

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 16th September 2009
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

Tom Leggate MBE, Ray Mitchell MBE, Duncan McLeod secretary

Apologies

Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Jensen Connolly, Alice Forsyth, Ellen Williamson.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Ray Mitchell and seconded by Tom Leggate.

Business Arising Street Fair still waiting on contribution from M & D, secretary to contact them. Congratulations were again passed to Ray Mitchell on her MBE presentation which will take place at Buckingham Palace on 15th October, D McLeod secretary wished her all the best and hoped that she will enjoy this great momentous occasion.

Police Report D McLeod then brought forward an E-Mail sent to him by Alan Wylie our police representative informing that he is offski stating that he is leaving the Community Safety Department at Bellshill for pastures new.

D McLeod then stated that as Alan has now left that we as a community council we need to thank him in some small way for his work, support and friendship that he has passed onto us at our meetings. It was agreed by those present that D McLeod to arrange something to present to Alan as soon as possible.

As no police presence was at the meeting no report could be tendered. D McLeod to contact Bellshill's Police Station to ensure we get some type of report.

Treasurers Report Owing to Tom Taylor our treasurer had tendered his apology D McLeod informed all that our bank balance was healthy, and are still waiting on donation from M&D for the street fair, D McLeod to contact Jensen to chase this donation up.

D McLeod then asked for a small change to the agenda where he ask for the street fair to be slotted in. As this years fair was a great success he felt that he needed to start now to arrange a celebratory for opening our Annual Street Fair for next year, it was moved that as in the past we try to have some person that was born and brought up in Bellshill, D McLeod moved that we should approach Barry Ferguson, or Ally McCoist, if both of these are unavailable someone from a local football team Motherwell could be approached.

Correspondence

- Membership conformation from CVS North Lanarkshire cheque to be sent ASAP.
- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Licensing applications
- Wholesale catalogue for plants from J Parker
- ASCC National Conference at the Scottish Parliament T Leggate & D McLeod will attend. D McLeod to book places.
- SCVO Polling card and polling information, duly completed and sent back

- SVA Locality Meeting information. D McLeod will attend
- Scottish Health Council contacts database form, D McLeod sent back all required information, along with spring issue of Connect magazine.
- Invitation to `Performance Report Launch` D McLeod replied owing to time received. Replied no one able to attend.
- Lanarkshire Limited (Supercounty) invite to attend consultation session on Monday 5th October, D McLeod has agreed to attend.
- NLC Introduction of Development Management eConsultant information. D McLeod has contacted NLC and agreed to their request.
- Letter from Imperial Social Club agreeing to supply Remembrance Day marchers with a cup of tea/coffee.
- NLC Community Grants Scheme agreeing to forward us £500 for assistance with Street Fair.
- Private letter from Mr Ian Shilliday on the parking adjacent to North Road chemist. D McLeod forwarded this to Alan Wylie as soon as was received, a letter was also sent to Mr Shilliday responding to his request.
- Letter fro NHS offering a talk for our members on bowel screening. Noted and filed
- Letter to all community councils from John Swinney thanks for all previous work and hoped for continued support.
- NLC Letting permit for all our meetings.
- NLC Administrative Grant for the years workings. D McLeod had contacted the secretary for this grant querying the amount, the explanation given was therefore accepted.
- Invite from ASCC regional meeting to be able to question our MSP's in South Lanarkshire Council offices Tom Taylor has already agreed to attend this meeting.
- Strathclyde Fire Department with a home visit referral form. Noted and filed.
- CVS Newsletter along with training & development programme, membership form also sent D McLeod completed and T Taylor treasure to attach cheque and forward.
- SCVO newsletters sent through email and training programme.
- Letter from TG Bradshaw & Co requesting that we do not encroach on the access roadway in front of their building. D McLeod to take note and inform M&D about this request when arranging for next years Street Fair.

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D McLeod informed the meeting he attended during the holiday recess a meeting arranged by Scottish Policy Innovation Forum on `Scotland's constitutional future' within the Royal Society of Edinburgh. D McLeod stated that he enjoyed the meeting and will be pleased to attend any other meeting like this.

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chair0an until the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2008 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 21st October 2009
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

Welcome

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

Present

Ellen Williamson vice chair, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ray Mitchell MBE, A Forsyth, Alan Mullholland community police officer, Duncan McLeod secretary

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Tom Leggate MBE

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Ray Mitchell unfortunately members present could not second these minutes but they will be formally seconded at next months meeting.

Business Arising Congratulations were again passed to Ray Mitchell on her MBE presentation which will take place at Buckingham Palace on 15th October, D McLeod secretary stated that she was mentioned within the Bellshill Speaker and the community council wished her a hearty congratulations.

D. McLeod secretary then introduced PC Alan Mullholland from the community policing office welcoming him as he has now taken over from Alan Wylie who has left and now is working within Motherwell as acting sergeant, the members wished him well in his new position. It was asked if he could be asked to attend a future meeting to actually thank him personally for his assistance over the last number of years D. McLeod to contact him for a future meeting.

Police Report Attached in writing.

Treasurers Report Tom Taylor our treasurer informed that our bank balance was healthy, and all bills have been paid

Remembrance Day Service D McLeod stated that all has been arranged with Rev Agnes Moore conducting the service and it is hoped that a good turn out of people will support this service.

Correspondence

- Membership conformation from CVS North Lanarkshire cheque to be sent ASAP.
- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- NLC consultation questionnaire for both secretary and chairman D. McLeod to complete and forward
- NLC Winter Maintenance Policy & Procedures Document 2009/2010
- NLC learning & leisure services informing us of our letting agreements for the staff room at Bellshill Academy until June 2010.
- NLC informing of forthcoming ASCC conference within the Scottish Parliament, T Leggate and D McLeod have agreed to attend. D McLeod to contact the ASCC to finalise details.
- NLC informing us of the changes to Gardenside Lane, Bellshill. D McLeod informed the members that this letter was addressed to the Bellshill & District Community Council but to the secretaries home address, he stated that he would contact the department involved incase this communications need to be redirected.

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- NLC informing all community council secretaries changes in Scottish Planning Systems
- Letter from Lanarkshire Limited inviting Tom Taylor & D McLeod to attend the forthcoming Lanarkshire Supershow, both members have agreed to attend.
- Letter and newsletter from Alex Neil MSP
- CVS survey questionnaire on customer satisfaction.
- Invoice from Amey Roads for road closure and signage for street fair. Invoice was agreed to be paid.
- Letter from SCVO on the Scottish Climate Change Act offering printing & design opportunities.
- Letter from North Lanarkshire Partnership looking for a Voluntary Sector Representative. No members interested in this position.
- Flyer and card from Autumn Jewels asking to be considered for a stall at any future fairs.
- Information from STUC along with an application form for attending their conference.
- E-Mail from The Scottish Government on The Education Acts 2004 & 2009
- Flyer from Scottish Parliament on Freedom of Information 2009 conference
- E-Mail about North Lanarkshire Events Calendar informing us about our inserts.
- E-Mails from SCVO on sector news . Noted
- Package from ASCC with their journal on the Community Councillor, Postal Ballot information, Information on the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland.

AOCB

D McLeod informed the meeting of the front page of the Bellshill Speaker informing all of the impending closure of Belvidere Primary School. D McLeod stated that this issue needs to be closely monitored and he will keep the members abreast of this issue.

As this completed all the business of tonight's meeting the secretary moved a vote of thanks to the chair0an until the next meeting.

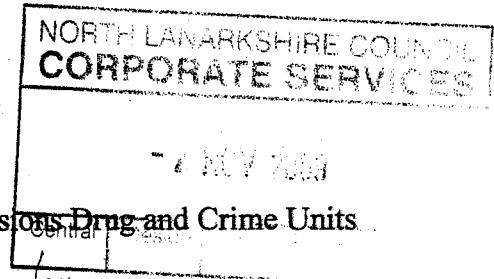
Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room. All welcome.



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Bellshill Community Council Meeting
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Police Report



Drug Offences

Over the last week officers from North Lanarkshire Divisions Drug and Crime Units attended at dwellings within the Bellshill area.

About 2030 on 10/10/09, Police officers attended a dwelling at Grant Grove, Bellshill, and a search under warrant was conducted by Officers. Quantities of DIAMORPHINE (Heroin) were discovered at the dwelling along with money associated with the controlled drugs. A 27 year old male, two 25 year old males and a 34 year old Female from the Bellshill and Larkhall areas were apprehended in connection with the possession and supplying of controlled drugs. They were detained in custody pending appearance at court.

About 11:15 on 16/10/09, Police Officers attended a dwelling at Queens Crescent, New Stevenston where a search under warrant was carried out. Officers' uncovered quantities of Amphetamine, diazepam and associated money which was also seized in connection with the supply of controlled drugs. A 49 year old male and a 48 year old Female both from the New Stevenston area were apprehended in connection with possession of controlled drugs and to the supply same to others, both were detained pending their appearance at court.

Initiatives

Keir Hardie Project

Over the past month there have been a number of initiatives of note. The Keir Hardie Project was launched on Friday 9th October and offers many different activities to children within the centre in Holytown. The activities include Football, Dancing (music), Mixing deck inputs and beauty therapy for the girls. The project is being lead by NLC Gregor Yeoman of the Sir Matt Busby Centre and other partners include YMCA, NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde Police. The project has only had two weeks of running however it is proving to be popular.

"Alcosafe"

"Alcosafe" was launched in the Bellshill area where brightly coloured bags have been placed in Nisa, Hamilton Rd, Drinks World, Main St and The SPAR, Mansfield Rd, Bellshill, Off Sales. This project was originally piloted in the Viewpark area and proved to be a success in identifying areas of concern in youth under age drinking.



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The bags advertise a message from the Police in relation to under age drinking and NHS, Lanarkshire advertise a message in relation to smoking and how to stop. The Crime Prevention Panel for Bellshill helped to fund the project and is keen for the initiative to run in all areas of the Sub Division. Local MSP Michael McMahon expressed an interest in the project and attended a photo shoot to show his support. Chief Inspector McPhail also attended the photo shoot and is showing a keen interest in the outcome of the initiative. Mr McPhail was involved in the Initiative in the Viewpark area and due to its success wanted to bring it to Bellshill. He reported good results in identifying bad practices by some Off Sales and highlighted youths purchasing alcohol, or asking adults to purchase alcohol.



Fireworks

On the run up to Fireworks night a number of measures are being put in place to ensure safety throughout the time of the seasonal event. Officers from Bellshill Sub Division have been informed of the premises that are licensed to sell Fireworks and have also been given the relevant legislation and procedures involved in the sale of Fireworks. Contact with Trading Standards Officers at North Lanarkshire Council has been made and collaborative working will be encouraged to ensure the sale of Fireworks remains a safe practice. Test purchases will be carried out in the coming weeks by North Lanarkshire Council and visits by both Police and Trading Standards Officers will be made. This activity will re-enforce storage methods and the legal sale of Fireworks.

Youth Disorder Issues

King George 5th Park & "Bing" area

There has been an increase in the number of youth related incidents within the King George 2nd Park at Mossend and also The 'Bing' area of Bellshill. Chief Inspector McPhail, Dep SDO, Bellshill has placed strategic measures in place to quell disorder in these locations. Extra Police Officers have been patrolling at the locations and other Force resources such as the Mounted Branch, Police Helicopter and Support Unit have been requested.

Bankhead Avenue, Community Rd & Orbiston Kennels

In the past three months or so there had been many incidents of youth disorder related incidents at the above location. This anti social behaviour was targeted and robustly Policed by officers within Bellshill Communities Unit, Shift Personnel, Mounted Police, support Unit and the Force Helicopter. By use of the Force Helicopter, pictures were taken of the areas from above and a downlink CC/TV was used to pin point individuals of note. With direct action taken by Senior Officers along with the other Force resources, a positive outcome was gained with a dramatic decrease in disorder at these locations.

Offender Management

Domestic incidents

North Lanarkshire Division places a high priority on Domestic related incidents. As such the management of these types of incidents are being looked at with a view to prevention and managing offenders. By pro-actively targeting the most prolific offenders, actively visiting them and providing warnings and advice in relation to Domestic violence, this has seen a reduction in the amount of repeat offender incidents.

Weapons or Violence

Bellshill Sub Division is committed to reducing the amount of offending in the area. All incidents are being closely looked at and if any offender is arrested or charged with a crime of violence or weapons, there is an immediate letter sent to them advising of Police action in the event of further offending.

Youth Parental Alert Letters

When a youth under the age of sixteen is spoken to by a Police Officer in an area of public concern their details are noted. If the youth is not engaging in criminal activity or antisocial behaviour a letter is sent to their parent advising them of the location and associated problems in the area where the child was found and of the concerns that their child may end up becoming involved in some kind of criminal activity. This is usually delivered by a Police Officer and the parent/guardian is informed of the circumstances. If the youth is found to be committing an offence it is dealt with at

that time by the Officer and they are taken home to their parent/guardian and charged as appropriate.

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 18th November 2009
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Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting.

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Alice Forsyth, Walter Baker, Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Alan Mulholland police, Jensen Taylor Connelly, Ellen Williamson vice chair, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer.

Visitor Alan Wylie formerly community police and safety officer.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Ray Mitchell MBE seconded by Alice Forsyth.

The minute from September meeting which was unable to be formerly seconded owing to the lack of members was now seconded by Tom Leggate.

Before the business from the minute was discussed he gave a warm welcome to Alan Wylie who was visiting the community council after being moved to Motherwell to advance his career.

Business Arising Duncan McLeod brought forward the issue of Belvidere Primary School stating that there is correspondence to cover this and it will be discussed then.

Police Report None

Treasurers Report In the absence of the treasurer D McLeod gave a financial breakdown of what the community council actually has in the bank which was accepted by all present.

Remembrance Day Service D McLeod intimated that once again was a great success Rev Agnes Moore's service was first class thanks should be passed to Salvation Army Band, Bellshill Imperial Flute Band, all uniformed organisations, Girls Brigade, Girl Guides, Brownies, Boys Brigade, Junior Section, Bellshill cadets, Scouts, Orange Institution, Members of the Armed Services and members of the public, MP's, MSP, local councillors, Leader of North Lanarkshire Council, Lord Lieutenants office, Chief Inspector Bellshill Police. Bellshill police officers also need to be thanked for their assistance on the day owing to a fire on John Street which caused the parade to be re-routed. D McLeod then stated that the 2 bands, the minister, and Imperial Social Club should be thanked for their support annually. D McLeod moved status quo for all and addition of the Imperial Club. This was moved by Alice Forsyth and seconded by Ray Mitchell.

Correspondence

- Membership conformation from CVS North Lanarkshire cheque to be sent ASAP.
- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Zurich insurance policy for renewal. D McLeod to deal with this along with T Taylor. D McLeod stated that he would like permission to talk with ASCC on this insurance before next years renewal date.
- E-Mail from Anne Flood informing us about the Christmas lighting up ceremony.

- SCVO information on the forth coming AGM.
- Scottish Health Council newsletter.
- NLC proposed closure of Belvidere Primary School. This piece of correspondence prompted some serious discussion where it was muted that this school should not be closed. D McLeod stated that he has sent away an email on this subject it is now up to the parents etc to make sure that this school remains open. D McLeod stated that he has asked the local councillors and MSP, to keep him abreast of any changes that transpires.

AOCB

D. McLeod then brought forward a report on the ASCC conference that he and the chairman Tom Leggate attended in the Scottish Parliament as guests of Kenneth Gibson MSP.

The conference was first class although the lunch was very poor for the standards that should have been afforded. The speakers were all naturally good within their own subjects. Tom Leggate then brought forward a couple of points that need to be placed in the minute where he intimated that community council boundaries should not be the same as ward boundaries, community councillors need to make sure they speak on behalf of their own communities on any subject that is brought to them. It was stated that we should all try and get involved in all aspects which are thrown at us. All community council must have insurance cover which we have. D McLeod then informed the meeting that all correspondence being sent to the secretary should be read in full and that all decisions that are made at any meeting need to be moved and seconded and recorded for the future.

T Leggate stated that the report is lengthy, but the report can be made available to anyone that wishes to see it.

At this point in the meeting Duncan McLeod then stated the main reason for inviting Alan Wylie along where he said that at a previous meeting it was moved that as a community council we would like to personally thank Alan for his assistance and friendship that has been forged between us over a number of years, Duncan then asked Tom Leggate to present Alan with a small gift from the community council. Alan went on to state that he never expected such a lovely gift and thanked everyone that was present where he did state it would find a prominent place in his home. D McLeod then took a couple of photographs and stated he would forward some thing to the Bellshill Speaker on this small presentation.

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

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th December 2009 in Bellshill Academy staff room. All welcome.

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Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting.

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Alice Forsyth, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ellen Williamson vice chair person, Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Ray Mitchell

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Alice Forsyth and seconded by Tom Leggate.

Business Arising D McLeod then brought forward to the members from the latest minute from NLC minutes where various issues were included in these minutes where Bellshill Community Council never had forward notification of these issues. D McLeod stated that he contacted Mr John O'Hagan Executive Director of Corporate Services. Letter in response to my letter was then read out and all points noted. During this discussion it was moved that the secretary should contact John Gaffney to ask for some answers why Bellshill and District Area Forum seems to be notified of issues that should be sent to the Community Council and are not. Tom Leggate stated that he is a member and Willie Foy our previous secretary were members of this committee. D McLeod then stated that we need more information about this committee and more interaction, between the Community Council and this area committee.

Police Report None

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that a number of cheques have been written and are still to be cashed but our balance is healthy at present.

Correspondence

- Membership conformation from CVS North Lanarkshire cheque to be sent ASAP.
- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Christmas cards from CVS North Lanarkshire, Cllr Harry Curran, Town Centre Initiatives, North Lanarkshire CCTV and North Lanarkshire Shop mobility, and finally from Cllr Harry McGuigan
- Invite from NLC to the Area Partnership meeting in January 2010.
- Application for variation for licensed premises North Road, Bellshill. Contents noted and accepted.
- Flyer from Rekk.co.uk on youth shelters, contents noted.
- SCVO annual report and financial statements
- E-Mails from SCVO contents noted
- CVS E-bulletin with information on training programme, contents noted.
- CVS information bulletin for November 2009, funding update pack, report on funding conference, notes from OSCAR, Infobase briefing, notification of EGM. All points noted.
- Information from Shore Energy on their new facility in Coatbridge.

- Services available from Planning Aid, points noted.

AOCB

At this point D McLeod showed all present the information sent to the Bellshill Speaker on the presentation to Alan Wylie.

D. McLeod then brought forward information from a meeting he attended on the proposed closure of Gardenside Senior Citizens Centre, he stated that the Learning & Leisure Services gave an excellent presentation and asked all present to send their submissions into them to try and overturn this proposal. D McLeod stated that he would keep all present up to date on any changes on this issue, points noted.

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

He also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th January 2010 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

All welcome.