

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2010
BELLSHILL ACADEMY SKYE SUITE

Welcome

The chairman person Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting.

Visitor Mrs. Louise McRae was attending the meeting for her first time and was given a warm welcome by all present. D McLeod stated that hopefully Louise will become a regular attendee and will be an asset to the working of the Community Council

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Alice Forsyth, Ray Mitchell MBE, W Baker, Louise McRae and Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies

Pat Bannister, Ellen Williamson, Tom Taylor Treasurer

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Ray Mitchell and seconded by Walter Baker

Business Arising

1. Election Issues D McLeod brought forward this point of order where letter received from NLC agreeing to our request to add a clause into the standing orders, regulating the voting arrangements for office bearers into our affairs
2. D McLeod then brought forward the last piece of business from the minutes where he stated that owing to the renovations in Bellshill's Main Street next years Street Fair will loose the area of the cut between Morrison's supermarket John Street and the Main Street owing to all the modifications. He then produced sketches from NLC on this area, showing the area in question and stated that we would need to work around the same.
3. Alhambra Bar transforming part of it into bookmakers. After correspondence from William Hill the bookmaker in question stating that they will be re-locating and not opening up a new premise. D McLeod secretary on receiving this correspondence sent a letter withdrawing his previous objection, to the planning department of NLC, with copies to the local councilors and our MSP.
4. Hamilton Road objections letter D McLeod has communicated with Richard Lyle the chairman of the Area Partnership committee and has received a reply keeping all in order. New legislation is ready to be submitted to the local papers and I have received the same indicating all the traffic parking regulations. After reading these I see a couple of issues that I will address to the planning department and will let our members know at the next meeting what answers I have been given.
5. Tom Taylor at our last meeting requested that I correspond with M&D for our annual donation for the Street Fair this was sent to me and has been passed onto the treasurer.
6. Received an E-Mail from Nadia Brown thanking the Community Council for the money presented to the dancing class. Tom Taylor and D McLeod attended all the 3 dancing classes and forwarded them the cheques which were all received with thanks.

Police Report: NONE

Treasurers Report NONE

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,
- D McLeod then informed all of the application notices from Torrance Park development at legbrannock all is in order and this is for information only.
- Letter from NLC Chief Executives Office with information and booklets on “Hard Choices, Big Decisions” looking for feedback. D McLeod informed all that owing to the time scale a response from Bellshill Community Council would not arrive in time but each member should have received a copy of this booklet through the post and should reply themselves. This was accepted.
- NLC information on “Proposed Traffic Management Scheme” for Bellshill’s town centre. D McLeod informed all that he would copy the maps and pass them onto Community Councillors for their information. D McLeod stated that he would respond to some minor points and report at the next meeting the councils findings.
- North Lanarkshire Community Safety Survey. A response should have been formulated but D McLeod apologised but he thought he had sufficient time to reply after this meeting.
- NLC reply to my communications on the ongoing street alterations in Main Street. Comments noted and filed.
- NLC Final Draft on Council Scheme for community councils. DE McLeod indicated that the issue that he forwarded has been included and all other changes are at an acceptable scale and do not require any more communications.
- NLC informing D McLeod of their intention to support our Annual Remembrance Day Parade & Service.
- Letter and flyer from Hugh O’Donnell MSP. D McLeod noted that this flyer has been placed into our message board in the Cultural Centre but he stated that he was unhappy that Bellshill was not named on the flyer. D McLeod agreed to letter MSP on this error.
- Letter & information from SURF with registration form for future events, along with a summary of the questionnaire previously sent out. D McLeod agreed to try and attend at least one of these events if time allows.
- SCVO ebulletin 12th October
- ASCC flyer and booking form for their Annual National Conference.
- ASCC Annual National Ballot 2010. D McLeod to complete and return.
- VANL Bulleting No 5.
- Autumn edition of Community empowerment e-newsletter. D McLeod informed all that this paper was 39 pages in length and he read it on line.
- Scottish Health Council newsletter “Connect”.
- Scottish Health Council letter asking for some space within one of our meetings agenda to promote its role. D McLeod to letter with a suitable month.
- Holistic Enterprises Training pack. D McLeod has engrossed all in this pack and states that we do not require addressing any issues from it.
- Moira Anderson Foundation with invitation to be present at their forthcoming launch, which will allow those in attendance to see their film premiere. Costs for community council would be £50 each. No members would be able to attend.
- Robertson homes information on the third phase of their build at Brannock Park Newstevenston.
- Glasgow & Clyde Valley strategic development plan main issues and assessment.
- ASCC letter from the executive board to the response from Cllr Norman Bonney’s appeal. Seeking the support by all members to the recommendation from the ASCC Board.
- Funding Workshop Dates from Colin McKay VANL.

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- D McLeod then remembered all present that the Remembrance Day Parade & Service is all in hand and looking forward to see members present if possible.
- Christmas Lighting Ceremony D McLeod informed all that to date no information has been forwarded to himself from Anne Flood Town Centre Manager on this subject
- Newspaper articles in the Bellshill Speaker for Beer Garden at Franklins Public House although there have been no information on this issue D McLeod will keep a check on this request from the publican.
- Newspaper articles in the Bellshill Speaker for Woolworth old store seems that Alworth

have shown an interest in transforming this vacant building which means that this may help Bellshill town centre. Ray Mitchell stated that she knows a number of the people involved and expressed delight in the thought of the opening up of this former building.

- D McLeod then informed the meeting that he has been approached by one of the dance groups that he approached for the street fair asking for support in a future venture. D McLeod stated that he has arranged a meeting with the leader of the group and will bring back any progress at a future meeting.
- D McLeod to speak to the treasurer on the subject of annual donation to Bellshill Academy for their prize giving.
- Walter Baker asked for some support for Bellshill Academy. He indicated that as most know he has been involved with their ECO Committee over the last year and they have asked that I contact NLC seeking repairs to their external fencing especially around Reema Road. He stated that before any sports event can take place the janitorial staff are requested to check the grass area because of dog fouling, this should not be happening. D McLeod to contact T Gaffney seeking a solution to this problem.
- Walter Baker asked if our committee would support the Academy's ECO committee to allow them to upgrade an area for the pupils. D McLeod to speak with the treasurer on this subject a have a sum of money put aside for this project and report at the next meeting.
- Walter Baker asked that we support the Bellshill Academy by trying to raise the profile of their school for the amount of work being carried out by the pupils and staff. D McLeod asked for more information and that he would raise these issues with the local papers and Bellshill STV Local.
- D McLeod then informed all about the inclusion of a presentation shortly from STV Bellshill. D McLeod given permission arrange this ASAP.

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 November 2010.

Bellshill Academy Skye Suite.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2010
BELLSHILL ACADEMY SKYE SUITE**

Welcome

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting.

Nicola Dowds from Bellshill STV Local was attending the meeting for her first time and was given a warm welcome during this meeting Nicola will be giving a short presentation on what her website will be giving to Bellshill community in years to follow.

Present

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Alice Forsyth, W Baker, Louise McRae, Ellen Williamson, Tom Taylor Treasurer Alan Mulholland (Police), Stephen Chang Leng, and Duncan McLeod secretary.

Apologies

Pat Bannister.

Visitors : Scott Mochur The Hub Newspaper, Cllr Harry Curran

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

Business Arising

1. Nicola Dowds Accepting our invitation to address our members on her involvement with STV Local Bellshill
2. Remembrance Day Service and Parade 14th November 2010. D McLeod informed all attending that the day was again a great success Major James Bryden was thanked on the day for his words of comfort and Remembrance. D McLeod then asked all present to accept his recommendations on thanking all that assisted in this venture where Imperial Flute Band, Salvation Army Band, Major James Bryden, Hugh Ward (Piper) and imperial function Suite be awarded monies as agreed at the meeting fro their assistance on the day.
3. Letter to Hugh O'Donnell MSP indicating our displeasure of his flyer where Bellshill town was missed out and an acceptable reply.
4. Letter to Tom Gaffney NLC on the parking issues relating to the Hamilton Road, Bellshill and the lack of disabled spaces throughout Bellshill in general. Reply indicating that he has passed our letter and details to the Executive Director of Environmental services for his attention. Will wait on his response.
5. Scottish Health Council accepting our invitation to attend our January meeting to give a presentation.
6. Christmas Lighting Ceremony D McLeod informed all that this project has been arranged for 18th November 2010 from 3.00pm onwards under the guidance of Anne Flood the Town Centre co-ordinator.
7. Letter sent to Tom Gaffney NLC bring his attention to certain issues relating to Bellshill Academy playing fields. Waiting on reply. With Cllr Harry Curran being present he was asked to look into these comments and respond via the secretary his findings. Walter Baker also informed the meeting that he has also spoke to Harry McGuigan on the subject where Harry Curran agreed to liaise with Harry McGuigan on theses points.
8. Bellshill Academy ECO Committee Walter Baker asked the community council for some financial support to this committee where the monies given could be used in their improvements for the Academy's front door area. It was moved by all the members that this committee be given £50

9. Walter Baker asked for support to raise the profile of Bellshill Academy for all the work that has been completed lately. D McLeod stated that Nicola from STV Local and Scott from the Hub have been actively supporting the school in all that they have been tackling.

Police Report: In writing Alan gave an excellent report where although all crimes were reported and dealt with but he did mention the crime of bogus callers where this type of despicable crime is being carried out on our most vulnerable. He went on to inform all present that a DVD has been produced and has been accepted by all that have viewed the same as excellent, this DVD has been viewed by all local sheltered housing complexes and along with the Trading Standards officers awareness has been raised. Alan remembered all about the new Bellshill Logo NAE DANGER which will be appearing around the town this is a media campaign which will be talking all types of crime. Alan went on to ask if anyone might be interested in joining the Crime Prevention Panel who met on Tuesday, please come along and join this panel if you have the time to commit to it. D McLeod attended on Tuesday night for his first time and it is hoped that a few more will come along.

Treasurers Report: Tom gave an account of our finances where they are healthy at present.

Presentation By Nicola Dowds STV Local Bellshill

At this point in the meeting the Chairman invited Nicola Dowds to give her presentation on the aims of STV for Bellshill and the local villages. This website was started on 13th September in a low key issue. A major launch will be arranged at a later time when the website is fully functional. Nicola asked all to support and remember that anything can be forwarded to her for admission or individuals can add to the website as and when the occasion arises. Information on various issues are contained within this website and everyone is urged to visit it at some time soon.

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.
- SCVO E Bulletin. Contents noted
- ASCC Online Bulletin October No1. Contents noted
- Guide Dogs looking for support, along with places to locate counter top collection boxes.. Contents noted and all asked if they know of a suitable location, contact D McLeod.
- Bank Statement copied and passed to Treasurer.
- Record RSS, Playground and sports equipment suppliers. Contents noted
- 10G Scotsturf. Seminar information in The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh. Contents noted.
- Dogs Trust looking for financial support. Plus autumn magazine. Contents noted.
- Bluefin with information on local community councillors having to defend themselves when one of them took the rest to court. D McLeod stated that he has looked into our insurance policy and this is covered. Comment noted and filed.
- SCVO e-mail with information from labour telling us of Scottish Future Jobs Fund. Contents noted & filed.
- Invoice from NLC for Bellshill Academy Let. Passed to Treasurer for payment.
- ASCC Online bulletin issue 2 October 2010. Contents noted & filed.
- SCVO information on AGM. Filed & noted
- SCVO Agenda for AGM. Filed & noted
- E-Mail from Ann Andrews NLC informing me of cancellation of November meeting for community council. D McLeod contacted both John Street NLC and Bellshill Academy and came up with an alternative meeting place owing to the school having an open night.
- E-Mail from Ricky Williams informing me of the added names to the War Memorial. D

McLeod has already held a small dedication service with Major James Bryden saying a few well chosen words.

- SCVO informing us on the postponement of the PVG scheme until February.
- Digital Television switchover community outreach pack. Noted & filed
- SCVO ebulletin 9 November. Filed & noted.
- Zurich insurance renewal notice. D McLeod to liaise with Tom Taylor and have this paid ASAP.
- Letter informing D McLeod that James McCabe will be attending the Remembrance Day Service in place of Provost Tom Curley
- VANL survey completed online.
- NLC winter maintenance policy & procedures document 2010/2011.
- NLC 20s plenty campaign
- ASCC The Community Councillor journal Autumn edition
- Torrance Park public exhibition change of date from 13th to 20th November
- SCVO survey completed online.
- VANL training update
- Invitation to attend the official opening of Alworth Store in Bellshill on Saturday 27th November at 9.30am for 10.00am. D McLeod apologised to all present but he cannot attend owing to another meeting. Tom Leggate & Tom Taylor agreed to attend on behalf of the Community Council. D McLeod will inform Katharine Hough of the members that will be attending.
- Hags promotional sale item flyer, children's playground equipment.

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- D McLeod then brought forward 2 issues from the Bellshill Speaker indicating that residents are complaining about erection of mobile phone masts. He informed the meeting that he has already passed these 2 issues through the community council minutes and stated that they did not present an issue but it was on the front pages of the last 2 weeks local newspaper. D McLeod also informed the meeting that he has spoken to Ian McLean from the speaker office and he will keep him if any other issues will be coming before the public on issues of this type.
- D McLeod told all present that over the last few weeks he has attended a number of meeting on the issue of the NLC cuts where these meetings have stated that there were other ways of saving money and that the cuts were not necessary,
- Another letter received from the traders on the Hamilton Road giving cause for concern on the forth coming traffic regulations and looking for an answer to their previous letter. D McLeod informed the meeting that he has lettered Richard Lyle on this issue and copied this letter on the subject.

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 15th December 2010.

Bellshill Academy Skye Suite.