

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 20th January 2010
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting, especially as this one is the first of 2010.

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ellen Williamson vice chair person, Alice Forsyth, Ray Mitchell, Walter Baker, Alan Mulholland, & Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies

Pat Bannister

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Alice Forsyth and seconded by Ellen Williamson

Business Arising D McLeod then brought forward to the members from the latest minute from stating that he has sent a letter to Tom Gaffney on issues of the Bellshill Area Forum to date no reply has been received.

D. McLeod then informed the meeting that on behalf of our organization he wished John Cunningham all the best for his retirement which was due at the end of last year. He also sent a congratulation and welcome card to Ms Anne Moore the new head teacher of Bellshill Academy looking forward to meet her and hoped that our committee can work together as well as we did with John Cunningham

Police Report: This report was given by D McLeod as Alan Mulholland was held up; Alan's report was very well laid out showing a decline within a wide range of crime and incidents throughout Bellshill area sub-division. Police dealt with 617 incidents, but this showed a reduction in violent incidents by 13%, disorder related calls saw a reduction of 56.8% and domestic violence calls were reduced by 17%, unfortunately road crashes rose by 46.6% but this was due to the adverse weather conditions. Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, Deputy Sub-Divisional Officer stated that the aim of the force was to place more uniformed officers on the street to keep the crime rates down, he went onto to stated that as the road crashes increased significantly this was due to the weather but drivers need to be aware of the road conditions and need to take more care when driving.

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that our balance is healthy at present.

Street Fair Report: D. McLeod gave a brief report stating the he has started work in booking certain points for the arrangements of the fair, he had contacted Barry Ferguson through Birmingham City Football Club but after 3 letters he had never received a reply therefore he sent a letter to tell him not to bother as he never acknowledge any of his correspondence, D McLeod will start to look for someone else to open this years fair which is due to be held on Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th & Monday 31st May 2010. D McLeod stated that he will speak shortly to Jensen from M&D Leisure to start arrangements, D McLeod stated that he has intentions to try and arrange something for the Sunday afternoon along with something on Monday details will be revealed at a later date.

Correspondence

- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Application form for Community Grant D McLeod will deal with this as possible.
- Information from NLC on Proposed Parking Provisions Bellshill Town Centre with detailed

maps for the same. D McLeod will copy these for members that wish copies.

- Flyer from NOTTS SPORT on synthetic surfacing.
- E-Mail from LAMH Recycle Ltd offering PC systems at reduced costs. Members asked D. McLeod for the address of this establishment. D McLeod agreed to insert this in beside their minute.
- SCVO Sector news
- CVSL Training E-bulletin
- Newsletter from Voice of Experience Forum along with a 2010 calendar
- Confirmation and costings for hire of Cultural Centre for Street Fair.
- Catering menu for Street Fair. D McLeod will deal with this issue.

AOCB

D McLeod made a suggestion that we invite Ms Anne Munro Head Teacher from Bellshill Academy along to a future meeting to ask her to give us a presentation on what her plans for Bellshill Academy over the next number of years. After a short discussion it was agreed that D McLeod to liaise with Anne Munro to see what date suits her.

Tom Leggate then gave a short report from Bellshill Community Forum stating the expenditure from the donations from the National Health Service. After this report was give D McLeod noted that no monies were scheduled to be given to assist Bellshill Community Council for the Street Fair or the Remembrance Day Service or Parade, T Leggate stated that this money must be used for groups where health is in the forms of use. D McLeod stated that the street fair gives everyone that attends some form of enjoyment surely this is a healthy option.

D McLeod and Tom Taylor to liaise with Jensen Connelly on this issues for the street fair.

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 17th February 2010 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

All welcome.

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AGENDA ITEM No. ...3.....

Welcome

The vice chair person Ellen Williamson welcomed all the meeting,

Present

Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ellen Williamson vice chair person, Alice Forsyth, Ray Mitchell, Alan Mulholland police, & Duncan McLeod secretary.

Visitor: Scott Mochar.

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Tom Leggate Chairman, Jensen Connelly.

D McLeod stated Tom Leggate contacted him earlier today to inform him that owing to poor health he would need to miss tonight's meeting. D McLeod wished him a speedy recovery back to full health and hoped to see him at the next meeting.

D McLeod at this point in the meeting gave a warm welcome to Scott Mochar for The Hub Newspaper. D McLeod on behalf of the Bellshill Community Council welcomed Scott into the meeting and suggested that Scott could address the meeting later in the agenda and give everyone a message from this new paper that is looking for local information that they can use in print. Scott tyen thanked all for the warm welcome and agreed to enlighten the members of the papers intentions for the future.

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

Business Arising D McLeod then brought forward to the members from the latest minute from stating that he had a reply from Tom Gaffney on the subject of Bellshill Area Forum, D McLeod then read the letter which confirmed that this committee is constitutionally organized and Tom Taylor & D McLeod to try and attend some future meeting, unfortunately tomorrow meeting is out as D McLeod needs to attend another meeting. D McLeod then informed the meeting that he wrote to Anne Munro Head teacher of Bellshill Academy inviting her along to give us a presentation at a future meeting, her reply was then read out to the members and all are looking forward to meet her at the March meeting.

Police Report: This report was given by Alan Mulholland, Bellshill has seen an increase in break-ins at school premises and houses, but they have arrested someone in connection to these issues. Birkinshaw Industrial Estate has seen an increase in fire-raising, local fire officers, police NLC and the factors have taken joint action to combat this, and over the next few months the police will visit any who has been reported to the police and take the appropriate action. The next Blue Light Disco is scheduled to take place on Saturday 27th March to try and bring together the youth of the area. There has been an increase in anti social behavior in the area around Orbiston Kennels; the local police have brought in the horses to assist the ground teams with some good success. Festival of Fun has been arranged again within Keir Hardie Sports Centre Holytown and it is hoped that this will be another success. Bellshill's own street fair was then mentioned and in conjunction with the Community Council the police office are hoping to have an open day on the Saturday. At this point in the meeting was opened to anyone with any questions, Alan was informed about incidents mainly at weekends where cars are being damaged around the area of Caledonian Avenue/Keir Hardie Drive, Alan will look into this and raise this concern with the local community officers.

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that our balance is healthy at present.

Street Fair Report: D. McLeod gave a brief report stating the fair is well underway, he contacted someone to open but this person has not replied to D McLeod therefore he will be looking into attracting someone else to open this years fair. He will be speaking with Jensen soon on the issues that may crop up on the Main Street; he has spoken to Tesco about the car park at the east of their premises but is still waiting on confirmation on the ownership of the area.

Correspondence

- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference, invite to attend this conference no one was able to attend.
- SCVO e-bulletins informing all of the sector news
- North Lanarkshire Council informing us about a consultation meeting on thee proposed new cemetery adjacent to the Bothwellhaugh Road, D McLeod apologised but he would not be able to attend this meeting, no one else was available.
- North Lanarkshire Council acknowledging receipt of our grant application.
- CVSNL e-bulletin informing us of forth coming training programme.
- NSPCC letter asking to support their helpline.
- Flyer from Energy Saving Trust

D McLeod then invited Scott Mochar director of the new free paper "The Hub". D McLeod asked Scott to address the members and enlighten them on the reason for this new paper within our area. After an excellent talk on his aspirations for this paper, he stated that he did want to work closely with all community based groups and to be able to publish all good stories and events; D McLeod thanked him for his presentation and stated we look forward to working with him in the future. It was noted that The Hub will be placed on our minute mailing list to allow them to have a copy of our minutes when our members receive the same. Scott was given an open invitation to attend any of our meetings in the future and was asked to bring some copies of the paper with him if possible.

AOCB

D McLeod then brought forward an issue that a few members of the public have brought to his attention along with Tom Taylor is the state of the War Memorial on the Main Street. D McLeod then informed the meeting that he is dealing with this issue at present. After the last meeting he inserted a letter beside the minutes to our local councilors asking them to look into this memorial. Harry McGuigan contacted him the following day and gave him a contact phone number and a meeting was arranged that same day and the War Memorial will be looked into for some repair maintenance.

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Visitor: Scott Mochar, Anne Munro Head Teacher from Bellshill Academy who will give a small talk later in the meeting.

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Jensen Connelly, Ray Mitchell, Alan Mulholland police, Tom Leggate Chairman,

D McLeod then gave another welcome to Scott Mochar from the Hub newspaper as a visitor and welcomed any comments that Scott could give for the benefit of the meeting.

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

Business Arising No issues other than that contained in the agenda.

Police Report: This report was given by D McLeod on behalf of Alan who had other business; copies were circulated to all members.

Main Points Bellshill sub division has performed well over the past month, detecting a number of assaults. Incidents where youths have been throwing bricks onto the carriageway of the A723 where vehicles have been damaged, further enquiries are ongoing. Blue Light Disco has been another great success and the date for the next one will be 27th March in the Sir Matt Busby Centre. The Street Fair this year Bellshill Police Station will hold an OPEN DAY in conjunction with the fair.

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that our balance is healthy at present.

Street Fair Report: D. McLeod gave a brief report stating the fair is well underway, he contacted the Provosts office and informed all present that Jim Robertson has been offered by the office to conduct the opening which D McLeod has accepted. D McLeod then gave a brief report on the activities for this year, on Saturday when the fair will be opened the usual stalls will be erected for our local charities, churches and anyone that books one, The Salvation Army Band along with the Bellshill & District Concert Brass band will entertain everyone from 12.00 noon, M & D Leisure will again support the weekend. This year I have decided to try and put some entertainment on the Sunday where I have arranged 3 dance groups to come along and perform for everyone, on the Monday I hope to bring in something to use the space on the Main Street to entertain those that comes along to support the fair. (Further details will be publicised)

Presentation by Mrs Anne Munro Head Teacher from Bellshill Academy. Before starting with her small talk she thanked the members for giving her the opportunity to speak to the members of the community council. Anne went onto say she has been within education for over 25 years and started at Caldervale High School in Shotts and has now come to Bellshill Academy. John Cunningham will be a very difficult man to follow but Anne states that she will try very hard to move the school up all the statistical tables. The schools vision statement will be implemented in all areas but her main task at present is to try and encourage the pupils to attend the school, last years average attendance was approximately 89% but in February this year it was monitored at 91%, there

are monitoring systems in place which seems to be helping keep the pupils at school. Anne then presented all the members with a series of photographs indicating what has been started and she is hopeful of the continuing success of all these ventures. Anne also informed the members that within North Lanarkshire the 1st & 2nd year pupils have the best results in Mathematics subject which is to be applauded. There are skills for work in place where there is a first class hairdressing salon in the premises, external support staff with local colleges are being used successfully. Anne is very keen to publicise anything good that happens within Bellshill Academy, the local community look for the good that comes from what is happening in the school and in the future it is hoped that parents will come to know that Bellshill Academy is the school for their own children.

Correspondence

- TFN Newspapers
- Weekly List of Planning Applications D McLeod stated there were a number of applications in the Bellshill Area but felt that they were well within guidelines.
- North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference, invite to attend this conference no one was able to attend.
- SCVO e-bulletins informing all of the sector news
- E-Mail of apology from Alan Mulholland
- CVS Information Bulletin March 2010
- SCVO informing all of the availability of their credit union
- E-Mail from Class Telecommunications member of SCVO
- E-Mail from NLC with information on the proposed renovations at Gardenside Lane
- Community Grants Scheme information
- Letter from NLC about damage caused at last years street fair asking us to make sure that M & D take better precautions
- Letter from NLC about environmental health services, also seeking to send out a representative to give us a presentation on this issue. This idea was discussed but no action at present to be taken.
- Letter from Disease Prevention not wishing a stall at this years fair

AOCB

Anne Munro asked for support for all things that are happening within the school, their ECO committee is currently working on a number of projects and Walter Baker offered to assist with some of their work in a gardening capacity.

D McLeod thanked all for attending especially Anne Munro and Scott Mochar and hoped that both will attend any meetings in the future.

D McLeod then informed the meeting that he has printed out the results from NLC Learning & Leisure services about the proposed closure of Belvidere Primary School stating that no definite conclusion has been reached but he will keep a close check on anything that is proposed.

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

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