

**Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 21st April 2010
Bellshill Academy Staff Room**

Welcome

The chairman person Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting,

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ellen Williamson vice chair, Alice Forsyth, Alan Mulholland police, & Duncan McLeod secretary.

Visitors: Scott Mochar "The Hub Newspaper", M Taylor M&D Leisure, S Murphy M&D Leisure

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Jensen Connelly,

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, he also gave a warm welcome to M Taylor & S Murphy from M&D Leisure who were attending in place of Jensen Connelly for any comments in the report from the Street Fair.

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

Business Arising D McLeod brought forward that he sent a letter of thanks to Anne Munro Head Teacher from Bellshill Academy for her talk at the previous meeting, to which he had received a reply acknowledging the letter.

Police Report: Alan Mulholland gave a very comprehensive report in writing, where main points are:

1. 7 major incidents within the local area causing concern and where the police were successful in arresting a number of culprits
2. ASBO are being enforced with a great success where there have been a considerable reduction in this behaviour
3. Risk management within our local schools is to be introduced to try and alleviate the amount of break-ins at these premises.

Inspector Hurry made a comment stating that he was very pleased to see that his officers are policing our streets and that certain individuals are being removed from our streets. The police officers are patrolling our streets and are using the law to stop and search certain individuals and this has been successful in arrests being made for the carrying of offensive weapons.

There was a point brought forward from one of the members stating that the police were reluctant to attend to minor issues, Alan Mulholland stated that resources were being stretched and officers need to make the decision to attend or make a written report over the phone about certain incidents. It was indicated that all reports are logged and are acted upon when resources are available. It was accepted by the members that as crime seems to be always high the local officers on the ground are dealing very well with all incidents.

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that our balance is healthy at present. He then went onto give a full breakdown as it is the end of the financial year. It was noted that this year we have recovered greatly with a surplus for the year against the deficit of last year. Tom Taylor did pay complements to the secretary for his assistance over this last year where good management has paid dividends. D McLeod to contact Tom Gaffney NLC to ascertain when our books are to be audited to allow the AGM to take place.

Street Fair Report: D McLeod gave a very comprehensive report detailing all that will happen at this year Street Fair. He stated that the road closure will come into force at 18.00hours on Friday, this closure will also take in the car park which belongs to Tesco, at the corner of Emma Jay Road/ Main Street.

On Saturday the Fair will be opened by the Deputy Provost James Robertson at 11.00am, from 12.00 noon the Salvation Army Band will entertain the public, at 13.00 hours the Bellshill & District Concert Brass will take over.

On Sunday this year I have arranged that Bellshill Main Street will host 3 local dance groups who will entertain all that wishes to come along and be entertained. This will begin at 13.00 hours when Dance Dynamics Cheer Squad will start the entertainment under the guidance of Carol McLean, at 14.15 hours Street Beat will take over under the guidance of Nadia Henry, at 15.30 hours Signature Dance Squad will then entertain us under the guidance of Fiona Reid.

On the Monday I am hoping to either have the Army hosting a recruitment drive or the Strathclyde Fire service showing off their equipment.

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
- Membership renewal form for ASCC
- CVS newsletter
- Membership renewal for VANL
- Flyer from SMP play grounds
- Flyer and newsletter from Wicksteed Playscapes
- Flyer from Zurich insurances detailing forth coming seminars.
- Information and review booklet on NLC scheme for community councils. (D McLeod, Tom Taylor & Tom Leggate will formulate a response.
- Letter from NLC seeking comments on the forth coming new cemetery adjacent to Bothwellhaugh Road (D McLeod to email response)
- Email & letter of invitation to AGM of NLC Access Forum (Tom Taylor will attend on behalf of Bellshill Community Council)
- SCVO manifesto information on Scottish Charity Awards & seminars
- Letter from Frank Roy MP indicating what happens now and during the forth coming election for all MP's
- Planning Application from Shore Energy within Carnbroe
- Invitation from Water Watch Scotland to a public meeting in Motherwell
- Scottish Health Council letter with Newsletter, Connect magazine and Annual Report
- Minutes from NLC meetings

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 19th May 2010 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

All welcome.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2010
BELLSHILL ACADEMY STAFF ROOM

Welcome

The chairman person Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting,

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Tom Taylor MBE treasurer, Ellen Williamson vice chair, Jensen Connelly M&D Leisure, W Baker, Ray Mitchell MBE, Duncan McLeod secretary.

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

Business Arising D McLeod brought forward from the last minute on the Scheme for Community Council, where he stated that he has checked the proposed changes and felt that a couple of changes should be made:

1. Section 10.6 it states that Councillors, MP's, MSP's and MEP's are Ex-Officio; we think that there is room for improvement, where at least 1 from the 4 bodies should attend as a compulsory requirement of their office.
2. Page 2 from Code of Conduct; Accountability & Stewardship: Minutes of meetings recording all actions and decisions made should be produced and circulated to all members of the Community Council within 7 days of that meeting. We all agree that this is totally unacceptable and not workable as the secretary is a volunteer and has other tasks to perform outside Community Council work. It would be better to be increased to within 14 days to allow secretaries to perform their duties more correctly.

Police Report: Duncan McLeod gave a very comprehensive report in writing, where main points are: There have been reductions in incidents involving youth in the Orbiston area, which has been due to the robust police tactics and the partnership working with community involvement. Local police officers Nicola hope & David Morrison who are attached to this area have been instrumental in reducing these figures by attending daily and being familiar with the area. They were also involved when they arrested and reported 14 youths for a series of events and this has had a dramatic effect on the area. During the months of April/May there have been various arrests made in conjunction with the offensive weapon campaign where a number of people have been arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal. During some of these incidents the Air Support unit has helped greatly where the culprits have been filmed and subsequently arrested for offences. Chief Inspector McPhail again has commented on the great work that his officers have done taking another offensive weapon of our streets.

Treasurers Report Given by Tom Taylor who stated that our balance is healthy at present. Tom went onto state that our books have been sent to the auditors and have been returned completed. He went onto state that our books are very healthy but we need to be very careful with any expenditure we make next year. Duncan McLeod stated as our books are now back duly signed off our Annual

General Meeting can now be arranged. Duncan McLeod moved that this should be arranged for our normal June meeting where he will try and have a Councillor in attendance to carry out the elections of Office bearers, he will also have this published in the local papers with an advert which will cost us money.

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On the Monday the Army Recruitment Team are coming along and the Strathclyde Fire Service showing off the equipment they are trained to use. Jensen then stated unfortunately Mathew & Douglas with their respective wives will be unable to attend this year as they will be attending a wedding but they will be replaced by Douglas junior and Mathew junior. All that Duncan hopes for is for good weather for the whole weekend and the public to support us as they have done in the past.

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.
- Noisy neighbours pack from NLC and the police, Duncan indicated that he picked this up when he attended the caravan which was available for all to come along and visit in the car park of Tesco
- E-Mail from secretary to provost and deputy Provost indicating that Jim Robertson would not be able to attend the opening of our Street Fair. Our chairman instructed the secretary to contact Mary Buchanan and ask why he has cancelled and ask for a suitable replacement. D McLeod stated that he would just wait until the day and ask one of our invited guests to open the fair. Our Chairman stated that we should not allow this to happen and requested that the secretary contact this office and complain. D McLeod agreed to this request.
- Flyer from Consumer Focus Scotland on a step by step guide to common repairs. D McLeod stated that when this arrived earlier today he will e-mail them back to ask for booklet which was on offer from a down load. D.McLeod stated he would have down loaded this booklet but it was 53 pages long and felt it would be more beneficial to ask for a hard copy.
- E-Mail from Steve Hoy co-ordinator from the SOCA sports programme.
- SCVO Ebulletin from 27th April & 11th May
- E-Mail informing us of the cancellation of the demonstration about Lloyds TSB foundation for Scotland rally.
- VANL training E-Bulletin
- Flyer from Landscape-led Natural Play on their play area equipment
- Letter from NLC community Grant Scheme informing us that they will look at another grant for the community council at their next meeting
- A second letter from NLC grant scheme indicating £400 grant to work for our Street Fair.
- Letter from Bellshill Academy inviting the secretary to attend the Annual Prize Giving, D McLeod has accepted this invitation

- Letter of thanks from Bellshill Academy for the donation of £200 toward costs for their prize giving ceremony.
- A card from Pat Bannister who is unable to attend our Street Fair

AOCB

Remember to all that our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and we need a good turn out as this is when we elect the appropriate people that will take this committee forward. D McLeod will make sure that an advert will be put into the Bellshill Speaker and The Hub to run for 2 weeks prior to this meeting.

D. McLeod remembered all in attendance that the Street Fair will take place on Saturday 29th May and he looks forward to see all members at the Cultural Centre on the morning before the official opening where he will introduce new faces to our Street Fair along with our regulars. He also hoped that all our members will remember that the Street Fair is covering the whole weekend and some of our members will come along and support him during these events

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 which will be our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June 2010 in Bellshill Academy staff room.

All welcome.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2010
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, Ray Mitchell MBE, Joe Gorman, Walter Baker, S. Changleng, John Devlin, Cllr Harry McGuigan and Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies P. Bannister, S Mochar (The Hub) Cllr Harry Curran (E-Mail apology from Fiona and Leanne from signature dance squad)

Minutes The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 20th May were moved correct by Ellen Williamson and seconded by Ray Mitchell.

Before the meeting officially started our chairman asked all present to introduce each other and give who or what they represent. D McLeod gave a special welcome to Cllr Harry McGuigan who will conduct our election of office bearers later in the meeting. He also gave a warm welcome to Stephen Changleng and John Devlin who have come along for the first time and a welcomed return to Joe Gorman.

Business Arising

The secretary D McLeod brought forward a couple of issues from the previous meeting:

1. E-Mail response from office of Jim Robertson Deputy Provost, where after the previous meeting an e-mail was read out indicating that Jim Robertson would need to cancel our previously agreed attendance at the Street Fair for the opening because of other commitments. D McLeod was instructed by the Chairman to contact his office for an explanation, on the secretary contacting his office a reply was received agreeing to attend our Street Fair
2. Point as per our constitution that when our AGM is decided there must be notification given to the local papers, D McLeod contacted both the Bellshill Speaker and The Hub Newspapers seeking costs for an advert. D.McLeod informed all present that the advert was placed with both papers, He then went onto comment on the costs incurred were the speaker £126.06 and the Hub £58.75, He went onto show both adverts and the members. No discussion was allowed on this issue, but greater care when these adverts are placed in the future.
3. NLC Review of Scheme for Community Councils letter from previous meeting, reply stating that point 1 is not feasible where request that MPs, MSPs, MEPs should hold membership of the Community Council. Point 2 suggestion constructive will include in his report asking that the timescale for circulating the minutes be increased from 7 days to 14 days.

Police Report NONE

Treasurers Report Tom Taylor brought forward the report stating that we have had a fairly comfortable term and hoped that it can continue. He went onto inform all the members that through good house keeping between our secretary and himself we had a deficit over year of £488.95 and hoped that it will continue next year, if he is re-elected.

Street Fair

D McLeod then stated that the event was a great success this year in his opinion the change from

mainly the one day from the Community Council involvement to including the 3 days were first class. He went on to state that the 3 Dance Academies were congratulated for their input on the Sunday afternoon, the shows that these young ladies performed were out of this world, he hoped that they will be welcomed back next year to carry on from where they left off. On the Monday the Fire Service and the Army Recruitment Team were again excellent but more publicity for these 2 days is a requirement for next year with some more activities on the Monday.

Correspondence

- Weekly List of Planning Applications
- Weekly issues of Third Force News
- VANL Training bulletin (D McLeod stated that he has taken up one of the training programme “Effective Minute Taking” to assist him when he is preparing the minute.
- VANL Annual Training Needs Analysis questionnaire (to be completed by D McLeod and forwarded)
- VANL Bulletin No 2 June 2010
- SCVO members E Bulletin 25th May & 8th June
- Wickstead Playscapes flyer
- NLC minutes
- NLC Review of Scheme for Community Councils reply.
- NLC Events Calendar information required (D McLeod to pass on anything of interest)
- NLC creditors payment information
- NLC invite to Armed Forces Day (fly the Flag) D McLeod & Tom Taylor will attend)
- Requested booklet on Common Repair, Common Sense guide to management of tenements in Scotland (5)
- SCVO Policy committee & Management Board nomination & election forms
- Letter of information on SURF Scotland’s Independent Regeneration Network (D McLeod to deal with this form)
- North Lanarkshire Muslim Women & Family Alliance invitation (unfortunately time barred)
- Card of apology from Anne Munroe unable to attend the opening of the Street Fair

D McLeod asked before the elections were carried out by Cllr Harry McGuigan that we have a few words from our Chairman, Treasurer and secretary in a report form.

Chairman

Tom Leggate thanked a everyone that comes along to our monthly meeting regularly where a number of things have been carried forward. He stated that he has attend a number of function on behalf of the Community Council and enjoyed each and every one of them

Treasurer

Tom Taylor also thanked all for their assistance over the last year where a number of events have been successful. Thanks for D McLeod our secretary for keeping a tight control over many an issue and hope that this will continue into the future.

Secretary

As I have now been the secretary for another year, where the work load has increased steadily with attending a lot of other meetings. These have been very interesting and informative but not all successful. I attended consultation meetings for Belvidere Primary School and the Gardenside Senior Citizens Centre where the centre has been granted a stay of execution but the school has been scheduled to close at the end of this term. I am saddened to report this but we do not have any say left in these decisions.

Our Annual Street fair last year was a glorious success where Billy McNeil came along and opened it, this year our fair was extremely successful even with the added work load in transforming this weekend from mainly 1 day to 3 days. This year our fair was opened by NLC Deputy Provost Jim Robertson where he did thank us for this invite, our weekend went very well especially with the introduction of Sunday and Monday, where the 3 Dance Academy’s proved a great success, I did pass on my thanks to all of the organisers in these groups and stated that I look forward to working with

them next year. The Monday was not as successful as the Sunday but it can be improved on and I will look into new ideas for this day for the future.

During the year we have also welcomed a new head teacher to Bellshill Academy Mrs Anne Munro in December 2009. Anne then came along to our March meeting and gave a presentation on what her ideas and thoughts will be in moving Bellshill Academy forward for our youngsters.

In February Scott Mochar from "The Hub Newspaper" was welcomed to our meetings and became a regular at these meetings.

In June 2009 Ray Mitchell was presented her MBE down at Buckingham Palace for her work in collecting for various charities, she was given warm congratulations for this great achievement. At our Street Fair a bouquet of flowers was purchased and would have been presented but Ray could not return to the Cultural Centre for this presentation but Duncan McLeod went down to her home and passed on the thanks from Bellshill Community Council for all her efforts throughout the years.

Remembrance Day Service and Parade was again well supported where Rev Agnes Moore conducted this service of Remembrance. D McLeod thanked all that attended and gave a special thanks to the Imperial Flute Band, The Salvation Army Band, and our local police force where on that morning we had to be re-routed owing to a fire in John Street, the Imperial Social Club for supplying a cup of Tea/Coffee, along with Boyd Tunnoch for the Caramel Wafers.

During the year we also had a change of face from our community policing where Alan Wylie moved to pastures new and was replaced by Alan Mulholland, where he was given a warm welcome to the community council. At our November meeting a special welcome was extended to Alan Wylie where the community Council members made a special presentation to Alan for all his work with the community councillors

This year in my humble opinion has been a great success but we need younger members to assist us with some of our tasks which we, as a Community Council need to perform for the benefit of the town of Bellshill.

I once again have enjoyed my term of office and if required will carry on this enjoyable duty for the benefit of this Community Council.

Election of Office Bearers for 2009-2010

T Leggate then asked Cllr Harry McGuigan to assist and conduct the election of office bearers.

Harry then took control of the Chair.

During the selection of Chairman we had Tom Leggate proposed by Ellen Williamson and seconded by Alice Forsyth and Tom Taylor proposed Ray Mitchell and seconded by D McLeod on a show of hands Tom Taylor received 3 votes and Tom Leggate received 6 votes D McLeod interjected at this juncture seeking clarification on those entitled to vote, on counting the votes for Tom Leggate he voted for himself which D McLeod stated was unconstitutional. Harry McGuigan was asked for clarification and stated that this has been procedure for some time where a person elected can vote for himself. Once again D McLeod asked for a ruling Harry McGuigan then ruled that this was an acceptable criteria, D McLeod then stated that he would be placing this within the minute and seeking guidance from North Lanarkshire Council.

The remainders of the positions were completed by Tom Leggate and are as follows:

Chairman - Tom Leggate MBE

Vice Chair - Ellen Williamson

Secretary - Duncan McLeod

Treasurer - Tom Taylor MBE

As this completed the election of office bearers D McLeod asked that Ellen Williamson must be thanked for her participation over the year when she filled the post of Chair Person when Tom Leggate was unable to attend

AOCB

D McLeod then asked for the meetings to remain status quo but he will try and have them held on the ground floor.

Out of pocket expenses this was moved status quo.

Harry McGuigan then addressed the meeting giving a special thanks to various members for the amount of work carried out, out with the normal type of issues relevant to the community council, thanks for attending a number of consultation meeting over the past number of months on various issues this was very much appreciated.

Another thanks to both Tom & Duncan for continually contacting him on a number of issues and he hopes this will continue in the future.

He then brought forward a subject close to his own heart with the Bellshill, the War Memorial stating that he has a relation that needs to be added to it and he has arranged through the Bellshill Speaker to put something in on this subject where members of the public that have relations who may be identified and their names attached to the memorial, he stated that this will go into the paper soon.

D McLeod then inform the meeting that the War Memorial has been put forward for some type of upgrading/repair soon and he will keep all informed when this has been completed. He asked Harry to use his name etc for this worth while cause.

D McLeod then informed the meeting that steps have been taken to the organisation for this years Remembrance Day Service & Parade, he will keep all informed at future meeting of the progress.

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 15th September 2010 at 7.00pm in Bellshill Academy staff room.