

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 7 October 2010**

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**Bellshill Academy, Main Street, Bellshill, 7 October 2010 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; Stephen Kerr and Karen McVittie, NHS Lanarkshire; Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Graham Cairns and Angus McPhail, 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; Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), Denis O'Kane, Planning Officer and Michael Kordas, Planning Assistant, Environmental Services, Alistair Crichton, Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council.

**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 6 of this Minute, in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – North East Unit, due to the nature of his employment.

**DRAFT SAVINGS OPTIONS 2011/2012 TO 2013/2014**

2. The Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, North Lanarkshire Council, provided a presentation on the financial outlook for 2011-2014 and the consideration of savings requirements and highlighted (1) the scale of the financial problem and its impact on Local Authority spending; (2) the timetable for agreeing the package of savings options for the Council; (3) the key objectives of the savings strategy and a summary of the impact of proposed savings options; (4) proposed savings in respect of Service prioritisation, asset management and the shared services programme, and (5) the consultation process on hard choices/big decisions which will allow stakeholders and members of the public to have their say on the future of Council services.

Thereon, Craig Shaw, Group Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Chief Superintendent Cairns, Strathclyde Police and Stephen Kerr, Head of Planning and Performance, NHS Lanarkshire provided a short update of the financial challenges facing their organisations.

Thereafter, the Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services responded to Members' questions and intimated that the Hard Choices/Big Decisions Have Your Say on the Future of Services booklet had been widely distributed seeking views on the savings proposals.

**Decided:** that the terms of the presentation and the information on financial challenges facing partner organisations be noted.

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

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the special meeting and meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on, respectively, 10 June and 8 July 2010.

The Convener then advised that, in relation to paragraph 10(e) of the Area Committee Minute of 8 July 2010 regarding the proposed provision of a catering facility within the Park and Ride site at Bellshill Station, he had been advised that this proposal was contrary to Council Policy and that the matter was being investigated.

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

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of New Stevenston Community Council held on 24 June 2010.

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

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 16 June 2010.

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

**Councillor Lyle, having declared a financial interest in the following item due to the nature of his employment, left the meeting and took no part in its consideration and determination. Councillor Lyle also demitted the Chair for the duration of this item only and Councillor Burrows took the Chair.**

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

6. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 October 2010) dated 20 September 2010 by the Unit General Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, (1) providing details of various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill Locality area, and (2) seeking that specific areas of information be identified for future reporting to the Local Area Partnership meetings in context of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan, specific areas be identified for future reports to the Local Area Partnership, and  
(2) that the contents of the report be noted.

**Councillor Lyle resumed the Chair.**

**JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

7. There was submitted a joint report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 October 2010) dated 7 October 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 June to August 2010, 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 within Appendix 3 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police and Alison Clarke, Housing and Social Work Services, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, during which Chief Inspector McPhail undertook to have the problem of speeding cars on Hattonrigg Road investigated.

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

**FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT**

8. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 2010 by the Facilities Manager, North Lanarkshire Leisure (1) setting out the background to, and the progress of, the Friday Night Project, a diversionary project set up in October 2009 at Keir Hardie Sports Centre to reduce anti-social behaviour while offering a range of activities for young people in the local area; (2) pointing out the success of the project, which had reduced the rate of anti-social behaviour in the Holytown area, particularly on Friday night, and (3) indicating that the Project Committee were keen (a) to continue with this project in the longer term and to enhance the activities on offer, providing an outlet for children to improve their skills through training initiatives and certificates; (b) to involve the young people in more of the planning and future running of the project, and (c) to see the project used as a blueprint for future partnership approaches to problems in other areas in view of the significant social return on investment from the project.

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

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 July 2010, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 October 2010) dated 7 October 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) setting out the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) detailing the current position in relation to the projects within the Local Development Programme for (a) 2009/2010, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) 2010/2011, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; (3) seeking approval for (a) the removal of project no. 10/11 B10, car parking at Glencalder Crescent, from the approved list; (b) the provision of additional funding for project no. 10/11 B04, environmental works at Olive Court, and (c) an additional project no. 10/11 B28, being a contribution to the Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Garden, amounting to £20,000, all as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 to the report, and (4) highlighting the joint working between Regeneration Services and Housing Services through the proposed use of Estate Based Initiative funding within the Local Development Programme.

Matt Costello, the Local Regeneration Manager, then highlighted the main contents of the report and responded to questions.

**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 progress in terms of projects for delivery in the 2010/2011 programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that project no. 10/11 B10, Glencalder Crescent, be removed from the approved list;
- (4) that the additional budget for project No. 10/11 B04, Olive Court, be approved;
- (5) that the additional project no. 10/11 B28, Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Garden, be included on the approved list;
- (6) that the joint working in relation to Estate Based Initiative funding be noted, and
- (7) that further progress be reported to future meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership.

#### **ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2010/2011**

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2010 by the Executive Director of Housing and Social Work Services (1) advising that, for 2010/2011, Estate Based Initiative funding of £25,128 had been allocated for the Bellshill/Viewpark locality, and (2) proposing that, to maximise the delivery of projects identified by the Area Housing Office for inclusion in the Local Development Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, this budget be allocated as a contribution to the Programme.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the contribution of £25,128 to the Local Development Programme 2010/2011 from the Estate Based Initiative funding be approved.

#### **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

##### **(1) UPDATE**

11. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 8 July 2010, there was submitted a report dated 20 September 2010 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 4 works, being undertaken by R J McLeod, were progressing, with the first of the three stages being largely complete and Stage 2 just started, as detailed in the report; (2) advising that discussions were still ongoing with the relevant owners regarding the provision of architectural lighting on a number of feature buildings, with work to the first building due to commence in late September; (3) pointing out that the most urgent of the snagging works in relation to the Phase 3 contract would be carried out during September with the remainder being addressed before the end of the defects period; (4) intimating that the formal consultation on the Draft Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the parking restrictions within the Town Centre was expected to be carried out in October with comments received being incorporated where possible; (5) informing the Partnership that it was anticipated that a contractor would be appointed by the end of October for the junction improvements at Hamilton Road West with the work being completed by the end of February 2011, and (6) setting out the position in relation to developments of up to 30 units, where the North Lanarkshire Local Plan, if approved by the Scottish Government Reporters, would include a policy providing the strategic context for consideration of appropriate developer contributions.

Denis O’Kane, Planning Officer, then highlighted the main points of the report and together with Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), responded to Members’ questions.

**Decided:** that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

**(2) CONSIDER LETTER FROM BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE SHOP OWNERS**

12. The Convener advised that he had received a letter from the shop owners in Hamilton Road, Bellshill outlining various concerns and that following a meeting between the local Members, Officers and representatives of the shop owners, remedial action had been agreed.

Dennis O’Kane, Planning Officer then advised of the action being taken to minimise the problems being experienced by the shop owners regarding access to their premises.

There followed a full discussion during which the Convener gave details of the level of discount and number of premises within Bellshill Town Centre in receipt of a non domestic rates reduction through the Small Business Bonus Scheme and highlighted the funding available to small shopkeepers for the provision of appropriate disabled access to their premises and the Partners responded to questions.

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

**(3) FLOODING ON MOTHERWELL ROAD, BELLSHILL**

13. The Convener advised of a complaint he had received from residents regarding the flooding which occurred on Motherwell Road, Bellshill between Belvidere Road and Neilsland Street, Bellshill which the residents considered emanated from run-off from the gardens of the houses fronting on to Motherwell Road and requested that the Council undertake works to these gardens to prevent the problem.

Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations) advised that they were aware of the problem and reported that it appeared to be caused by the under capacity in the sewers in the area which were the responsibility of Scottish Water, who would be asked to look at improvements in the area. He also confirmed that the road gullies and their connections, which were the responsibility of the Council, had been tested on 5 October 2010 and had been found to be operating efficiently.

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

**The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item was relevant and competent, authorised its consideration and varied the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.**

**(4) SPEEDING ON CALDER ROAD**

14. A local resident raised her concerns regarding the speeding of cars on the Calder Road which was aggravated by double parking at the shops in the area and resulted in cars mounting the kerb to get through and requested that the Police look at this problem.

Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police, indicated that he would arrange for this matter to be investigated.

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

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

15. The Local Area Partnership noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership would be held on Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 7 pm in Mossend Primary School, Calder Road, Bellshill.

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**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, McCabe and McShannon.

**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 item (6) of this Minute in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – North East Unit due to the nature of his employment.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2010**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 7 October 2010 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) DRAFT SAVINGS OPTIONS 2011/2012 TO 2013/2014**

**Decided:** that the terms of the presentation and the information on financial challenges facing partner organisations be noted.

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

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

**(3) COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES - NEW STEVENSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

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**(4) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

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

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that, in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan, specific areas be identified for future reports to the Local Area Partnership, and
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**Councillor Lyle resumed the Chair.**

**(6) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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

**(7) FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT**

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**(8) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

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**(a) UPDATE**

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**(b) CONSIDER LETTER FROM BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE SHOP OWNERS**

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**(c) FLOODING ON MOTHERWELL ROAD, BELLSHILL**

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

**The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item was relevant and competent, authorised its consideration and varied the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.**

**(d) SPEEDING ON CALDER ROAD**

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

**(11) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

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