

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 17 January 2013

Fallside Community Centre, Viewpark, 17 January 2013 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, Lyle and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod and Laura Campbell, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire; Group Commander Billy Sim, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, 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, Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations) and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council.

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.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PLAYING PITCHES STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT/NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

2. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 4 January 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning (1) detailing the background to the Council's decision to deliver a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy 2013-2018 to the Local Area Partnerships, and (2) setting out the proposed approach to ongoing engagement in relation to the Playing Pitches Strategy.

The Convener then introduced Fiona Sinclair, Active Schools Manager, North Lanarkshire Council, who gave a presentation on the North Lanarkshire Playing Pitches Strategy including:-

- the background and context of the Strategy development process;
- the partners involved and the approach taken;
- key messages from the Audit;
- a summary of the main recommendations of the Strategy, which included setting up an Implementation and Review Group to oversee delivery and monitoring of the Strategy, and

- an area profile of potential pitch developments specific to the Bellshill area, together with details of the timescales for these proposals.

There then followed a full discussion and exchange of information during which Fiona Sinclair and John McCance, North Lanarkshire Leisure Limited, responded to questions and the following matters were raised:- (a) the lack of consultation with some local organisations; (b) the inclusion, within the Strategy, of the Birkenshaw Pitch for alternative use or disposal given the shortfall of such pitches, as outlined in the presentation, and (c) the possible effect on usage of any increase in hire costs. Thereafter, the Convener thanked Fiona Sinclair and John McCance for the information provided by them.

Decided:

- (1) that the main recommendations, as set out within the presentation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the establishment of an Implementation and Review Group to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy be noted;
- (3) that the specific recommendations relating to the Bellshill area, as set out within the presentation which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted on the understanding that consideration would be given to the matters raised at the meeting, and
- (4) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 24 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) setting out the background to the launch of the Youth Investment Programme which had an objective to secure resources in subsequent years to provide for a three year programme, to 2015, of supporting people back into work; (2) providing details of the Programme which had three strands (a) Apprenticeships for those from 16-24 years of age with 50% of wages provided for 12 months; (b) Xtra Hands for those from 16-18 years of age with 50% of wages provided for six months, and (c) New Start for those from 18 years of age upwards with 50% of wages provided for six months, and which aimed to support 5,000 residents back to work over three years; (3) setting out statistical information regarding unemployment levels in the Bellshill area as against the North Lanarkshire and Scottish averages, where the Bellshill levels were higher, together with details of the number of unemployed residents supported into employment under the Scheme; (4) indicating that initial results showed a need to focus efforts on the Mossend and Holytown area, which was a high unemployment area, to ensure that this area benefited fully from the Programme; (5) detailing ways in which the Local Area Team could assist in delivering the objectives of the Youth Investment Programme, and (6) concluding that the support of all stakeholders and partners was required to make the Programme a success and that proposals from the partners on improvements to the Programme would be welcomed.

During consideration of this matter, concern was expressed regarding the number of people who found sustainable employment rather than temporary employment through this Scheme.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action, and
- (3) that the position regarding sustainable employment achieved through this Programme be monitored and reported back.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings and special meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on, respectively, 25 October and 1 November 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.

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 5 September 2012.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

REMIT FROM NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 17 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) advising of a proposal to strengthen the role of the Voluntary Sector in Local Community Planning Structures, and (2) enclosing a copy of a paper, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, which had been approved by North Lanarkshire Partnership Board on ways in which the voluntary sector could engage more effectively in the localities and support the work of the Local Area Teams.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the processes, as detailed therein, be noted, and
(2) that it be noted that a further report on these proposals would be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

8. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 13 December 2012 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality (1) advising of the appointments of Neena Mahel as Chair of NHS Lanarkshire and Ian Ross as Chief Executive, and (2) providing details of the Be Ready for Winter and Keep Well Initiatives being undertaken by NHS Lanarkshire.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Karen Hunter, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement to the report and in response to questions when she updated the Local Area Partnership on the current position regarding the relocation to new premises of the John Street Surgery, which was currently located within the Bellshill Community Health Clinic.

Decided: that the terms of the report and the information regarding the John Street Surgery be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 25 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 17 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing information in relation to work undertaken by the Partners to promote positive outcomes, as detailed within the report, and (2) setting out 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 the priority area of Ward 15 – Mossend and Holytown together with 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; Alison Clarke, Bellshill Area Housing Manager, and Group Commander Billy Sim, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, in supplement to the report and in response to questions, when the potential impact of Welfare Reform proposals on homelessness was raised together with a request for details of the number of people within the Bellshill area affected by under occupancy.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted on the understanding that a report on (1) the potential impact of Welfare Reform proposals on homelessness, and (2) the numbers likely to be affected by under occupancy, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011-2013

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 25 October 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 17 January 2013 by the Executive Director of Environmental 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, together with some amended funding proposals, and (3) providing details of the outline Programme for 2013/2014, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, together with a Holding List of projects for that year, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2012/2013, including Estate Based Initiatives and amended funding proposals, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (2) that the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014 and the Holding List of projects, as set out in, respectively, Appendices 2 and 3 to the report, be noted and approved, and
- (3) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(1) UPDATE

11. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 17 January 2013) dated 4 December 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development advising of progress in relation to the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan and in particular (1) detailing the progress of the Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan, which was scheduled for completion by autumn 2013; (2) indicating that there was no change in the number of businesses within the Town Centre, with the unit vacancy rate being 7.3% and footfall being down in comparison with November 2012; (3) intimating that the Council was considering the potential for the establishment, within the town centres in North Lanarkshire, of Business Improvement Districts, areas within which a levying would be generated from all non-domestic ratepayers to provide services additional to local authority baseline services; (4) pointing out that, to succeed, these areas required strong support from the private sector, via a formal ballot, and from the local authority, and (5) advising that further work was being carried out on this proposal which was scheduled for completion by the end of April 2013.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, in supplement to the report and in response to questions.

Decided: that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(2) TRAFFIC ISSUES IN AND AROUND BELLSHILL MAIN STREET

12. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 25 October 2012 when there was continued to this meeting, consideration of the note dated 18 October 2012 by the Convener setting out for discussion by the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee, various matters regarding traffic issues in and around Main Street, Bellshill 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 arising from the traffic light sequence at Crossgates/Hamilton Road, the Local Area Partnership resumed consideration of the note.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Councillor McGuigan, the Convener, in supplement when he indicated that the results of the Traffic Modelling Exercise in relation to Bellshill Town Centre were expected to be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership. There then followed a full discussion and exchange of information during which the officers and partners responded to questions.

The Convener then suggested that these matters be taken forward, in discussion with the officers, and reported back to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee –

- (1) that the terms of the Convener's note be noted, and
- (2) that a report on progress in relation to these matters be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

13. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership held on 25 October 2012, when there was continued to this meeting, consideration of 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 Local Area Partnership resumed consideration of the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the content 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.

MEETING DATES DURING APRIL AND OCTOBER 2013

14. There was submitted a report dated 21 December 2012 by the Head of Central Services proposing that the scheduled meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee during April and October 2013 be changed to 18 April and 24 October 2013.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee that the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee due to be held on 11 April and 17 October 2013 now be held on Thursday, 18 April and 24 October 2013, respectively.

Fallside Community Centre, Viewpark, 17 January 2013 at 9 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager; Business Manager (Roads Operations), and Senior Planning Officer, 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 Local Area Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2013

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 17 January 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PLAYING PITCHES STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT/NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

Decided:

- (1) that the main recommendations, as set out within the presentation, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the establishment of an Implementation and Review Group to oversee the ongoing delivery and monitoring of the Strategy be noted;
- (3) that the specific recommendations relating to the Bellshill area, as set out within the presentation which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted on the understanding that consideration would be given to the matters raised at the meeting, and
- (4) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action, and
- (3) that the position regarding sustainable employment achieved through this Programme be monitored and reported back.

(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) REMIT FROM NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – THIRD SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the processes, as detailed therein, be noted, and
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(7) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

Decided: that the terms of the report and the information regarding the John Street Surgery be noted.

(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted on the understanding that a report on (1) the potential impact of Welfare Reform proposals on homelessness, and (2) the numbers likely to be affected by under occupancy, be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(9) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2011-2013

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the Local Development Programme for 2012/2013, including Estate Based Initiatives and amended funding proposals, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (2) that the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014 and the Holding List of projects, as set out in, respectively, Appendices 2 and 3 to the report, be noted and approved, and
- (3) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(10) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

(a) UPDATE

Decided: that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

(b) TRAFFIC ISSUES IN AND AROUND BELLSHILL MAIN STREET

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the Convener's note be noted, and
- (2) that a report on progress in relation to these matters be submitted to a future meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(11) LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

Decided:

- (1) that the content 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.

(12) MEETING DATES DURING APRIL AND OCTOBER 2013

Decided: that the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee due to be held on 11 April and 17 October 2013 now be held on Thursday, 18 April and 24 October 2013, respectively.