

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 25 October 2012**

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**Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown, 25 October 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; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire, and Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer and John O'Hagan, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager; Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, and Dave Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe and McShannon.

**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 – COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2013/2014 TO 2017/2018 AND SAVINGS OPTIONS 2013/2014 TO 2015/2016**

2. There was submitted a presentation on the Draft Savings Options being considered by North Lanarkshire Council as part of the budget process, whereon John O'Hagan, Executive Director of Corporate Services (1) advised of the scale and source of the financial pressures on the Council; (2) pointed out that it was anticipated that the Council would require to save £73.3m over the next three years; (3) indicated that savings options totalling approximately £105.75m, as proposed by the Corporate Management Team, were under consideration; (4) provided examples of the savings options, and (5) set out the timescale and procedures for consideration of this matter.

There followed a full discussion, during which various matters were raised including (1) the publicity for this meeting; (2) residents who had yet to receive a copy of the booklet "The Way Ahead – Let's talk about our future" or who had only recently received a copy; (3) the level of spend for consultants; (4) clarification of the level of funding provided by the Scottish Government; (5) clarification of Housing Revenue Account spend; (6) the question "I would like to pay more Council Tax to help public services in North Lanarkshire" in view of the Council Tax freeze; (7) the level of uncollected Council Tax and ways of improving collection levels; (8) the effects of Welfare Reform, including its effect on the local economy; (9) the impact on the community resulting from reduction in funding for the Citizens' Advice Bureaux; (10) the perception that Learning and Leisure Services had been affected more than other Services, and (11) the reduction in free school meals/fruit and the impact on children from poorer families.

The Convener then proposed that, to ensure that all those who wished were given the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process, a special meeting of the Local Area Partnership and of the Area Committee be held as soon as possible.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be recommended to the Area Committee that a special meeting of the Local Area Partnership and of the Area Committee be held on 1 November 2012, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

**REMIT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST 2012 – MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ROLE OF GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT IN DELIVERING A GREENSPACE SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROGRAMME IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE**

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on 14 August 2012, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of that meeting) dated 14 August 2012 by the Head of Land Services on the “Well Connected” Initiative as part of the Greenspace Social Prescribing Programme which was being organised in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, had agreed that this matter be remitted to the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for information and that the role of the Council in assisting the delivery of the physical activity and leisure theme in the “Well Connected” Programme and its role in tackling the national health problems be noted, the Local Area Partnership considered the report.

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

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

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 16 August 2012.

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

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

5. There was submitted a report dated October 2012 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of Forum activity since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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

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

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE**

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 11 July 2012.

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

**NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL 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 25 October 2012) dated 25 September 2012 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality providing details of various initiatives that had taken place or were due to take place within the NHS Lanarkshire area and the Bellshill Locality area.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Karen Hunter, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement of the report and in response to questions, during which the Convener proposed that he write to NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnership expressing the Local Area Partnership's concern regarding the time taken to relocate the former John Street Surgery to new premises.

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

- (1) that the Convener write to NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnership expressing the Local Area Partnership's concern regarding the delay in the relocation of the John Street Surgery, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

**JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 16 August 2012, when the terms of the revised Joint Community Safety Report were noted, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 25 October 2012) dated 25 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services (1) providing information in relation to the priority area identified within the Bellshill and District Locality of Ward 15 – Mossend and Holytown; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, statistical information and an Action Plan, agreed by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group, 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, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Inspector Stewart Hurry, Strathclyde Police, in supplement of the report and in response to questions.

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

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011-2013**

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 16 August 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 25 October 2012) dated 25 October 2012 by the Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services (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, and (3) providing details of the proposed Programme for 2013/2014, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, together with a holding list of projects should there be any slippage in expenditure.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, then 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 over the second year of the two year programme of the projects 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 Local Development Programme for 2012/2013 and the holding list of projects, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved, and
- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

## **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE**

### **(1) ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

10. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 25 October 2012) dated 26 September 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development advising of progress in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan and in particular (1) indicating that the additional works to the Farmgate Square roundabout to improve accessibility for abnormal vehicles were completed, and (2) advising of the current position in relation to the issues raised regarding the paved surfaces on Main Street.

Dave Sutton, Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), was then heard in supplement of the report and in response to Members' questions.

The Partnership was then advised of the resignation of Denis O'Kane, Planning Officer. The Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, undertook to write to him expressing their appreciation of the work undertaken by him over the years in relation to Bellshill Town Centre.

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

### **(2) TRAFFIC ISSUES IN AND AROUND BELLSHILL MAIN STREET**

11. There was submitted a note dated 18 October 2012 by the Convener setting out various matters regarding traffic issues in and around Main Street, Bellshill for consideration by the Local Area Partnership/Area Committee, including (1) all day parking in restricted areas; (2) provision of parking restrictions at St. Andrew's Square; (3) the use of public car parks by rail commuters instead of the Park and Ride on Hamilton Road; (4) the scaffolding on the damaged building on Hamilton Road; (5) the use of parked vehicles for advertising; (6) parking on pavements, and (7) problems due to the traffic light sequence at Crossgates/Hamilton Road.

The Local Area Partnership then heard the Convener in supplement when he proposed, in view of the lack of time, that consideration of this matter be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the Local Area Partnership to enable full consideration.

**Decided:** that consideration of the report be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

**(3) FARMGATE SQUARE ROUNDABOUT, BELLSHILL – ABNORMAL LOADS**

12. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 16 August 2012, when the additional works to the Farmgate Square Roundabout, Bellshill were noted, there was submitted a report dated 25 October 2012 by the Head of Roads and Transportation (1) detailing the background to the requirement for additional works to the roundabout at Farmgate Square, Bellshill to accommodate abnormal loads; (2) indicating that the additional works, which had been carried out at a cost of £59,347 had been undertaken to accommodate vehicles which were outwith the national design standard, and (3) setting out the action to be taken to ensure a similar situation did not occur in the future, including (a) informing designers of regular abnormal load movement; (b) getting in touch with the abnormal vehicle operators to check and obtain further vehicle information in order to better manage the assessment of abnormal load movements, and (c) contacting the roundabout software company to request the introduction of a facility for designers to input additional vehicle templates.

Thereafter, Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, was heard in supplement of the report and in response to questions thereon.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposed amendments to the current procedures be noted, and
- (2) that the content of the report be otherwise noted.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT**

13. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 25 October 2012) dated 25 October 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, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Convener then proposed that consideration of this matter be continued.

**Decided:** that consideration of this matter be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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

14. The Local Area Partnership noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 17 January 2013 at 7 pm within Fallside Community Centre, McCulloch Avenue, Viewpark.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 17 January 2013 at 7 pm within Fallside Community Centre with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

**Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown, 25 October 2012 at 9.15 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Head of Roads and Transportation and Assistant Business Manager (Development Implementation), Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Lyle, 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 25 OCTOBER 2012**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 25 October 2012 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2013/2014 TO 2017/2018 AND SAVINGS OPTIONS 2013/2014 TO 2015/2016**

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be recommended to the Area Committee that a special meeting of the Local Area Partnership and of the Area Committee be held on 1 November 2012, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

**(2) REMIT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST 2012 – MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ROLE OF GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT IN DELIVERING A GREENSPACE SOCIAL PRESCRIBING PROGRAMME IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(6) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – BELLSHILL LOCALITY**

**Decided:**

(1) that the Convener write to NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Health and Care Partnership expressing the Local Area Partnership's concern regarding the delay in the relocation of the John Street Surgery, and

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

**(7) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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

**(8) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011-2013**

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery over the second year of the two year programme of the projects 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 Local Development Programme for 2012/2013 and the holding list of projects, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved, and

(4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(9) **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE**

(a) **ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

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

(b) **TRAFFIC ISSUES IN AND AROUND BELLSHILL MAIN STREET**

**Decided:** that consideration of the report be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(c) **FARMGATE SQUARE ROUNDABOUT, BELLSHILL – ABNORMAL LOADS**

**Decided:**

(1) that the proposed amendments to the current procedures be noted, and

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

(10) **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT**

**Decided:** that consideration of this matter be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(11) **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership/Area Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 17 January 2013 at 7 pm within Fallside Community Centre with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

**SPECIAL BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP –  
1 November 2012**

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**Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 1 November 2012 at 7 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, Lyle and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum, and Group Commander Billy Sim, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer and John O'Hagan, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire, and Chief Inspector Wright, Strathclyde Police.

**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 – COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2013/2014 TO 2017/2018 AND SAVINGS OPTIONS 2013/2014 TO 2015/2016**

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 25 October 2012, when it was agreed that a special meeting of the Local Area Partnership and of the Area Committee be convened to give further consideration to the consultation on the Community Plan and Corporate Plan 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 and Savings Options 2013/2014 to 2015/2016, there was re-submitted the presentation on the Community Plan and Corporate Plan and the Draft Savings Options being considered by North Lanarkshire Council as part of the budget process, whereon, John O'Hagan, Executive Director of Corporate Services, (1) advised of the scale and source of the financial pressures on the Council; (2) pointed out that it was anticipated that the Council would require to save £73.3m over the next three years; (3) indicated that savings options totalling approximately £105.75m, as proposed by the Corporate Management Team, were under consideration; (4) provided examples of the savings options, and (5) set out the timescale and procedures for consideration of this matter.

There then followed a full discussion, during which various matters were raised, including (1) the areas of Bellshill, including Orbiston, Viewpark and Holytown, where residents had yet to receive a copy of the booklet "The Way Ahead – Let's Talk About Our Future" and the question of redress from the delivery contractor for those booklets not delivered; (2) the omission from the booklet of a closing date for submission of comments; (3) the question of the introduction of a more efficient/cost effective method of advertising events being held within the Concert Hall; (4) clarification of (a) whether shared

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services had been considered; (b) how the final decision on the savings options would be communicated to residents; (c) the level of salary/wage costs included under Cost Pressures; (d) whether Risk Assessments were being carried out in relation to each savings proposal; (e) the level of funding provided by the Scottish Government; (f) the Council surplus, details of which were not included in the booklet; (g) the number of jobs affected by the savings proposals rather than the FTE posts as provided in the presentation; (h) whether the savings in relation to Viewpark Nursery were in respect of running costs or salaries, and (i) why new street sweepers had been purchased when there was a proposal under consideration to outsource this function, and (5) concern regarding (a) the cost of PFI projects; (b) the question "I would like to pay more Council Tax to help public services in North Lanarkshire"; (c) the level of Council debt arising from borrowing; (d) the effect on the people and environment of Viewpark if the proposals for Viewpark Nursery went ahead; (e) the service which would be available in Viewpark if all the proposals affecting this area were implemented; (f) the cost of hiring community facilities which had resulted in fewer people being able to afford to use them with the resultant under use of these premises which were now being proposed for closure, and (g) the effect on those residents on a fixed income of introducing a charge for the Community Alarm System.

**Decided:** that the terms of the presentation and discussion be noted.

**Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, 1 November 2012 at 8.35 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer and Executive Director of Corporate Services, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McShannon.

**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 DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2012**

The Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 1 November 2012 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE PLAN 2013/2014 TO 2017/2018 AND SAVINGS OPTIONS 2013/2014 TO 2015/2016**

**Decided:** that the terms of the presentation and discussion be noted.