

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 onto 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 onto asked 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November
- SCVO survey completed online.
- VANL training update
- Invitation to attend the official opening of Alworth Store in Bellshill on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### AOCB

- 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Bellshill Academy Skye Suite.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**  
**BELLSHILL ACADEMY SKYE SUITE**

**Welcome**

The chairman Tom Leggate MBE welcomed all the meeting.

**Present**

Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Alice Forsyth, W Baker, Ellen Williamson, Tom Taylor Treasurer, Ray Mitchell, and Duncan McLeod secretary.

**Apologies**

Pat Bannister. Mrs. Louise McRae, Alan Mulholland Police, Stephen Chang-Leng

**Visitors :** Cllr Harry Curran, Debbie Marklow from Scottish Health Council, Joe Gorman

D.McLeod introduced Debbie Marklow from Scottish Health Council who will be giving us a presentation on the Health Council. D McLeod asked for the indulgence of the meeting to allow Debbie to give her presentation first before we conduct the business of the community council as she has to watch her time because of travelling distance after this meeting. All agreed to allow this presentation to be given now.

Presentation of the Scottish Health Council which was formed in 2005 but took over from the original Lanarkshire Health Council which has been in existence for approximately 10-15 years. Handouts were passed between the members for future reference, Debbie's presentation was excellent and our best wishes were given to her. The meeting was then opened up for some questions where Joe Gorman asked about an issue that was in the Herald newspaper, Debbie agreed to look into this point and respond via Duncan McLeod. Tom Leggate asked about the issue of the Cleland hospital, Debbie agreed to look into this and respond as before. Alice Forsyth asked about Wishaw General Hospital discharging patients before they should be let go, Debbie agreed to take note of these comments and will seek clarification.

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

The December meeting had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions.

**Business Arising**

1. Cancellation of December meeting D McLeod stated that he was unhappy that the December meeting was cancelled under direction from the chairman; he asked that this point be placed in the minute and that to cancel any future meeting there must be an agreement between more of the executive elected members to cancel a meeting. The weather at the beginning of the month was extreme but in D McLeod opinion the forecast was favourable and that the meeting could have taken place. A number of the members voiced their opinions and stated that it was acceptable that the meeting was cancelled but agreed that the decision needs to be better discussed.
2. Walter baker asked if any response on the issue of the fencing around Bellshill Academy's playing fields. Harry Curran intimated that Harry McGuigan along with himself has asked about this issue and he will look into it again and bring back an answer for the next meeting. Walter was still unhappy with the amount of dogs dirt being left on the playing fields and asked Harry to take this back to the proper authorities.
3. Financial support for ECO committee of Bellshill Academy £50 was sent onto this committee, Walter did pass on his thanks for this donation.
4. Zurich Insurance renewal payment has been forwarded.

5. Alworth Steer opening Tom Taylor attended on behalf of the community council owing to the secretary having to attend another meeting. He was given a warm welcome and the stores arrangements were first class.

**Police Report:** None –A few of the member commented on the lack of these reports but D McLeod intimated that Alan was off his work for some time and was swamped with work on his return but when the report will be given to the secretary he would send it out to the members along with their minute.

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

### **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.
- Letter in reply to questions asked about forthcoming changes being made to traffic management within the Hamilton Road area. Points noted and filed.
- SCVO e-bulletin contents noted
- Bank of Scotland letter with various changes proposed to our banking procedures, copied and passed to Tom Taylor our treasurer.
- Copies of the Corporate Plan Performance Report and Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report for 2009/2010. D McLeod has read these and all points noted & filed.
- Letter of thanks and receipt from the piper for Remembrance Day Service
- Receipt from Imperial Flute Band for Remembrance Day Service & Parade
- Statement from the Bank of Scotland copied and passed to Treasurer.
- Scottish Government ASCC stakeholder survey, D McLeod completed this on line on behalf of the community council
- Digital switchover outreach pack. Passed out for a member to take T Taylor accepted this pack.
- ASCC online bulletin for December 2010
- E Mail from Ray Gunnion detailing Unison decision calling for public service strike and “needs budget”
- SCVO bulletin December
- Christmas card from Cllr Harry Curran
- Letter from Scottish Water advising of proposed changes to water mains in and around Bellshill.
- Winter edition of INVOLVE magazine from VANL
- Invoice for payment for let of Bellshill Academy for meeting in November. Passed for payment to treasurer.
- SCVO bulleting from December 17
- ASCC on line bulletin for December
- NLC minutes from all meeting. D.McLeod has scrutinized these.
- Christmas Card and note from Isabelle Boyd Head Teacher from Cardinal Newman High School in reply to letter from us asking for a meeting. D McLeod to arrange a suitable time for this meeting, D McLeod suggested that we should invite Isabelle Boyd along to give us a presentation on what she sees her remit for the school. Agreed that February meeting would be acceptable.
- E-Mail Christmas wishes from Town Centre Activities.
- Receipt and note of thanks for donation for Remembrance Day Service from Major James Bryden.
- Receipt from Salvation Army Band for Remembrance Day Service & Parade.
- Bank Statement copied and passed to Treasurer.
- Letter from NLC on the way for future planning applications via the internet. D McLeod has signed up for this on behalf of the community council.
- Letter from Good Community Relations Project asking for time to come along to pass on what this project has to offer Bellshill. It was moved by some members that we should invite them along to a future meeting. D McLeod to arrange this possibly for March.

- SCVO Ebulletin 12 January contents noted & filed.
- ASCC letter seeking nominations for a local community councilor who went that extra journey during the extreme weather. Contents noted.
- VANL information on local networking events D McLeod informed the meeting that he always attended these on behalf of the community council but owing to starting work recently he will be unable to attend any future meeting as they are held during the day.
- VANL training course information. Contents noted.
- Letter in reply to our letter on traffic management proposals for Bellshill, this reply indicates all the proposed changes detailing them in depth. Contents noted & filed.
- 2 large envelopes containing maps and details of the alterations proposed for M8/M73/M74
- Public consultation events for Bothwellpark Public Access. D McLeod to contact them seeking more information but to let them know the idea is excellent.
- Reply from Graham McKay on the letter complaining on the time taken to clear the snow & ice from roads/pavements in and around Bellshill. D McLeod stated the Graham has just given a straight answer quoting regulations which are totally acceptable. Contents noted & filed.

### AOCB

D McLeod brought forward the comments that were in the Bellshill Speaker informing of the closure of Bellshill Cross for 20 days. D McLeod also spoke to the Bellshill Speaker on this issue stating that the suggestions of closing the roads and having transport turning into Motherwell Road from Main Street would cause problems. Harry Curran stated that meetings between the contractors and NLC have been held and an agreement has been reached to try and alleviate any issues that the road resurfacing will cause.

Ellen Williamson asked what is going to happen to the building in John Street which used to be the community centre. Harry Curran intimated that it would be put up for sale or it may be knocked down depending on what requires to be required to upgrade this building. At present there has been no decision on what is to happen to the building.

Walter Baker asked if anything has been done about the marble blocks around the proposed planted area at Bellshill Cross, he has indicated that some of these beautiful stones have been damaged where corners have been broken off. D McLeod agreed to contact Dennis O'Kane who is the contact for the working around Bellshill for NLC informing him of the damage to this area. Forthcoming Street Fair D McLeod informed all that the Annual Street Fair will be soon with us and he is asking permission to invite Richard Lyle to officially open this year's fair. This was accepted by the members present. D McLeod agreed to start arranging all issues relating to this year's 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

In the Bellshill Academy Skye Suite.



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**  
**BELLSHILL ACADEMY SKYE SUITE**



**Welcome**

The vice chair person Ellen Williamson welcomed all the meeting.

**Present**

Alice Forsyth, W Baker, Ellen Williamson, Tom Taylor Treasurer, Stephen Chang-Leng, Louise McRae, Alan Mulholland police, Ray Mitchell and Duncan McLeod secretary.

**Apologies :** Tom Leggate MBE chairman, Pat Bannister.

**Visitors :** Cllr Harry Curran, Isabelle Boyd Head Teacher Cardinal Newman High School, Nicola Dowds STV Local Bellshill, Scott Mochur The Hub Newspaper.

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

**Business Arising:**

- Walter Baker seeking help with fence around Bellshill Academy playing fields. This has been repaired and Walter accepted the notification. He also asked with reference to the dog fouling within the park. D McLeod stated that this seems to be an ongoing issue which was indicated by Isabelle Boyd an issue also at Cardinal Newman High School. D McLeod asked that this should be brought to the attention of the local council. D McLeod agreed to contact Tom Gaffney who will forward it to the appropriate department.
- Good Community Relation Project, D McLeod stated after our last meeting he was requested to invite Mr. Amal Azzudin to give a short presentation at our March meeting. This presentation has been set up and we all look forward to Amal's presentation.
- Bothwell Park Public Access consultation evening D McLeod stated that he went along on behalf of the Community council and then handed out some questionnaires to be completed for submission to the organisers for our interest in this project.
- Conformation from Isabelle Boyd to give the community council members a short presentation on the Cardinal Newman High School

**Presentation from**  
**Isabelle Boyd**  
**Head Teacher Cardinal Newman High School**

Isabelle spoke on her role as Head Teacher and the school; in general where she has at present a school role of 1117 pupils and their estimated role will be 1119 for the next session. She went onto state that both Cardinal Newman and Bellshill Academy are not in competition and are both seeking to reduce the anti social behaviour which seems to be present within both schools. Isabelle went onto say that Both Ann Munro and she have agreed to join forces in 3 ventures where they will share their expertise with each other and promote both schools. Isabelle went onto say that in the past the school had a good working relationship with the community council but over that last number of years this has waned but since the community council have invited her along tonight she is hopeful that the relationship will again flourish. D McLeod asked that in the past when Willie Foy had a good relationship with the school there was a prize presented at the school's prize giving

annually that was purchased from monies donated by the community council Isabelle stated that this award is still presented annually and will be for many years to come. D McLeod stated that when he became involved the community council donated a sum of money annually and for some reason this stopped it was moved that this money be restarted and should be an annual donation to both schools, D McLeod then asked the members for a suggestion on this annual award Tom Taylor treasurer moved £200 which was accepted by all, to which Isabelle thanked the members for this kind donation. Isabelle went onto say that both schools are attempting joint ventures where members of both schools will attend various meetings and set up some type of fund raising activities, Isabelle went onto say that both schools have already had tentative meetings and have agreed to support 3 common projects, Mark Scott Foundation, Spirit Aid charity with David Hayman & creative ideas this one will be started some time in June.

D McLeod then thanked Isabelle Boyd Head Teacher of Cardinal Newman High School for giving up her time to come along to this meeting and giving this very interesting presentation. Isabelle thanked all for allowing her to come along. Isabelle was then asked if she wished to remain for the remainder of the business or would she prefer to leave, to which she thanked us for allowing her to retire.

**Police Report:** In writing which was to large to comment on certain issues. NAE Danger campaign which will be launched for 2011 in May where Alan has agreed to join 100 female bikers in a trip round Scotland and McMillan Cancer Support will be the chosen charity to benefit from this venture, he is looking for support with can collection and bag packing in Tesco and Morrison stores if available please pass on your details to Alan as soon as possible. Various incidents were then brought to the member's attention and our thanks were expressed to the local police force for all their work in dealing with these incidents. Blue Light Disco report was then given where over 300 kids turned up at the Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre where they all enjoyed the night which was arranged to be a Burns Theme event, various prizes were given out to the kids and a cheque was presented by Tom Clarke MP to Cash for kids for £500. The youngsters were then given a treat where the toast to the haggis was performed and 2 pipers gave these kids some tradition tunes.

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

### **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 2011 budget "A Briefing from the SCVO"
- VANL update on training availability
- SCVO ebuletin
- SURF Annual Conference D McLeod stated that this event is looking for someone to attend but no one showed the willing.
- Craighburn Homes information on proposed care home at Carnbroe Mains Estate. D McLeod sent an email but has not received a reply.
- Transport Scotland more information on the proposed alterations to the M8/A8/A725
- NHS invite to attend carers team event no one available to attend on behalf of the community council.
- SCVO ebuletin
- Bank of Scotland letter on information about foreign exchanges of money. Passed to Tom Taylor our treasurer.
- Bank of Scotland statement of accounts. Copied and passed to Tom Taylor our Treasurer.
- GVANL "Involve Magazine" D McLeod indicated that the information contained in this issue was very interesting and if anyone wished to read it they could take it away.
- VANL invite to their conference.
- Robertson Homes invite to attend preview meeting of their show house. D McLeod stated



- unfortunately he cannot attend owing to his work commitments and will inform them accordingly
- VANL Training opportunities
  - NLC invoice for let of Bellshill Academy. Passed to Treasurer
  - SCVO Ebulletin for February
  - Information from Keppie on proposed build works at the former land of Bellshill Athletic. Various members spoke on this and Harry Curran stated that this has not come in front of the local councillors. D McLeod agreed to keep a check on this and act accordingly on behalf of the community council.
  - SCVO information on the forth coming Gathering
  - Invoice from NLC January let for Bellshill Academy. Passed to treasurer.
  - ASCC online bulletin for February
  - ASCC Common ground Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March Bath Street Glasgow looking for volunteer.
  - Collins McKay Funding Surgeries Information

#### AOCB

- ❖ Vandalism at EU Church Memorial Gardens. D McLeod informed all about the information contained in the Bellshill Speaker where the damage caused by unknown persons to the memorial Gardens. D McLeod had assisted the Church by informing STV Local, the Hub & realranter website with this information. He felt that this was disgusting and that Bellshill Community Council could assist them financially. It was moved that a donation of £50 be sent to the church D McLeod stated that he has been attending this church since Christmas and would deliver the cheque personally. Moved and agreed by all.
- ❖ Garden Party Invite. D McLeod informed all that the members of the community council have been cordially invited to attend the Queen's garden party in Holyrood on 5<sup>th</sup> July as guests of the Deputy Lieutenant of Lanarkshire. D McLeod informed all that he has forwarded the names of the members and partners for acceptance and will wait for clearance. It was agreed that a minibus to transport the members to this event will be arranged by the secretary and treasurer. D McLeod also informed all that owing to his records he failed to invite Stephen as his phone number was not in our records and he apologised to him at the meeting, for not being able to include him in this invitation.

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

#### Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

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