

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 21 January 2010**

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**Frank Ferguson Senior Citizens' Centre, Motherwell Road, Bellshill, 21 January 2010  
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; Thomas Leggate, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Tom Bryce, NHS Lanarkshire and Angus McPhail and Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Lorna Bowden, Development Projects Team Leader, and Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McKeown; Carmen Mair, Bellshill and District Community Forum, and Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

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

1. Prior to consideration of the business on the agenda, Councillor Lyle declared a financial interest in the item, dealt with at paragraph 9 of this Minute, in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – Bellshill and District Locality due to the nature of his employment.

**BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011**

2. Paul Hughes, Head of Financial Services, provided a presentation on the Council's budget process and advised of (1) the public expenditure allocation process; (2) the Council's Income and Expenditure position; (3) the key Services funded by the Council; (4) the key aims of the Financial Plan for 2010/2011; (5) the pressures affecting the Council, including the credit crunch; (6) the efficiency savings required to maintain the Council Tax at its present level, and (7) the position beyond 2010/2011 and responded to questions thereon.

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services be noted.

**GLASGOW-EDINBURGH RAIL SERVICE THROUGH BELLSHILL STATION/CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RIDE FACILITY WITHIN BELLSHILL**

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the special meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 20 May 2009, when it was agreed that representatives of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport be
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invited to a 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 that they be requested to consider the construction of a park and ride facility within Bellshill, Councillor Lyle pointed out that, since this invitation, it had been agreed that Bellshill would be a stopping point on the new service.

Councillor Lyle then introduced Charles Hoskins, Director of Projects for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the meeting heard him in relation to the current position regarding the provision of a park and ride facility in Bellshill, when he indicated (1) that it had been estimated that 100 to 150 car parking spaces would be required; (2) that an open space site opposite the station had been identified as the only suitable site in the area, and (3) that the design of the park and ride facility required to be advanced and, thereafter, the Board of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport would be asked to consider the allocation of funding for this project.

Thereafter, Mr. Hoskins answered questions thereon and the Convener thanked him for his attendance at the meeting.

**Decided:** that the position regarding the provision of a park and ride facility in Bellshill be noted.

### **ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION – TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT**

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services (1) advising that the Interim Election Management Board for Scotland had invited views from various groups, including the Returning Officers throughout Scotland, on a consultation paper on the possibility of moving the counting of the votes in the forthcoming General Election to the following day; (2) enclosing a copy of the press release by the Convener of the Board in relation to the proposals, and (3) indicating that Mr. Whitefield, the local Returning Officer, was seeking the views of the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees to inform his response.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the status quo be maintained and the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election be undertaken overnight, commencing immediately following the close of poll.

**Councillor Burrows, being a mover of a motion which failed to attract a seconder, requested that his dissent be recorded.**

### **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 8 October 2009.

Arising from consideration of paragraph 7 of the Minute, Councillor Burrows requested clarification as to who would decide the location of the redeployable cameras to be located in each Ward and was advised that this was a decision to be taken in consultation with the Local Members and that this information required to be submitted to the Local Regeneration Manager as soon as possible to enable the work to be undertaken during 2010/2011.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

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### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

#### **(1) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 16 September, 21 October, 18 November and 16 December 2009.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

#### **(2) NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

7. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of New Stevenston Community Council held on 29 October and 26 November 2009.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

### **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

8. There was submitted a report dated January 2010 from Bellshill and District Community Forum on the activities of the Forum since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including the production of a Calendar of Events and discussions which had taken place in relation to proposals for upgrading the play area at Banyan Crescent.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

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

9. There was submitted a report dated November 2009 by Tom Bryce, General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire (1) giving details of the current position regarding the Influenza (H1N1) Vaccination Programme, and (2) outlining various initiatives that had taken place within Lanarkshire and the Bellshill Locality.

Tom Bryce was then heard in supplement to his report and in response to Members' questions, when he referred to the fire which had destroyed the John Street Surgery and advised that, although the building had been lost, the surgery had been relocated and open on the following day and that highlights of patient's details had been saved on an electronic system.

**Decided:** that the position be noted.

### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

10. There was submitted a joint report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 21 January 2010 by Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue advising of initiatives and measures taken to minimise the level of crime within the Bellshill and District area for the period from September to November 2009, including (1) a summary of the key activities of the three partners; (2) statistical information in respect of the partners, and (3) giving details of (a) the hotspots for the Bellshill area, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) the Ward Community Police Teams, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

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

Councillor Burrows then sought clarification as to whether the protocol in place between Housing and Social Work Services and North Lanarkshire Council CCTV was the same as the protocol on fixed public space CCTV cameras which had been reported to the Local Area Partnership in May 2008, upon which he was advised that this was a separate protocol and the Local Regeneration Manager indicated that he would issue each Member with a copy of the Protocol on Redeployable Cameras.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

#### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

11. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2009, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 21 January 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) setting out the criteria for projects to be included in the Local Development Programme; (2) detailing the current position in relation to the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2009/2010, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) indicating that the projects approved for inclusion in the 2010/2011 Local Development Programme were being progressed for commencement in April 2010, and (4) proposing that two projects, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be implemented within the 2009/2010 Local Development Programme.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, then highlighted the key points of the report and indicated that the project in relation to the King George V Park at Mossend would now involve improvement of the play area due to problems with the original proposals.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2009/2010 through the Local Development Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the two additional projects, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved for implementation during 2009/2010;
- (3) that the alteration to the project at the King George V Park at Mossend be noted;
- (4) that the progress in terms of projects for delivery in 2010/2011 be noted, and
- (5) that further progress be reported to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership.

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

#### **NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT – CONSULTATION UPDATE**

12. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2010 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) advising that the updated Local Transport Strategy would cover the period to 2012, in line with the *Corporate and Community Plans*, set out the Council's vision for transport development for the three year period and beyond and highlight how transport contributed to wider long term goals; (2) setting out the procedure to be followed in developing the new Strategy which had been split into five policies (a) safety and security; (b) improving access by public transport, cycling and walking; (c) reducing congestion and improving network performance; (d) parking in town centres, and (e) roads and
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footway maintenance and improvement; (3) indicating that the Local Transport Strategy 09 Consultative Draft and Executive Summary Consultative Draft had been distributed widely and published on the Council's website requesting comments by 8 January 2010, and (4) reporting that the draft Strategy would be re-examined and revised as necessary following receipt of all comments, with the finalised Local Transport Strategy being presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee, thereafter, for approval.

Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads and Operations) then highlighted the main points of the report, advised that the consultation period had been extended to mid February, and responded to Members' questions.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted

#### **NORTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE AND REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREAS**

13. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 21 January 2010) dated 21 January 2010 by the Head of Planning and Development inviting comments or representations on (1) the second batch of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance, by 15 February 2010, which included (a) Development in the Green Belt; (b) Development in the Rural Investment Areas; (c) Flooding and Drainage; (d) Waste; (e) Minerals; (f) Wind Farm Assessment; (g) Affordable Housing; (h) Industrial and Business Development; (i) Design Tools, and (j) Community Engagement, and (2) the review of Conservation Areas, by 28 February 2010, both of which were linked to the emerging North Lanarkshire Local Plan.

Lorna Bowden, Development Projects Team Leader, then highlighted the main contents of the report, advised that the consultation period in relation to the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance had now been extended to 1 March 2010, and responded to questions thereon.

**Decided:** that the invitation to comment or make representations on (1) the second batch of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and (2) the review of Conservation Areas, both of which are linked to the emerging North Lanarkshire Local Plan, be noted.

#### **MEETING DATES DURING JULY AND OCTOBER 2010**

14. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2010 by the Head of Central Services advising of the requirement to change the scheduled dates of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee during July and October 2010.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee due to be held on 22 July and 14 October 2010 now be held on 8 July and 7 October 2010, respectively.

#### **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

15. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 October 2009, there was submitted a report dated 17 December 2009 by the Head of Planning and Development updating the Local Area Partnership on the current position in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan, (1) indicating that the Phase 3 works were anticipated to be completed by the end of February; (2) advising that the tenders for the Phase 4 works, as outlined in the report, had been issued and were scheduled to be returned on 4 February 2010; (3) pointing out that, as part of the Phase 4 works, a focal point would be created in front of St. Andrew's Church to accommodate turning facilities and delivery vehicles; that feature lighting would be provided on some of the buildings

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in the Town Centre, and that works to the gap site at 278-286 Main Street, Bellshill would be included in the tender for Phase 4 Streetscape Works to be issued in January 2010, and (4) updating the Local Area Partnership regarding the on street parking restrictions, as shown on the plans attached to the report, which it was intended, in view of the number of changes made, to be re-issued for informal consultation prior to proceeding to the formal consultation stage and which could take from six months to two years to implement, depending on whether any objections were received.

Lorna Bowden, Development Projects Team Leader, was then heard in supplement to the report and in response to questions thereon.

During consideration of this item, discussion took place on the proposed location of the taxi rank on Emma Jay Road, Bellshill and other matters, when it was proposed (a) that the officials, in consultation with the Taxi Owners' Association, would look at alternative locations, including the former Somerfield site, in an attempt to find a compromise solution; (b) that the officials give consideration to the designation of a part time taxi rank on Hamilton Road, Bellshill from 11 pm to 4 am to facilitate the transfer of people out of the Town Centre late at night, and (c) that additional reports in relation to (A) the possible routing of buses through the Town Centre, and (B) the proposals for the feature lighting and street furniture, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that the officials, in consultation with the Taxi Owners' Association, consider an alternative location, in the vicinity of Emma Jay Road, for the proposed taxi rank;
- (3) that the officials consider the designation of a part time taxi rank on Hamilton Road, Bellshill, and
- (4) that reports on (a) the routing of buses through the Town Centre, and (b) the feature lighting and street furniture proposals, be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2010 AT 7 PM IN BELLSHILL FIRE STATION, OLD EDINBURGH ROAD, BELLSHILL**

16. It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 15 April 2010 at 7 pm within Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill.

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**Frank Ferguson Senior Citizens Centre, Motherwell Road, Bellshill,  
21 January 2010 at 9.25 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Chief Executive's Office; Development Projects Team Leader and Business Manager (Roads Operations), Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McKeown.

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

Prior to consideration of the business on the agenda, Councillor Lyle declared a financial interest in item (7) of paragraph 2, in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – Bellshill and District Locality due to the nature of his employment.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2010**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 21 January 2010 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) BUDGET CONSULTATION - SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011**

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Head of Financial Services be noted.

**(2) GLASGOW-EDINBURGH RAIL SERVICE THROUGH BELLSHILL STATION/ CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RIDE FACILITY WITHIN BELLSHILL**

**Decided:** that the position regarding the provision of a park and ride facility in Bellshill be noted.

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**(3) ELECTION MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION – TIMING OF GENERAL ELECTION COUNT**

**Decided:** that it be recommended that the status quo be maintained and the counting of votes in the forthcoming General Election be undertaken overnight, commencing immediately following the close of poll.

**(4) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES**

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

**(5) 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.

**(6) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

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

**Decided:** that the position be noted.

**(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**(9) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

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**(14) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2010 AT 7 PM IN BELLSHILL FIRE STATION, OLD EDINBURGH ROAD, BELLSHILL**

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 15 April 2010 at 7 pm within the Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill and that the Area Committee will meet immediately thereafter in the same location.