

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 7 April 2011**

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**Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill, 7 April 2011 at 7 pm.**

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran and Delaney, North Lanarkshire Council; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire; Station Commander Brian McGuire and Watch Commander Brian Hughes, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Inspector Stewart Hurry, 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; Denis O'Kane, Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, McCabe and H. McGuigan, North Lanarkshire Council; Group Commander Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

**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 7 of this Minute, in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – Bellshill and District Locality due to the nature of his employment.

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

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 20 January 2011.

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

**BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES**

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 17 November 2010 and 19 January and 16 February 2011.

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

**PRESENTATION - REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS**

4. The Local Regeneration Manager, Matt Costello, submitted information (tabled) in relation to the Council's proposals to reduce the number of Local Area Partnerships from six to three and gave a presentation thereon (1) setting out the background to the proposals; (2) advising that there were two options available (a) Option 1 – Airdrie and Coatbridge; Motherwell, Wishaw and Bellshill, and North Area, or (b) Option 2 – Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Airdrie; Coatbridge, Bellshill and Strathkelvin, and Motherwell, Wishaw and Fortissat; (3) indicating that the consultees included North Lanarkshire Partnership, Community Forums, Local Area Teams and Local Area Partnerships; (4) setting out the main issues for consideration by the Local Area Partnership, and (5) pointing out (a) that written comments required to be submitted by 6 May 2011; (b) that a report on the outcome of the consultation would be submitted to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 16 June 2011, and (c) that the Committee's decision would be reported to the Local Area Partnerships thereafter.

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Local Regeneration Manager be noted.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

5. There was submitted a report dated April 2011 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of the activities of the Forum over the last few months.

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

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 6 October 2010 and 12 January 2011.

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes 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 Curran assumed the Chair.**

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

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 April 2011) dated 17 March 2011 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 identification of specific areas of information for future reporting to the Local Area Partnership meetings in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Karen Hunter, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, when she advised that the Bellshill Locality contacts, as detailed in the report, would be relocating from their current location at Cleland Hospital to Wishaw General Hospital adjacent to the Maggie's Centre and highlighted the action being taken by GP practices within Bellshill to improve attendance at Cervical Screening appointments.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (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 otherwise noted.

**Councillor Lyle resumed the Chair.**

#### **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

8. There was submitted a joint report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 April 2011) dated 7 April 2011 by Housing and Social Work Services, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue advising of initiatives and measures taken to minimise the level of anti-social behaviour within the Bellshill and District area for the period from December 2010 to February 2011, including (1) a summary of the key activities of the three partners; (2) statistical information in respect of the partners, as detailed within Appendices 2 to 4 of the report; (3) details of the hotspots for the Bellshill and District area, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, and (4) the work of Liber8/Street Base North Project which provides outreach services for young people with potential alcohol and drug abuse issues in the Birkenshaw, Tannochside and Viewpark area, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Station Commander Brian McGuire, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police and Alison Clarke, Area Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

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

#### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 20 January 2011, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 April 2011) dated 7 April 2011 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 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, and (3) referring to the agreed reduction in the Local Development Programme funding from £2.93m in 2011/2012 to £1m, projects for which would be considered following the decision on the set up and funding of the New Local Area Partnerships.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, then highlighted the main points of the report and responded to Members' 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, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress regarding projects for delivery in 2010/2011, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;

- (3) that further progress on the current projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that it be noted that projects for delivery in 2011/2012 will be presented to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership for approval.

**BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 20 January 2011, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 April 2011) dated 14 March 2011 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 Phase 4 works were progressing well and were within the scheduled timescales, as detailed in the report; (2) updating the Local Area Partnership in relation to the Draft Traffic Regulation Order, which had been approved on 26 January 2011, with associated signage being implemented during March; (3) advising that the 11 week contract for works to the Hamilton Road roundabout commenced on 7 March 2011 and was expected to be completed by mid May, and of the action being taken to maintain the flow of traffic during this time, and (4) intimating that, pending the progression of the Frameworks for the growth and change within Bellshill, and to take advantage of available funding, a number of projects for implementation during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 had been identified within Bellshill Town Centre, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, which would be subject to consultation with the local Members and relevant Services as they were developed.

Denis O’Kane, Planning Officer, was then heard in supplement to the report when he advised that the parking restrictions within Bellshill Town Centre would come into effect on 11 April 2011 and that the tenders received for the Park and Ride facility had been in excess of the allocated funding, which had resulted in the project being redesigned to reduce costs prior to being retendered.

During discussion, the Convener requested (1) that details of the proposed roundabout at Farmgate Square be provided at the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and (2) that the closure of Main Street at Glebe Street be re-evaluated given the changes in traffic levels since the original proposals were approved.

Arising from consideration of the works to the Morrison’s link area, the Convener advised that he had received a request that James Cleland Richardson, a recipient of the Victoria Cross who was born in Bellshill and subsequently emigrated to Canada, be recognised, and proposed that consideration be given to the inclusion of Mr. Richardson’s name within the James Dempsey Way area or, if this was not possible, consideration be given to recognition by inclusion of his name when further developments were undertaken within the Bellshill area.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that details of the proposed roundabout at Farmgate Square be provided to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (3) that the officers re-evaluate the closure of Main Street at Glebe Street in the light of the time since the original proposals were approved, and
- (4) that appropriate consideration be given to James Cleland Richardson being recognised by the future inclusion of his name within the James Dempsey Way area or as part of any future developments in the Bellshill area.

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

11. The Local Area Partnership noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 7 July 2011 at 7 pm in the Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill.

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 7 April 2011**

**Bellshill Cultural Centre, John Street, Bellshill, 7 April 2011 at 8.35 pm.**

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Lyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran and Delaney.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Lyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

Prior to consideration of the business on the agenda, Councillor Lyle declared a financial interest in the item dealt with at paragraph 7 of this Minute, in relation to the NHS Lanarkshire – North Community Health Partnership – Bellshill and District Locality due to the nature of his employment.

**2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 7 APRIL 2011**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 7 April 2011 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

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

**(2) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES**

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

**(3) PRESENTATION – REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS**

**Decided:** that the presentation by the Local Regeneration Manager be noted.

**(4) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

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

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

**Decided:** that the terms of the Minutes 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 Curran took the Chair.**

**(6) 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
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

**Councillor Lyle resumed the Chair.**

**(7) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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

**(8) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects in 2009/2010, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress regarding projects for delivery in 2010/2011, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that further progress on the current projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that it be noted that projects for delivery in 2011/2012 will be presented to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership for approval.

**(9) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted;
- (2) that details of the proposed roundabout at Farmgate Square be provided to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (3) that the officers re-evaluate the closure of Main Street at Glebe Street in the light of the time since the original proposals were approved, and
- (4) that appropriate consideration be given to James Cleland Richardson being recognised by the future inclusion of his name within the James Dempsey Way area or as part of any future developments in the Bellshill area.

**(10) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – 7 JULY 2011 AT 7 PM IN THE FIRE STATION, OLD EDINBURGH ROAD, BELLSHILL**

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 7 July 2011 at 7 pm within the Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill and that the Area Committee will meet immediately thereafter in the same location.