9 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

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 and Customer Services Manager, Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, Curran, McCabe and McKeown.

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 7 MAY 2009

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 7 May 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

(a) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(b) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

(3) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that a presentation on the review proposals for Anti-Social Behaviour be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration as a matter of urgency, to enable the matter to be dealt with timeously.

(4) PETITION - LANE CLOSURES AT SANDY PARK

Decided:

- (1) that the petition be dealt with in terms of the Council's normal procedure for dealing with petitions, and
- (2) that the terms of the petition be otherwise noted.

(5) PRESENTATION – TESCO DEVELOPMENT IN BELLSHILL

Decided:

- (1) that the further details in relation to the proposals by Tesco be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be noted.

(6) PRESENTATION – RECYCLE FOR GOOD: NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL'S RECYCLING INITIATIVES

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

(7) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(8) JOINT COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
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- (1) that the General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire be requested to submit a report on the difficulties being experienced in accessing a doctor at some of the surgeries within the Partnership area and the relocation of the Viewpark Surgery to the next meeting of the Partnership, and
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(10) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Decided:

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(11) **VIEWPARK GLEN, VIEWPARK**

Decided:

- (1) that Viewpark Glen, Viewpark be included on the holding list of Local Development Programme proposals for future assessment and consideration, and
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(12) **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

(a) **UPDATE**

- Decided:** that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(b) **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE**

Decided: that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(c) **GLASGOW CENTRAL - SHOTTS - EDINBURGH - RAIL SERVICE THROUGH BELLSHILL STATION**

Decided: that consideration of this report be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership.

(d) **BELLSHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

Decided: that it be noted that this matter was considered in association with the item in relation to the Local Development Programme, which was dealt with in terms of item (10) hereto.

(13) **NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Decided:

- (1) that the Bellshill and District Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be approved, and
- (2) that further reports on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(14) **FAIRTRADE SCOTLAND – BECOMING A FAIRTRADE NATION**

Decided:

- (1) that consideration be given to how local organisations can support the Fairtrade movement and encourage the use of Fairtrade products;
- (2) that Community Forum members, community groups, schools and places of worship within the Bellshill and District area be encouraged to use and promote the use of Fairtrade products, and
- (3) that the benefits of becoming an official Fairtrade area and of establishing a Steering Group in the area be promoted.

(15) **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, 13 August 2009 at 7 pm within the Multi-Purpose Room, Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill, and that the Area Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.