

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 31 May 2012**

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**Bellshill, 31 May 2012 at 7 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran and Lyle, North Lanarkshire Council; Jim Scott, Group Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Chief Inspector Alex Graham and Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police, and Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lesley Dysart, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager and David Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McNally and Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire.

**CONVENER'S REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed the new elected Members to their first meeting of the Local Area Partnership and intimated that he was honoured to be Convener of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

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

1. There were no declarations of interest.

**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 12 January 2012.

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

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

3. There was submitted a report dated May 2012 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**

4. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 20 February 2012.

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

**JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 31 May 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services setting out a revised approach to reporting on community safety (1) advising that, in view of organisational changes affecting the Partnership and the need to be more outcome focussed, it was proposed that some revisions be made to the Joint Community Safety Report to reflect changes to the operational environment; (2) indicating that the Community Safety Sub-Group of the Local Area Team had revised the way it presents and uses information through the adoption of what is termed Environmental Visual Audits which provide a detailed assessment of problems in the area through the use of photographs and detailed written descriptions; (3) proposing that the information contained within the report be based on an agreed "priority area" for each locality with the priority levels being determined by the Local Area Team using a series of indicators around levels of crime, prevalence of major estate management problems and anti-social behaviour; (4) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, the 20 electoral wards in North Lanarkshire ranked in order of the average number of incidents of disorder per month, and (5) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report, a sample graphic representation of a priority area including the information relating to the Partnership work ongoing within the area.

**Decided:** that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the revised method of delivering the Joint Community Safety Report, as set out within the report be approved.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 12 January 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 31 May 2012) dated 31 May 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, progress with regard to (a) individual projects for 2011/12 and 2012/13, and (b) the Estate Based Initiative programme for the financial year 2011/12; (3) advising that there were a number of changes requiring to be made to the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Programme, with the changes highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, and (4) recommending that the changes required to the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Programme be approved for delivery.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, highlighted the main points of the report.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects over the two year programme for 2011/12 and 2012/13, as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiative proposals for 2011/12 as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;

- (3) that the changes to the Programme as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

#### **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

7. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 12 January 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 31 May 2012) dated 31 May 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development, North Lanarkshire Council updating the Local Area Partnership on the current position in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan and setting out the position regarding Bellshill Gateway - Bellshill West Parish Church, Farmgate Square Roundabout and James Dempsey Way.

David Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), North Lanarkshire Council, highlighted the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Following further discussion Councillor J. Coyle intimated that various paving slabs needed to be replaced or fixed as soon as possible within Main Street, Bellshill as it was now becoming a health and safety issue. Thereon the Convener intimated that a further report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership which would contain more information regarding (1) the difficulties within surfaces of the Town Centre area, and (2) looking at remedies for the area in the future.

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

- (1) that a further report regarding the difficulties within the Town Centre area raised at the meeting and ways to remedy them, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING - AREA PROFILE AND AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council regarding the introduction of the process of reporting on local community planning activity through the provision of a brief ward by ward profile for the Bellshill area and the implementation of the Local Area Team Action Plan as a measure of progress in the delivery of local community planning (1) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a brief statistical profile of each ward in the Bellshill area containing statistics on deprivation indicators, population, tenure, educational attainment, benefit take-up and health indicators; (2) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report a snap shot of the Area Team Action Plan for the Bellshill area, and (3) summarising the current priorities for the Bellshill area.

Thereon Matt Costello was heard in further explanation of the report.

**Decided:** that it be noted that reports on the delivery of local community planning would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

9. Due to elected Members being on holiday in August 2012 it was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be discussed with the Convener and a new date would be intimated to all relevant parties in due course.

**AOCB**

10. Inspector Hurry informed Members that the Community Safety Sub-Group's Strategy Document would be issued to all elected Members in due course.

**Bellshill, 31 May 2012 at 8 pm.**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran and Lyle.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Scott, Group Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue; Chief Inspector Alex Graham and Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police, and Duncan McLeod, Chair of Bellshill and District Community Forum.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McNally and Karen Hunter of NHS Lanarkshire.

**CONVENER'S REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed the new elected Members to their first meeting of the Area Committee and intimated that he was honoured to be Convener of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee.

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

**Decided:** There were no declarations received.

**2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 31 MAY 2012**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 31 May 2012 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 AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

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

**(3) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - MINUTES**

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

**(4) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

**Decided:** that the revised method of delivering the Joint Community Safety Report, as set out within the report be approved.

**(5) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects over the two year programme for 2011/12 and 2012/13, as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services, North Lanarkshire Council, be noted;
- (2) that the progress with the Estate Based Initiative proposals for 2011/12 as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the changes to the Programme as highlighted within Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (5) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that a further report regarding the difficulties within the Town Centre area raised at the meeting and ways to remedy them, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

**(7) LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING - AREA PROFILE AND AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS**

**Decided:** that it be noted that reports on the delivery of local community planning would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership.

**(8) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Due to elected Members being on holiday in August 2012 it was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be discussed with the Convener and a new date would be intimated to all relevant parties in due course.

**(9) AOCB**

Inspector Hurry informed Members that the Community Safety Sub-Group's Strategy Document would be issued to all elected Members in due course.