

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 16 August 2012

Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 16 August 2012 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager; Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, and Denis O’Kane, Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Fiona McDermott, Service Delivery Manager and William Ross, Senior Supporting People Officer, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council and Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire.

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 – IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM ON SERVICE USERS, SERVICES AND THE ECONOMY

2. The Convener introduced William Ross, Senior Supporting People Officer, who gave a presentation on the implications for the Council, Services and service users of the Welfare Reform proposals, including
 - listing those benefits that were affected by the Welfare Reform proposals;
 - summarising the changes in benefits resulting from Welfare Reform;
 - providing statistical information that showed that, for the Bellshill area, benefit income of £2,540,417 was generated, with 426 appeals processed during 2011/2012 from the Bellshill locality;
 - outlining the possible impact on housing within North Lanarkshire, and
 - providing examples of the possible consequences of Welfare Reform.

There then followed a full discussion and exchange of information during which William Ross responded to questions and, thereafter, the Convener thanked him for his informative presentation

and proposed that, if required, an update on the Welfare Reform proposals be provided to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that, if required, an update on the Welfare Reform proposals be provided to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee held on 31 May 2012.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

4. There was submitted a report dated June 2012 from Bellshill and District Community Forum (1) advising of Forum activity over the last few months, and (2) outlining the Forum's concerns regarding (a) parking problems, and (b) road traffic problems at the traffic lights at the B7070/A725.

The Partnership then heard Duncan McLeod, Chair of the Bellshill and District Community Forum in supplement to the report and in response to questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE

5. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 May 2012.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

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

6. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 16 August 2012) dated 29 June 2012 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality providing details of various initiatives that had taken place within the Bellshill locality area.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PROBLEM SOLVING PROFILE AND ACTION PLAN FOR PRIORITY WARD 15 - MOSSEND AND HOLYTOWN

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 31 May 2012, when the revised method of delivering the Joint Community Safety Report was recommended for approval, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 16 August 2012) dated June 2012 by the Partners (1) advising that the priority area identified within the Bellshill and District Locality was Ward 15 – Mossend and Holytown; (2) setting out, within the report, statistical information and an Action Plan which included the agreed priorities and actions to address the problems identified within this area, and (3) providing statistical information in relation to the two remaining Wards within the Bellshill and District Locality, also as detailed within the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard the officers and partners in supplement to the report and in response to questions by Members.

Thereafter, the Convener indicated that arrangements would be made for a visit to the Bellshill and District Area to view the issues affecting each ward and that Partners would also be invited to participate.

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

- (1) that arrangements be made for a visit to the Bellshill and District Area to view the issues affecting each Ward to which Partners would be invited, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2012 AND 2012/2013

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 31 May 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 16 August 2012) dated 2 August 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, the progress of projects for 2012/2013 together with details of new projects for approval, and (3) providing details of the proposed Estate Based Initiative Programme for 2012/2013, also as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, North Lanarkshire Council then highlighted the main points of the report, when he indicated that he would be seeking approval of projects to be undertaken during 2013/2014 at the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership and responded to questions by Members.

During discussion of the Local Development Programme proposals, when concern was expressed regarding road safety at certain locations and it was suggested that these locations be considered for inclusion within the Programme, the Convener indicated that it was his intention to call for a report to be submitted to the next meeting on parking and traffic enforcement within the Bellshill area.

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

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects over the second year of the two year programme for 2012/2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the alterations to the 2012/2013 Programme, as highlighted in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;

- (3) that the Estate Based Initiative Programme for 2012/2013, as outlined in 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;
- (5) that it be noted that a report on parking and traffic enforcement within the Bellshill Area will be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (6) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

9. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 31 May 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 16 August 2012) dated 16 August 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development advising of progress in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan and in particular (1) outlining additional works to be carried out to the Farmgate Square Roundabout to improve accessibility for abnormal vehicles, and (2) detailing the action taken in relation to the issues raised regarding the paved surfaces on Main Street, together with further action to be undertaken when the cause of the problem had been identified.

Denis O'Kane, Planning Officer, Development Projects Team, North Lanarkshire Council then highlighted the main points of the report and responded to Members' questions.

Thereafter, Graham McKay, Head of Roads and Transportation (1) outlined the additional works to be carried out to the Farmgate Square Roundabout to enhance access arrangements for abnormal vehicles, and (2) advised that a traffic modelling exercise was being undertaken in relation to Bellshill Town Centre and that the testing may be completed in time for a report on the outcome to be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and (3) responded to Members' questions.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that a report on the outcome of the traffic modelling for Bellshill Town Centre will be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

10. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 31 May 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 16 August 2012) dated 2 August 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services (1) advising of progress in relation to the Local Community Planning priorities within the Bellshill Locality; (2) indicating that the Local Area Team was working to deliver the actions and targets set out within the Area Team Action Plan, and (3) providing examples of the issues being covered by the Local Area Team.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted, and
 - (2) that it be noted that further reports on Local Community Planning will be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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MEETINGS OF BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 2012

11. There was submitted a report dated 2 August 2012 by the Head of Central Services proposing that the scheduled date of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee during October 2012 be changed to 25 October 2012.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, due to be held on 18 October 2012, now be held on Thursday, 25 October 2012 commencing at 7 pm within Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown.

Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 16 August 2012 at 9 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager; Head of Roads and Transportation and Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Service Delivery Manager and Senior Supporting People Officer, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and McShannon.

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

The Area Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2012

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 16 August 2012 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) PRESENTATION – IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM ON SERVICE USERS, SERVICES AND THE ECONOMY

Decided:

- (1) that, if required, an update on the Welfare Reform proposals be provided to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(4) **NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE**

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) **AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PROBLEM SOLVING PROFILE AND ACTION PLAN FOR PRIORITY WARD 15 - MOSSEND AND HOLYTOWN**

Decided:

(1) that arrangements be made for a visit to the Bellshill and District Area to view the issues affecting each Ward to which Partners would be invited, and

(2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(7) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011/2012 AND 2012/2013**

Decided:

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects over the second year of the two year programme for 2012/2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;

(2) that the alterations to the 2012/2013 Programme, as highlighted in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;

(3) that the Estate Based Initiative Programme for 2012/2013, as outlined in 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;

(5) that it be noted that a report on parking and traffic enforcement within the Bellshill Area will be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and

(6) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(8) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that a report on the outcome of the traffic modelling for Bellshill Town Centre will be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

(9) LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that further reports on Local Community Planning will be submitted to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(10) MEETINGS OF BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 2012

- Decided:** that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, due to be held on 18 October 2012, now be held on Thursday, 25 October 2012 commencing at 7 pm within Michael Sherry Community Centre, Main Street, Holytown.