

SPECIAL BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 20 May 2009

Cardinal Newman High School, Bellshill, 20 May 2009 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer and Bill Hazel, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows and McCabe, North Lanarkshire Council and Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

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 TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

2. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 7 May 2009, when consideration of 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 was continued, the Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

There followed a full discussion on (1) the provision of taxi ranks; (2) the problems being experienced on Hamilton Road in relation to traffic flow, parking and access, and (3) the difficulties being experienced by residents of Crossgates regarding the speed of traffic and access to and egress from their properties, during which (a) Councillor McKeown proposed that Hamilton Road be returned to a one way system with the access from Glebe Street to Main Street being reopened, and (b) the Convener suggested that a public consultation exercise be undertaken to ascertain views on (A) the retention of Hamilton Road, Bellshill as a two way system, (B) the return of Hamilton Road, Bellshill to a one way system, or (C) alternative proposals.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Bellshill and District Area Committee that a public consultation exercise be undertaken to ascertain views on (1) the retention of Hamilton Road, Bellshill as a two way system; (2) the return of Hamilton Road, Bellshill to a one way system, or (3) alternative proposals.

(2) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE

3. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 7 May 2009, when consideration of a report dated 29 April 2009 by the Head of Roads and Transportation regarding the proposed waiting times under the Traffic Regulation Order for Bellshill Town Centre was continued, the Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Bellshill and District Area Committee that the waiting time under the Traffic Regulation Order be restricted to one hour.

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

4. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Partnership held on 7 May 2009, when consideration of a report dated 7 May 2009 by the Head of Roads and Transportation in relation to the proposed hourly express service between Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley, calling at Bellshill, Shotts, West Calder, Livingstone South and Haymarket, had been continued, the Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Bellshill and District Area Committee

- (1) that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport be invited to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership to discuss their opposition to Bellshill as a stopping point for the new hourly express service between Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley, and
- (2) that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport be requested to consider the construction of a park and ride facility within Bellshill.

SPECIAL BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 20 May 2009

Cardinal Newman High School, Bellshill, 20 May 2009 at 8.50 pm.

A Special Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office, and Senior Planning Officer and Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, Environmental Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows and McCabe.

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 20 MAY 2009**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its special meeting held on 20 May 2009 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) **UPDATE**

Decided: that a public consultation exercise be undertaken to ascertain views on (1) the retention of Hamilton Road, Bellshill as a two way system; (2) the return of Hamilton Road, Bellshill to a one way system, or (3) alternative proposals.

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

Decided: that the waiting time under the Traffic Regulation Order be restricted to one hour.

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

Decided:

- (1) that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport be invited to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership to discuss their opposition to Bellshill as a stopping point for the new hourly express service between Glasgow Central and Edinburgh Waverley, and
- (2) that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport be requested to consider the construction of a park and ride facility within Bellshill.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 13 August 2009

Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill, 13 August 2009 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Delaney, H. McGuigan and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council; Carmen Mair, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Sandra MacInnes, NHS Lanarkshire, and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Pauline Nicholas, Senior Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, Lorna Bowden, Development Projects Team Leader, Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), and Les Stevenson, Business Manager (New Communities), Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager and Ann Djuritschek, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillor McCabe, North Lanarkshire Council; Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire, and Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

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

1. The Local Area 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 the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 7 May 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 15 April, 20 May and 17 June 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 11 April and 10 June 2009.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated August 2009 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 (a) the condition of the swing park at Banyan Crescent and the play area at Juniper Road; (b) road safety on Neilson Street, and (c) the size of the proposed Bellshill Park and Ride.

Carmen Mair, Secretary, Bellshill and District Community Forum then highlighted the main points of the report and the Convener proposed that consideration be given to improving pedestrian safety and vehicle speed reduction on Neilson Street, Bellshill.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that a report on proposals for improving pedestrian safety and vehicle speed reduction on Neilson Street, Bellshill be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

PRESENTATION – SCOTTISH BOWEL SCREENING PROGRAMME

6. The Convener introduced Sandra MacInnes, Service Development Manager (Public Health), Bellshill Locality, NHS Lanarkshire, who gave a presentation on the Scottish Bowel Screening Programme (1) advising that bowel cancer was the third most common cancer in men and women; (2) indicating that screening would commence in Lanarkshire in August 2009; (3) outlining the procedure for the use of the test kit which would be sent to men and women aged between 50 and 74 years, and (4) emphasising the importance of those people within the appropriate age group participating in the screening programme and responded to questions thereon, during which it was agreed that further information would be provided on (a) whether information on the test kits was available in Gaelic; (b) what the survival rates were for bowel cancer, and (c) the action being taken where this type of cancer was hereditary.

Thereafter, the Convener thanked Sandra MacInnes for her informative and interesting presentation.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that further information be provided to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership with regard to (a) whether information was available in Gaelic in relation to the use of the test kits for bowel cancer screening; (b) the survival rates of bowel cancer, and (c) the action being taken where this type of cancer was hereditary, and
- (2) that the content of the presentation be otherwise noted.

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

7. There was submitted a report dated July 2009 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) outlining various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill Locality; (2) giving details of the current position regarding the Influenza H1N1 Pandemic, including proposals for a mass vaccination programme which was being considered by the Scottish Government, and (3) setting out details of the 48 hour access requirements for doctors, as requested at a previous meeting, together with details of exclusions from these requirements.

Decided: that the position be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

8. There was submitted a joint report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 13 August 2009) dated 13 August 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 Alison Clarke, Housing Area Manager and Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, when it was proposed (a) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership on the current position regarding the provision of redeployable CCTV cameras, and (b) that, as part of the Local Development Programme, consideration be given to environmental works being undertaken to overgrown areas of Hattonrigg Park.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that a report on the current position regarding the provision of redeployable CCTV cameras be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (2) that environmental works to the overgrown areas of Hattonrigg Park be considered for inclusion in the Local Development Programme, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

9. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 May 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 13 August 2009) dated 12 August 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the progress made in completing the remaining projects within the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009 for the Bellshill and District Area, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; (2) setting out the current position in relation to the projects for delivery during 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, and (3) giving details of two projects, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, which were recommended for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme.

Pauline Nicholas, Senior Local Regeneration Manager, then (1) outlined the key points of the report; (2) advised that a report on a suggested programme for 2010/2011 would be submitted to the next meeting and requested that any further projects for inclusion in the Local Development Programme be submitted within one month, and (3) responded to Members' questions, during which it was proposed that the following projects be considered for inclusion within the Local Development Programme: - (a)

the provision of parking bays on Orbiston Drive, Noble Road and Hattonrigg Road; (b) environmental improvements to the housing estate at Birkenshaw, and (c) further works at Viewpark Glen

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress in delivering the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted and details of further progress submitted to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership;
- (2) that the projects, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme;
- (3) that the following projects be considered for inclusion within the Local Development Programme (a) the provision of parking bays on Orbiston Drive, Noble Road and Hattonrigg Road; (b) environmental improvements to the housing estate at Birkenshaw, and (c) further works at Viewpark Glen, and
- (4) that the position be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

10. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 20 May 2009, there was submitted a report dated 22 July 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, including (a) the completion of Phases 1, 2 and 4 of the project; (b) various delays resulting from the Annual Street Fayre, a major fire on Main Street and the introduction of a temporary Traffic Management System to facilitate the construction of the roundabout on North Road, and (c) the closure of Main Street at the end of the Phase 3 works to allow for the resurfacing of the carriageway, and (2) advising that a bid for funding had been submitted to the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund in respect of the acquisition of the gap site at 278-286 Main Street, which, if successful, would enable the pedestrian route to the Tesco Store to be maintained and enhanced.

Lorna Bowden then outlined the contents of the report and indicated that steps were being taken (1) to minimise delays due to the works in relation to the new roundabout on North Road, and (2) to ensure that the closure to Main Street did not occur during the Christmas period and Lorna, Bill Hazel and Graham MacKay responded to Members' questions.

There then followed a full discussion, when various matters were considered, including (1) the lack of progress in relation to the town centre works; (2) the desire that the next phase of town centre works be kept to a tighter schedule; (3) concerns about the diversion of traffic to facilitate the works to the North Road roundabout, and (4) traffic problems on the roadway leading from Motherwell Road to Crossgates.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that consideration be given to the provision of double white lines in the middle of Crossgates to prevent overtaking;
 - (2) that details of the diversions to be implemented as part of the road closures for the construction of the roundabout on North Road be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
 - (3) that action be taken to minimise the disruption on Hattonrigg Road resulting from the diversions, and
 - (4) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.
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RAVENS CRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 19 February 2009, there was submitted a report dated 23 July 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 current and future developments, including (a) the completion of the Motherwell College Campus; (b) the progress of the Regional Sports Facility; (c) Ravenscraig Limited's receipt of approval to remove the restriction on the net retail floorspace of the new town centre; (d) the progress of the new rail station to be provided at Ravenscraig, and (e) the submission of a planning application by the Building Research Establishment for an Innovation Park, which was due for completion in 2010; (3) indicating that the Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative submission in relation to the project had been unsuccessful, and (4) pointing out that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport was funding proposed upgrading works to the A723 from Carfin to the A8.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

12. It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 8 October 2009 at 7 pm within the Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 13 August 2009

Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill, 13 August 2009 at 9.20 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Senior Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Head of Roads and Transportation, Development Projects Team Leader, Business Manager (Roads Operations), and Business Manager (New Communities), Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager and Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle, Delaney, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

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 13 AUGUST 2009

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 13 August 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.

(3) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that a report on proposals for improving pedestrian safety and vehicle speed reduction on Neilson Street, Bellshill be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

(4) PRESENTATION – SCOTTISH BOWEL SCREENING PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that further information be provided to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership with regard to (a) whether information was available in Gaelic in relation to the use of the test kits for bowel cancer screening; (b) the survival rates of bowel cancer, and (c) the action being taken where this type of cancer was hereditary, and
- (2) that the content of the presentation be otherwise noted.

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

Decided: that the position be noted.

(6) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that a report on the current position regarding the provision of redeployable CCTV cameras be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (2) that environmental works to the overgrown areas of Hattonrigg Park be considered for inclusion in the Local Development Programme, and
- (3) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

(7) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in delivering the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2008/2009, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted and details of further progress submitted to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership;
 - (2) that the projects, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme;
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BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 13 August 2009

- (3) that the following projects be considered for inclusion within the Local Development Programme (a) the provision of parking bays on Orbiston Drive, Noble Road and Hattonrigg Road; (b) environmental improvements to the housing estate at Birkenshaw, and (c) further works at Viewpark Glen, and
- (4) that the position be otherwise noted.

(8) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that consideration be given to the provision of double white lines in the middle of Crossgates to prevent overtaking;
- (2) that details of the diversions to be implemented as part of the road closures for the construction of the roundabout on North Road be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (3) that action be taken to minimise the disruption on Hattonrigg Road resulting from the diversions, and
- (4) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be otherwise noted.

(9) RAVENSCRAIG DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

(10) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 8 October 2009 at 7 pm within the Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown and that the Area Committee would meet immediately thereafter in the same location.