

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 7 July 2011

Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill, 7 July 2011 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor J. Coyle, Convener; Councillors Burrows, Curran, Lyle and McKeown, North Lanarkshire Council; Area Commander Craig Shaw, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR

Councillor J. Coyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations) and Denis O’Kane, Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Pauline Maginnis, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Kenny Lees, Project Manager, StreetBase North and Kevin O’Neill, Public Mental Health and Well-Being Development Manager, NHS Lanarkshire.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Delaney, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

Convener’s Remarks

The Convener welcomed everyone to his first meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership as Convener and thanked Councillor Lyle for all his work for the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee in his time as Convener.

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

1. The Local Area Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

PRESENTATION - LIBER8 LANARKSHIRE

2. The Convener introduced Kenny Lees, Project Manager, StreetBase North, who gave a presentation on the background to and work of Liber8 Lanarkshire, which had been set up to provide a free, community based, confidential service for those affected by alcohol or substance problems with the aim of improving the health, well-being and quality of people’s lives particularly in relation to the negative impact of alcohol and substance misuse.

Following a full discussion, during which Mr. Lees responded to Members’ questions, the Convener thanked Mr. Lees for his informative presentation.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

PRESENTATION ON NHS ISSUES - FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

3. The Convener introduced Kevin O'Neil, Public Mental Health and Well-being Development Manager, NHS Lanarkshire, who gave a presentation on mental health initiatives within North Lanarkshire as a whole and in Bellshill in particular, which had been put in place to improve mental health in the area, remove the stigma associated with mental illness and increase awareness of mental health and suicide prevention.

Following a full discussion, during which the importance of partnership working in relation to mental health issues was highlighted and Mr. O'Neil responded to Members' questions, the Convener thanked Mr. O'Neil for his informative presentation.

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

REDUCTION IN LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 April 2011, when the presentation by the Local Regeneration Manager on the proposed reduction in the number of Local Area Partnerships was noted, there was submitted a report dated 7 July 2011 by the Chief Executive advising of (1) the outcome of the consultation in relation to the proposed reduction in Local Area Partnerships from six to three, and (2) the Council's decision to retain the six Local Area Partnerships structure meantime, subject to ongoing review, it having been noted that the necessary savings had been achieved by means of each Local Regeneration Manager covering two areas.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 7 April 2011.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

6. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill Community Council held on 16 March, 20 April, 18 May and 15 June 2011.

Arising from consideration of the Minutes, Councillor Lyle indicated that he had been informed that Bellshill Athletic Football Club was to relocate to a new ground at Hope Street, Mossend.

Thereon, Councillors McKeown and J. Coyle indicated that, as local members, they were not aware of this proposition and that an alternative proposal for this site was being progressed. The Convener then proposed that a full report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the Minutes be noted, and
- (2) that it be recommended to the Area Committee that a full report on the relocation of Bellshill Athletic Football Club to Hope Street, Mossend be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report dated July 2011 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of the activity of the Forum over the last few months.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE

8. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 23 March 2011.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

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

9. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 July 2011) dated 22 June 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) proposing that specific areas of information be identified for future reporting to the Local Area Partnership meetings in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan.

Councillor Lyle then indicated that he had been advised that NHS Lanarkshire were proposing to reduce the number of out-of-hours cars covering the area from five to four by the removal of one car from Lanark and expressed his concern about the possible reduction in service as a result of this change.

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

- (1) that a report on the proposal by NHS Lanarkshire to reduce the number of cars providing the out-of-hours service be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership;
- (2) 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
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

10. 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 July 2011) dated 7 July 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 anti-social behaviour within the Bellshill and District area for the period from March to May 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, and (3) details of (a) the hotspots for the Bellshill and District area, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) the work of StreetBase North through Liber8 Lanarkshire, where outreach services were provided for young people with potential alcohol and drug abuse issues in the Birkenshaw, Tannochside and Viewpark areas, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Pauline Maginnis, Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Area Commander Craig Shaw and Station Commander Brian McGuire, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Chief Inspector Angus McPhail and Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

11. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 April 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 July 2011) dated 7 July 2010 by the Head of Regeneration Services (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) proposing, for the reasons detailed in the report, that the Estate Based Initiatives budget be formally amalgamated with the Local Development Programme budget; (3) setting out the current position in relation to the projects within the Programme for 2010/11, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (4) indicating that, for the reasons detailed within the report, it was proposed to develop a two year Local Development Programme, and (5) seeking approval of proposed projects for implementation over the two year Local Development Programme 2011/12 and 2012/13, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report (as amended and tabled).

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 regarding projects for delivery in 2010/2011, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposed projects for delivery over the two year Local Development Programme 2011/2012 and 2012/2013, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, as amended, be approved;
- (3) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (4) that the proposal to amalgamate the Estate Based Initiatives budget with the Local Development Programme budget, for its interest, be endorsed.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

12. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 April 2011, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 July 2011) dated 20 June 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 the Phase Four works were complete with the exception of snagging works; (2) providing an update on the feature lighting being provided within the Town Centre, which was mainly complete; (3) advising that the Hamilton Road roundabout was now complete with minimal disruption to traffic and plans were being progressed for the construction of a further roundabout on Hamilton Road at the junction of Farmgate Square, and (4) intimating that the projects for implementation within the Bellshill area during 2011/2012 and 2012/2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, were being progressed.

Denis O’Kane, Planning Officer, then (1) highlighted the main points of the report; (2) indicated (a) that repairs would be undertaken to Neilson Street in the coming weeks, as a consequence of which a compound would be located within a section of Glebe Street Car Park, and (b) that the official opening of James Dempsey Way was anticipated to take place on 28 July 2011, and (3) responded to Members’ questions.

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

(2) CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET TO THE WEST OF THE SIR MATT BUSBY CENTRE

13. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 7 April 2011, when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that Officers be requested to re-evaluate the closure of Main Street at Glebe Street in light of the time which had passed since the original proposals were approved, there was submitted a report dated 17 June 2011 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) indicating that the closure of Main Street to the west of the Sir Matt Busby Centre was scheduled to take place during 2011/2012, dependent on the promotion of a Road Closure Order; (2) advising that traffic micro-simulation modelling work was to be commissioned on completion of the Town Centre works to analyse current traffic flows and patterns and to examine and quantify the effects of any proposed alterations to the Road Network, and (3) listing the possible effects on traffic of the proposed closure.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), in supplement to the report when he proposed that a report be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee seeking approval for a short term closure of Main Street to the west of the Sir Matt Busby Centre, subject to appropriate legislation, to assess the impact on the road system.

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

- (1) that a report be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee seeking approval for a short term closure of Main Street to the west of the Sir Matt Busby Centre, subject to appropriate legislation, to assess the impact on the road network, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration as a matter of urgency and exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

PLAY PARK ON THORNDEN AVENUE, BELLSHILL

14. On a question being raised by a local resident regarding (1) the lack of consultation with residents prior to the development of the play area at Thorndean Avenue, Bellshill, and (2) the anti social behaviour that had occurred at the play area since its construction, including damage to fencing, fire setting and the loitering of youths, the Convener advised that there was no obligation to consult local residents in relation to this type of development and proposed that the Local Regeneration Manager arrange a meeting between Sandra Mousdale, Play Services Manager, representatives of the local residents and the Police to discuss this matter.

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

- (1) that the Local Regeneration Manager make arrangements for a meeting to take place to discuss this matter, involving the Play Services Manager, representatives of the local residents and the Police, and
- (2) that, meantime, 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, 6 October 2011 at 7 pm in Lawmuir Primary School, Footfield Road, Bellshill.

Bellshill Fire Station, Old Edinburgh Road, Bellshill, 7 July 2011 at 9 pm.

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PRESENT

Councillor J. Coyle, Convener; Councillors Curran, Lyle and McKeown.

CHAIR

Councillor J. Coyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Business Manager (Roads Operations) and Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Service Delivery Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, Delaney, McCabe and H. McGuigan.

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

The Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

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

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

(1) PRESENTATION - LIBER8 LANARKSHIRE

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

(2) PRESENTATION ON NHS ISSUES - FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Decided: that the terms of the presentation be noted.

(3) REDUCTION IN LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

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

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(5) BELLSHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

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- (2) that a full report on the relocation of Bellshill Athletic Football Club to Hope Street, Mossend be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(6) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

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(8) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCALITY

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(11) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(a) UPDATE

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

(b) CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET TO THE WEST OF THE SIR MATT BUSBY CENTRE

Decided:

(1) that a report be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee seeking approval for a short term closure of Main Street to the west of the Sir Matt Busby Centre, subject to appropriate legislation, to assess the impact on the road network, and

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The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration as a matter of urgency and exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

(12) PLAY PARK ON THORNDEAN AVENUE, BELLSHILL

Decided:

(1) that the Local Regeneration Manager make arrangements for a meeting to take place to discuss this matter, involving the Play Services Manager, representatives of the local residents and the Police, and

(2) that, meantime, the position be noted.

(13) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 6 October 2011 at 7 pm in Lawmuir Primary School, Footfield Road, Bellshill and the Area Committee will meet immediately thereafter in the same location.

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

The Convener, on behalf of the Local Area Partnership, referred to the forthcoming retirement of Chief Inspector Angus McPhail, thanked him for all his work and assistance during his time in Bellshill and wished him well for a long and happy retirement. Councillor Lyle, on behalf of the Members, and Area Commander Craig Shaw, then made a presentation to Chief Inspector McPhail, who suitably replied.