

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 1 August 2013

Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown, 1 August 2013 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors J. Coyle, Curran and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire; Group Commander Brian McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Chief Inspector Rosie Wright, Police Scotland, and Laura Campbell, Third Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Baird, Burrows, Lyle, McCabe and McShannon, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum, and Group Commander Billy Sim, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, welcomed Chief Inspector Rosie Wright, Police Scotland and Laura Campbell, Third Sector representative, to their first meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

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'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 17 January 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 28 June 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) setting out the background to, and details of, the Youth Investment Programme which offered employers an incentive to recruit young, unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and which had a target of 5,000 unemployed residents to be brought back into work over the three year period of the Programme; (2) indicating that, during the first year of the Youth Investment Programme, 865 unemployed residents had benefited from the Programme; (3) outlining the position for 2012/2013 for the Partnership area, with 112 supported into employment, 32 from the Bellshill Ward; 52 from the Mossend and Holytown Ward, which was a high unemployment area, and 28 from the Thorniewood Ward; (4) setting out ways in which the Local Area Team could assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme and maximise the benefit of the Investment Programme, and (5) concluding that, while the Youth Investment Programme had made encouraging progress,

Regeneration Services required the support of all stakeholders and partners to make the Programme a success and welcomed feedback on ways in which the Programme could be improved.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the content of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the Youth Investment Programme.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES

3. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee held on 18 April 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

4. There was submitted a report dated June 2013 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of Forum activity since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including funding for a Carers Health and Wellbeing Roadshow and the production of an evaluation report on activities during 2012/2013.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 30 January, 13 March and 8 May 2013.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

6. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 28 June 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality (1) providing details of the Smoking Cessation, Tobacco Control, Prevention and Education initiative, which was a key priority for NHS Lanarkshire; (2) detailing, within the report, the action being taken as part of this initiative; (3) advising of a consultation being undertaken by the Scottish Government as part of a proposed Private Member's Bill which, if passed, would make it illegal to smoke in a car where a child under 16 was present, and (4) advising of the current position regarding the replacement clinic facility for the John Street Medical Practice.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Karen Hunter, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement to her report and in response to Members' questions during which Councillor J. Coyle suggested that, to expedite the progress of the arrangements for the lease of the Council land required for the replacement John Street Medical Practice clinic facility, the Convener, on behalf of the Members, approach the appropriate officers.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the current position regarding the replacement clinic facility for the John Street Medical Practice and the action being taken by the Convener be noted.

THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 17 January 2013, when the proposals to strengthen the representation of the third sector within local community planning structures 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 1 August 2013) dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) indicating that the inclusion of the third sector at Local Area Partnership meetings was intended to complement and strengthen the role played by the Local Community Fora, and (2) enclosing an introductory report by the third sector representatives which (a) set out the background to the inclusion of third sector representation on the Local Area Partnership; (b) detailed the process for, and the appointment of, third sector representatives, and (c) summarised the work of the voluntary sector in the Bellshill area.

Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager then introduced Laura Campbell as the Third Sector representative for the Bellshill and District area and Laura Campbell indicated that Carmen Mair had been appointed as the substitute third sector representative for the Bellshill and District area.

Decided: that the contents of the reports be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 18 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (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, (a) information and actions, considered by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group for the period from 1 March to 31 May 2013, including a “hot spot” map which highlighted crime and anti-social behaviour issues within the priority area; (b) statistical analysis of incidents in the area; (c) the Partner Action Plan for the area which provided a summary of agreed actions to address some of the issues identified, and (d) statistical information in relation to the two remaining wards within the Bellshill and District Locality, and (3) detailing the action taken to promote positive outcomes within the Locality.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, North Lanarkshire Council; Chief Inspector Rosie Wright, Police Scotland, and Group Commander Brian McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN

9. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 17 January 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of

the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 8 July 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the progress of the Bellshill and District Local Area Team Action Plan for 2012/2013, including the key achievements for the year; (2) reporting on the outcome of a review of the Local Area Team Action Planning Process which had been undertaken by the Community Regeneration and Partnership Team and which had highlighted a number of actions to improve the process; (3) setting out the improvements which had been made, taking account of the recommendations from the review; (4) providing details of the 2013/2014 Action Plan priorities, as detailed within the report, and (5) indicating that a monitoring and reporting process for the Action Plans had been established, as set out in the report, and these regular reporting methods would continue.

Decided: that it be recommended to the Area Committee

- (1) that the key priorities for 2013/2014, as set out within the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/2014

10. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 18 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 1 August 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, the completion of projects for 2012/2013; (3) presenting the progress of projects within the Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, and (4) providing details of a Holding List of projects for the area, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the Local Development Programme for 2012/2013, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (2) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives and budget alterations, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (3) that the Holding List of projects for the Local Development Programme 2013/2014, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted and 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 ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

11. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 18 April 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 1 August 2013) dated 13 June 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of progress in relation to the development of the Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) pointing out that the information obtained from the first round of

consultation was being analysed with further consultation on the findings due to take place during August and September; (3) indicating that no funding had been allocated in the Capital Programme for Bellshill Town Centre, with the consequential requirement that opportunities for external funding would need to be identified within the new Framework and Action Plan; (4) referring to a report by Malcolm Fraser's External Advisory Group to the Scottish Government on the re-energising of Scotland's town centres which had included a number of proposals to help regenerate town centres, some of which would be addressed in the emerging Town Centre Action Plans; (5) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited which showed (a) that Bellshill's vacancy rate of 9.6% was below the UK town centre vacancy rate of 10.9%, and (b) that the footfall within the town centre was down in comparison with the same period last year; (6) detailing events arranged by Town Centre Activities, including a health and wellbeing day "Better Bellshill" which was to take place in the town centre on 9 August 2013, and (7) intimating that there was a lack of private sector interest in the establishment of Business Improvement Districts within North Lanarkshire's town centres and that, while this would be kept under review, no further action was currently planned.

Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer was then heard in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, when she advised that working scaffolding had been erected on the damaged building on Hamilton Road, Bellshill; that the repairs had been fully assessed and found to be more extensive than anticipated, and that the work would now require to be re-assessed and the new cost approved by the insurance company. The Convener then indicated that he would approach the appropriate officers with a view to the matter being advanced.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted, and
- (2) that the position regarding the damaged building on Hamilton Road, Bellshill and the action being taken by the Convener be noted.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The Local Area Partnership was advised that the next meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee were scheduled to take place on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Bellshill.

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown, 1 August 2013 at 7.45 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer, Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Senior Planning Officer, Environmental Services and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Baird, Burrows, 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 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2013

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 1 August 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

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

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Local Area Team for action to ensure that the most disadvantaged communities maximise benefit from the Youth Investment Programme.

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

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

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(5) **NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT**

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the current position regarding the replacement clinic facility for the John Street Medical Practice and the action being taken by the Convener be noted.

(6) **THIRD SECTOR INTRODUCTORY REPORT**

Decided: that the contents of the reports be noted.

(7) **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(8) **LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLAN**

Decided:

- (1) that the key priorities for 2013/2014, as set out within the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(9) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2013/2014**

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the Local Development Programme for 2012/2013, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (2) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives and budget alterations, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted and approved;
- (3) that the Holding List of projects for the Local Development Programme 2013/2014, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, be noted and approved, and

- (4) 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 – UPDATE**

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted, and
- (2) that the position regarding the damaged building on Hamilton Road, Bellshill and the action being taken by the Convener be noted.

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

- Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.