



Report to Local Area Partnership
July 2014

This paper gives LAP members a brief overview on Bellshill Community Forum activities since the last LAP.

Since the Last LAP the group has met three times:

- 17th April
- 15th May
- 19th June

Please note there will be no meetings taking place in July or August

Activity:

PICNIC IN PARK

Bellshill & District Community Forum hosted a 'Picnic in the Park' event at Orbiston YMCA on Saturday 17th May. The aim of the day was to encourage residents to come together, and raise awareness of local activities/resources.

Activities on the day included facepainting, holistic therapy, outdoor play, raffles and a visit from Amazonia. Around 70 local residents attended and each person was given an information folder highlighting the aims of the forum as well as what's available within the area.

Participants were consulted about what they thought of the day and what they would like to see in the area. Overall feedback was positive and a copy is available on request

STREET FAYRE

The forum had a stall at the street fayre on Saturday 25th May, where information folders highlighting the aims of the forum as well as what's available within the area were distributed to over 100 local residents.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The forum contributes to the running of 4 blue light discos annually. The latest was held on Saturday 14th June at the Sir Matt Busby Sports Complex.

As well as contributing financially, the Vice Chair of the Forum (who is a qualified youth worker) attends on the night and collates information regarding the issues the young people identify as a cause of concern in the area. This information is discussed at the planning group which the Vice Chair also attends, and is used to influence the workshops and information provided at later discos and events.

Around 160 – 200 young people attend each disco and they provide a safe environment for young people to have fun and are an opportunity for both Police Scotland and Fire Scotland to break down barriers and engage with young people who may otherwise become involved in some form of criminal activity.

As detailed in the last LAP report the group agreed its NHS spend for the coming year. Some of the projects to be supported have commenced. These include:

- | | |
|---|---|
| Street Soccer NL | 10 week programme took place providing street soccer in the Jewel scheme/Bing area. This is normally an area where youth antisocial behaviour is prevalent. The programme was very popular with over 50 young people attending (ranging from 30 - 74). The next programme will start on Tuesday 5 August at the same site. |
| ABC
(alcohol recovery Support group) | The ABC recovery group aims to support people with previous dependency issues, support recovery, and encourage skills development (arts and crafts and IT skills). The community forum has supported the group to access IT equipment and basic skills courses. The group have agreed to promote the role of the community forum within the area. |
| UK Tae-Kwon-Do Viewpark | The group encourages and promotes physical activity, healthy lifestyles and discipline. The forum provided financial support so the group can represent Bellshill/Viewpark at the World Championships. The forum wishes them luck in their competitions |

Laura Campbell
Vice Chair