



Bellshill & District Community Forum
Report to Local Area Partnership
October 2013

Background

The Community Forum has held one business meetings since the last LAP as they don't meet in July or August:

- Thursday 19 September 2013

This paper aims to gives LAP members a brief update on Community Forum activity over the past few months.

Community Forum Update

The Bellshill and District Community Forum participated in and joint funded the Better Bellshill Event on the 9 August. Organised by Town Centre Activities Local and the NHS (Bellshill Health Improvement), local people enjoyed a day of health and well being information and advice and children's entertainment to ensure there was something for everyone.

As well as improving access to health information the events aim was also to increase the footfall into the town centre and increase business for local shop owners. The day of the event saw the third highest footfall in the month of August.

Organisation	Feedback
Diabetes UK	Engaged with 109 and GP referrals given to 43
British Heart Foundation	Engaged with 100 / 125
NHS Dental Services	Engaged with approx 200
Alzheimer Scotland	Engaged with 46
NLC Leisure services	Engaged with 35 & received 10/15 requests for general information. 4 new memberships signed
Routes to work	Signed up 10 new clients
Optical express	Several new appointments made
Glasgow Science Centre	Engaged with over 100 people
Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre	A few new entrants to classes
Bellshill Health Improvement	Made a few referrals to Active Health & Stop Smoking Service and provided information on bowel and breast cancer awareness
YMCA	engaged with 100+ people and highlighted youth provisions and upcoming Blue Light Discos
Community Forum	used this as an opportunity to raise awareness and distribute publicity materials.
Morrisons and Tesco	Delighted with response and promotional opportunity

The majority of the participating organisations have requested that this becomes an annual event that they would attend.



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The forum would like it noted that a number of local residents have expressed concern that the consultation for the skatepark has not taken enough consideration of the young peoples views, as ultimately they will be the people using the facility. The local young people have expressed they want bigger equipment and reassurance it will not be open to vandalism.

The forum would like to acknowledge the hard work of 2 projects they fully support. the Douglas Support Estate Archaeology Programme, will be visited by an Archaeologist at the site in Viewpark on 4th October,(2pm - 4pm for organisations and 6pm - 8pm for members of the public wanting to be involved in the programme) Anyone interested in further information should contact Grace McNeil via the Forum.

Also, the Woodlands Estate Community Gardens project, for their hard work and impressive transformation of the area in Mossend. A presentation of the work carried out by the project is available if required.

A small number of residents have expressed at the forum meetings their objections to the application which was submitted for a hot dog stall to be situated at Bellshill cross.

There are no further community forum Issues for Consideration at LAP

The dates of the next Community Forum meetings are:
Thursday 17 October 2013
Thursday 21 November 2013