

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

**Welcome**

The chairman Tom Leggate welcomed all to the meeting.

**Present**

T Leggate Chairman, T Taylor Treasurer, E Williamson Vice Chair, Alice Forsyth, Pat Bannister, Alan Wylie Police, Walter Baker, Jensen Connelly M & D Leisure, Duncan McLeod secretary.

**Visitor Jordan Martindale from Good Community Relations Project (West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Ltd)**

**Apologies** Ray Mitchell,

**Minutes** The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February were moved correct by Alice Forsyth and seconded by Pat Bannister

**Business Arising** None

**Police Report** Blue Light disco which was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre which proved to be a great success where over 280 young people were in attendance. At the beginning of April officers from Bellshill's community unit, traffic department, and trading standards combined in a joint operation to combat speeding, road traffic offences, and bogus traders. This operation was a great success under covering speeding, driving without insurance, unroadworthy vehicles, benefit fraudsters were also uncovered. In general crime remains fairly low, over the last few weeks there has been an increase in house breakings, these events are being closely followed up by Bellshill CID. Over the last weeks police officers raided various houses and quantities of herbal cannabis and cocaine were discovered, where arrests was made.

**Treasurers Report** Tom Taylor brought forward the report stating at this time all our books are with the auditors but this year we have had a deficit.

**Street Fair** Duncan McLeod then informed the meeting that all arrangement are in hand Billy McNeill ex captain from Celtic FC will open this years fair. Several members asked what about the state of the Main Street, D McLeod stated that he is currently in close discussions with Fountain Construction and Land Use Consultants about the Street Fair and where they will be working during our weekend. The meeting is scheduled for this Friday but D McLeod stated that the fair will definitely be going ahead and Fountain Construction have agreed assist trying to make certain areas safe to build our stalls and rides on. D McLeod will make sure that all will be safe on the day.

At this point of the meeting D McLeod then introduced Mr Jordan Martindale who the proceeded to give a short presentation about the organisation which he represents, where his organisation is trying to have more participation from the ethnic minorities in local organisations.

**Correspondence**

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News

- NLC Application for Licensed Premises.
- Report on Annual Tenants' Conference 2008: Together we Achieve More
- An e-mail from NLC access Forum informing of their forthcoming AGM
- Information from Harlequin about changes on the radio Base Station at the Mossend Rail terminal
- Flyer on Politics Explained from Holyrood
- 2 e-mails from SCVO on forthcoming events
- E-mail from CVS on their training programme
- News Release from Scottish Information Commissioner
- CVS bulletin
- NLC Meeting minutes

**AOCB** D McLeod then informed the meeting that he was approached by the members of Lawmuir Primary School parent council asking for support to fight against the proposed closure of Orbiston Nursery. D McLeod gave some assurance that anything that Bellshill Community Council would support them in this issue. He agreed that anything that was done to assist the parent council would be forwarded to Bellshill Community Council for their support.

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

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

**Welcome**

The Vice chair Ellen Williamson welcomed all to the meeting, in the absence of the chairman.

**Present**

T Taylor Treasurer, E Williamson Vice Chair, Alice Forsyth, Pat Bannister, Alan Wylie Police, Ray Mitchell, Duncan McLeod secretary.

**Apologies** Jensen Taylor Connelly

**Minutes** The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April were moved correct by Pat Bannister and seconded by Tom Taylor

**Business Arising** Duncan McLeod then informed all present about the sudden passing of Willie Foy our previous secretary at the beginning of the month. He commented on the article within the Bellshill Speaker where he had an input in the contents. Duncan stated that Willie will be missed badly by all that knew him and that our prayers and thoughts should be with Cathie and their family at this sad time.

**Police Report** Given by Alan Wylie

- Incident in Carfin where the incident has been classified as a firearm incident, which is ongoing.
- Incident within Holytown where bogus callers have struck,.
- Incident was after the old firm game where a couple of youngsters were attacked.
- House breakings in the Carfin area
- Report on a car being stolen in the Bothwell area (Mazda RX8) This was a key safe incident where keys were left in view and the thieves stole the keys and took away the car.
- Break-ins within Righead Industrial Estate.
- Various arrests have been made in the Bellshill Area when drugs squads made various surprise visits to houses.
- Flower festival in Viewpark went well
- There have also been a rise serious assaults in N Division.
- Over the next month there will be an influx of officers to police the streets.

**Treasurers Report** Tom Taylor brought forward the report stating at this time all our books have been returned from the accountants with some comments, 1 cheque has not been cashed and subsequently been cancelled. Tom stated that our finances are alright but this year we have our first deficit.

**Street Fair**

Duncan McLeod stated that all has been arranged and he looks forward to see everyone there on Saturday morning. Meetings have been regular with Land Use Consultants and Fountain PLC and they have given some assurances that they have all areas that have already been agreed will be ready for our Street Fair. D McLeod stated that all invitations have been sent out but a number have failed to reply stating the meals have been booked for them all we can hope they will turn-up on the day.

### Correspondence

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- NLC Application for Licensed Premises.
- Flyer from Martin Hilland Westport Consulting company
- Invite to Duncan McLeod from North Lanarkshire Handyperson Services to attend their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- Information on road changes to the A725 trunk roads from Transport Scotland
- Flyer from Zurich Insurances services on details of forthcoming seminars
- Meeting agendas from SVA
- Information from CVS Infobase
- CVS Training plus newsletter
- SCVO E-bulletin

### AOCB

Duncan McLeod secretary stated that during the week he read in the Bellshill Speaker that Cllr Richard Lyle had called a meeting tonight to discuss Bellshill Streets, he stated that he had contacted him stating that he must protest at the time and date of this arranged meeting as it clashed with the Community council's regular meeting. Cllr Lyle replied stating that the meeting was called in haste and he gave assurances that any future meetings will be arranged on a Thursday evening

Duncan McLeod then brought forward the Bellshill Speaker news about the Orbiston Nursery stalling the closure of the nursery. D McLeod agreed to monitor this issue and will advise the Community council if any changes are forthcoming.

D McLeod then stated that within the Bellshill Speaker he read that the Bellshill Community Gala day will go ahead, where the parade will travel from Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre to the West Church for the crowning of the Queen. D McLeod stated that he has no objections of this event taking part but remembered 5 years ago our own community council tried the same through Jimmy Gordon and only one school showed any interest now the Lynx group have arranged the same. D McLeod wished them well in the venture but asked Alan Wylie to make sure that they have the appropriate insurance coverage for such an event.

At this point in the meeting Tom Leggate the Chairman appeared and apologised for his late attendance but he was detained because of a fire at Wishaw, where he was trapped in traffic.

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

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room, for our Annual General Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**Bellshill Academy Staff Room**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**Welcome**

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all to the meeting.

**Present**

T Leggate MBE Chairman, T Taylor MBE, Treasurer, E Williamson Vice Chair, Alice Forsyth, Pat Bannister, Alan Wylie Police, Ray Mitchell MBE, Duncan McLeod secretary.

**Apologies** None

**Minutes** The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May were moved correct by Ray Mitchell and seconded by Alice Forsyth

**Business Arising** None

**Police Report** Given by Alan Wylie.

1. Main incident was the fire on the Main Street where the Main Street had to be closed, local residents were evacuated for their own safety. The cause is still at present unknown and the investigation is still ongoing.
2. Local crime within Bellshill is still fairly low and hoped it would continue
3. Blue Light Disco was once again a popular success where kids from Bellshill, Newarthill, Viewpark and Tannochside attended, it is hoped that the organisers can have more kids from Newarthill, Newstevenston and Holytown might support this venture.
4. Street Fair was first class where no incident relative to the fair were reported.
5. Traffic management issues were then raised where over the next few months this will be an major issue owing to Tesco's store and the oncoming swine flu vaccinations.

**Treasurers Report** Tom Taylor brought forward the report stating that we have had a fairly comfortable term and hoped that it can continue. Although we have a deficit this year we will need to control our spending. D McLeod stated that we did spend more money than we should have over the year but with some restraint we should be back on tract soon.

**Street Fair**

D McLeod then stated that the event was a great success and Billy McNeil was warmly welcomed on the day by all who turned out. It is hoped that next years event can perform to the same extent as this years. It was mentioned over the lack of councillors at the Street Fair. D McLeod stated that all councillors were invited and the only reply received was from Harry Curran passing on his apology. D McLeod stated that we an only invite them and hope they will respond.

**Correspondence**

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- NLC Application for Licensed Premises.
- NLC minutes from committee meetings
- SCVO election papers D McLeod to complete and forward

- Letter from TG Bradshaw & Co complaining about a couple of issues after the Street Fair. D McLeod to reply to TG Bradshaw.
- Letter from NLC community grant scheme requiring more information D McLeod has dealt with this and is waiting on their response.
- Letter and flyers from Enquire ( The Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning. Contents noted
- Reach Community Health Project information. Contents noted.
- E-Mail information from CVSNL organisation giving details of forthcoming meetings
- E-Mail bulletins from SCVO
- Details of Regional Meeting of ASCC organisation
- E-Mail and post on survey for Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Development. D McLeod stated that he had completed this on line
- Letter from "Big yellow Dog" graphic design solutions with price list.
- Newsletter from North Lanarkshire Disability
- CVS information on AGM. No one interested in attending.

### **Election of Office Bearers for 2009-2010**

T Leggate then asked those members of the committee to address the meeting on their contributions over their year in office T Taylor T Leggate and D McLeod passed on their thanks to all the committee and stated that this was an honour to represent the Community Council, and would be willing to continue if re-elected.

T Leggate then asked Alan Wylie Community police to assist and conduct the election of office bearers. Alan took control of the Chair and completed the election.

Chairman	Ton Leggate MBE
Vice Chair	Ellen Williamson
Secretary	Duncan McLeod
Treasurer	Tom Taylor MBE

D McLeod then thanked all the members on behalf of those elected for their continued support. He then asked when, where and time of our regular meetings, this was moved as status quo 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Bellshill Academy staff room. D McLeod to arrange the same, next meeting will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Out of pocket expenses was moved as status quo.

### **AOCB**

T Taylor then asked that congratulations should be given to Ray Mitchell who has been awarded an MBE on the Queen's honours list for her charity work. D McLeod concurred and stated that this should be in the minute for prosperity.

D McLeod then wished everyone an enjoyable holiday break and if anyone is going away hope they will enjoy themselves, hopefully come back refreshed and ready to work for the advancement of our Community Council.

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

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.00pm in Bellshill Academy staff room.