

**Bellshill, 24 October 2013 at 7 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, J. Coyle and Lyle, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Karen Hunter, NHS Lanarkshire; Sergeant Brian Lindie, Police Scotland, and Group Manager Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer and June Murray, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Corporate Services; Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services, Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager; Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation; Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations), Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer and Alex Little, Senior Transportation Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burrows, Curran, McCabe, McNally 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 - BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - TRAFFIC MODEL**

2. The Local Area Partnership heard Bill Hazel, Business Manager (Roads Operations) who outlined the background to the decision of the Planning and Transportation Committee to update the Bellshill Traffic Model and monitor the operation of the road network following completion of the works associated with the Town Centre Action Plan and introduced Allan Spence of SIAS Limited, Consultants, who had undertaken the traffic management study.

Mr. Spence then gave a presentation on some of the outcomes of the traffic management study, highlighting those in relation to the one way system at Main Street; the signals at Crossgates and the re-opening of Bellshill Cross, which showed that, overall, the current traffic flow was performing within acceptable standards, and thereafter responded to questions.

Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor J. Coyle, moved that it be recommended to the Area Committee that it be noted that, if required, a report on the outcome of the Traffic Management Study will be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee with the recommendation that no change be made to the current traffic management arrangements.

Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Lyle, moved, as an amendment, that consideration of this matter be continued.

On a vote being taken, two Members voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion. The voting being equal, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

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

- (1) that it be noted that, if required, a report on the outcome of the Traffic Management Study will be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee with the recommendation that no change be made to the current traffic management arrangements, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

**REMIT FROM LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 20 AUGUST 2013 – THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

3. With reference to paragraph 23 of the Minute of the meeting of the Learning and Leisure Services Committee held on 20 August 2013, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 22 July 2013 by the Head of Community Information and Learning in relation to the Council's obligations in terms of the requirements of the Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013, had agreed, inter alia, that the report be referred to Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for their interest, the Local Area Partnership considered the report.

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

**REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 – BUDGET SAVINGS: ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

4. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 September 2013, when that Committee, having considered a report (docketed as relative to the meeting of that Committee) dated 28 August 2013 by the Chief Executive providing an indication of the extent to which the budget savings decisions, taken by the Council in February 2013, reflected the views of those who had responded to the consultation on the proposed savings options, had agreed (1) that the report be referred to the Local Area Partnerships for information, and (2) that the findings of the report be otherwise noted, the Local Area Partnership considered the report.

The Executive Director of Corporate Services then gave a presentation on the content of the report, highlighting how the options included within the savings proposals reflected the responses received in relation to the consultation and concluding that, as indicated in the report, the evidence confirmed that the savings decisions taken by the Council had been informed by those who had responded and strongly reflected their views and concerns.

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

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

5. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee held on 1 August 2013.

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

**BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

6. There was submitted a report dated October 2013 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of Forum activity since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including the Better Bellshill event.

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

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

**NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT**

7. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated September 2013 by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality providing details of various events which had taken place within the Bellshill Locality area since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including Bowel Screening, Street Soccer, the three day Virgin Media Health Event, Alcohol Intervention Training and the Better Bellshill Health Event.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Karen Hunter, Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement to the report, when she updated the Partnership regarding the replacement John Street Medical Practice facility, and in response to questions from Members.

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

**THIRD SECTOR REPORT**

8. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 23 September 2013 by the Third Sector representative (1) indicating that the inclusion of a Third Sector representative on the Local Area Partnership had been welcomed by the local voluntary sector organisations; (2) detailing the Voluntary Sector Partnership Group activity in North Lanarkshire, including a Bellshill Area Voluntary Sector Locality Network event on 6 September 2013, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) highlighting the work being undertaken in relation to Youth Volunteering Development, and (4) advising that a Lone Parents Employability Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, was being delivered within North Lanarkshire through funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

**Decided:** that the content of the report 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 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 24 October 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing information in relation to the priority area, identified within the Bellshill and District Locality, as 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 June to 31 August 2013, including a “hot spot” map which highlighted crime and anti-social behaviour issues within the priority ward 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, within the report, action taken to promote positive outcomes within the Locality.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Sergeant Brian Lindie, Police Scotland; and Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, during which the question of cars parking on pavements was raised and the Convener advised that a Member/Officer Working Group on Off-Street Parking had been set up to consider parking issues within North Lanarkshire.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be 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 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 24 October 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 progress of projects within the Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, and (3) providing details of proposed projects for the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as set out within Appendix 2 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 progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposals for the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be 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 – UPDATE**

11. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 1 August 2013, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 24 October 2013) dated 4 September 2013 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of progress in relation to the development of the Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan; (2) pointing out that the proposals would be subject to further public consultation in due course; (3) re-iterating 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) indicating that, in relation to the National Review of Town Centres, an Action Plan for Scotland's town centres was being prepared by the Scottish Government which would be the subject of consultation in the Autumn; (5) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited for all the Partnership areas which showed (a) that Bellshill's vacancy rate of 8.96% was below the UK town centre vacancy rate of 14.1%, and (b) that footfall within the town centre was down in comparison with the same period last year, and (6) intimating that the Christmas Lights Switch On would take place in Bellshill Town Centre on 28 November 2013.

Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer was then heard in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions when it was pointed out (1) that there was a problem with some of the footfall counters in Bellshill; (2) that there had been a low response to the consultation, which was taking place that week, on the initial findings of the new Bellshill Town Centre Framework, and (3) that the works to the damaged building on Hamilton Road were expected to be completed shortly.

Thereafter, Graham MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation indicated that 40 additional car parking spaces were to be provided on John Street.

**Decided:** that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan 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, 16 January 2014 at 7 pm within Tannochside Primary School, Douglas Street, Viewpark.

**Decided:** that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 16 January 2014 at 7 pm within Tannochside Primary School, Douglas Street, Viewpark, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

**Bellshill, 24 October 2013 at 8.20 pm.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird and Lyle.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer and Executive Director of Corporate Services, Corporate Services; Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Head of Roads and Transportation; Business Manager (Roads Operations), Senior Planning Officer and Senior Transportation Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, McCabe, McNally 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 24 OCTOBER 2013**

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 24 October 2013 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

**(1) PRESENTATION - BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - TRAFFIC MODEL**

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted that, if required, a report on the outcome of the Traffic Management Study will be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee with the recommendation that no change be made to the current traffic management arrangements, and
- (2) that the terms of the presentation be otherwise noted.

- (2) **REMIT FROM LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 20 AUGUST 2013 – THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

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

- (3) **REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 – BUDGET SAVINGS: ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

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

- (4) **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP AND AREA COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- (5) **BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE**

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

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

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

- (7) **THIRD SECTOR REPORT**

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

- (8) **JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

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

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, including Estate Based Initiatives, as set out within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;

(2) that the proposals for the 2014/2015 Local Development Programme, as detailed within Appendix 2 to the report, be 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 – UPDATE**

**Decided:** that the progress made on the projects and initiatives within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan 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, 16 January 2014 at 7 pm within Tannochside Primary School, Douglas Street, Viewpark, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.