

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 7 August 2014

Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown, 7 August 2014 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Baird, Burrows, J. Coyle, Curran, Lyle and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Christine Reid, NHS Lanarkshire; Sergeant Elaine Lindsay, Police Scotland; Group Manager Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Colin MacFarlane, Third Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Anne McIlwain, Committee Officer and Richard Llewellyn, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, and Caitriona McAuley, Economic Development Manager, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and McShannon and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Margot McLean, NHS Lanarkshire, and Chief Inspector Glen Bland and Inspector David Plunkett, Police Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor McNally declared an interest in respect of paragraph 8 of this Minute entitled "Local Area Team Action Plans – Year End Update", by virtue of his membership of Fusion Assets Limited, and took no part in the consideration thereof.

Councillor Curran declared an interest in respect of paragraph 10 of this Minute entitled "North Lanarkshire's Youth Investment Programme - Update", by virtue of his membership of Routes to Work Limited, and took no part in the consideration thereof.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

2. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 3 April 2014.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated July 2014 from Bellshill and District Community Forum (1) advising of Forum activity since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, which included (a) hosting Picnic in the Park at Orbiston YMCA; (b) the Bellshill Street Fayre, and (c) the Blue Light
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Disco, and (2) detailing some of the projects supported by the Forum, including (a) Street Soccer NL; (b) ABC Recovery Group, and (c) UK Tae-Kwon-Do, Viewpark.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 12 February and 9 April 2014.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

5. There was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Committee held on 7 August 2014) by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality providing details of various initiatives the local Health Improvement Team had been involved in since the last meeting of the Partnership, including (1) Street Soccer NL; (2) Jenny the Bear's Big Day Out, which informed participants of the dangers of second hand smoke; (3) Play Safe Home Safe website, which focused on music festivals, holidaying abroad and house parties as target areas for alcohol, sexual health and keeping safe; (4) the Blue Light Disco, and (5) the Young People Smoking Pilot, a 4-6 week smoking prevention programme.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Christine Reid, Health Improvement Senior, Bellshill, NHS Lanarkshire in supplement to the report, during which the Convener and Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager updated the Local Area Partnership on the current position regarding the relocation to new premises of the John Street Practice, which was currently located within the Bellshill Community Health Clinic.

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

Prior to the commencement of the following item of business, the Convener, on behalf of the Partnership, welcomed Colin MacFarlane to his first meeting of the Local Area Partnership as a Third Sector representative.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated June 2014 by the Third Sector Representative detailing the activity of the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership (1) providing information on the launch of a Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) locator tool which enables mature citizens to locate services; (2) advising of the outcome of the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference 2014; (3) detailing progress against the objectives of the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Strategy 2013/2018, and (4) highlighting the current position regarding (a) the 2014 Commonwealth Games Volunteering; (b) the celebration of Saltire Award Achievement of Young Volunteers, and (c) the achievement of Investors in People Silver Award by VANL.

Colin MacFarlane, Third Sector Representative, was then heard in supplement to the report.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

7. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 3 April 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 August 2014) dated 7 August 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of progress in relation to community safety within the Bellshill locality; (2) providing information in relation to the joint work carried out within the area by the Community Safety Sub-Group over the period from March to June 2014; (3) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, the Community Safety Sub-Group Action Plan, as updated by the Partners through the Sharepoint System, and (4) detailing within the report, action taken to promote positive outcomes within the locality.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Sergeant Elaine Lindsay, Police Scotland; Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

During consideration of the following item of business, Councillor McNally declared an interest by virtue of his membership of Fusion Assets Limited and took no part in consideration thereof.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS – YEAR END UPDATE

8. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 23 January 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 August 2014) dated 7 August 2014 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the progress of the Bellshill and District Local Area Team Action Plan for 2013/2014, including some key achievements for the year; (2) setting out examples of the key priorities and actions for the 2014/2015 Action Plan, as set out within the report, which had been agreed following a review by the Local Area Team and community representatives, and (3) providing details of the monitoring and reporting process for the Action Plans.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions, during which a question in relation to a proposed planning application by Fusion Assets in connection with the erection of industrial units at Viewpark Glen was raised and the Convener requested that the matter be investigated and be reported back to the next meeting of the Partnership.

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

- (1) that the key priorities, as set out within the report, be approved;
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted, and
- (3) that the position regarding a proposed planning application by Fusion Assets for the erection of industrial units at Viewpark Glen be investigated and be reported to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014/2015

9. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 3 April 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 August 2014), dated 7 August 2014 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 2013/2014, and (3) providing details of the progress of projects within the 2014/2015 Programme, including any amendments and the additional resources approved by the Council, 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: that it be recommended to the Area Committee:-

- (1) that the completion of the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2014/2015, including any amendments, as set out in Appendix 2 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.

During consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Curran, declared an interest by virtue of his membership of Routes to Work Limited, and took no part in the consideration thereof.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

10. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 23 January 2014, there was submitted a report (docketed as relative to the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Area Committee held on 7 August 2014) dated 20 June 2014 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, to date, the Council had committed £6.8m of funding to the Youth Investment Programme with a further £2.5m awarded by the Scottish Government; (3) advising that, in addition to the Youth Investment funding, during the first year of the Youth Investment Programme, 865 unemployed residents had benefited from the Programme; (4) outlining the position for 2012/2013 for the Bellshill Local Area Partnership area, with 112 people being 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; (5) 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 (6) 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 were open to feedback on ways in which the Programme could be improved.

Thereon, Caitriona McAuley, was heard in further explanation of the report.

Decided: that the performance and progress made in delivering Employability Services in North Lanarkshire be noted.

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 7 August 2014) dated 23 June 2014 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) intimating that public consultation on the finalised draft Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan will take place during August/September; (3) indicating that as no funding had been allocated in the Capital Programme for Bellshill Town Centre, consequently opportunities for external funding would need to be identified within the new Framework and Action Plan; (4) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited which showed (a) that Bellshill's vacancy rate of just over 6% was the lowest of all the Town Centres in North Lanarkshire, and (b) that footfall within the Town Centre was 6% more than for the same period last year, and (5) indicating that various events as detailed within the report, were planned for or had taken place within the Bellshill Town Centre area.

Decided: that the progress made on 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, 23 October 2014 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, 23 October 2014 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Bellshill, with the Area Committee meeting immediately thereafter in the same location.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair referred to the imminent retiral of Jean Anne McIlwain from the post of Committee Officer. He acknowledged Jean Anne's contribution and commitment to Local Government over the years and, in particular, at the meetings of the Local Area Partnership and Area Committee and, on behalf of the Local Area Partnership and the Area Committee, wished her well in her retirement.

Michael Sherry Community Centre, Holytown., 7 August 2014 at 8.20 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Council for McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Officer and Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager and Economic Development Manager, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McCabe and McShannon.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Councillor McNally declared an interest in respect of paragraph (7) of this Minute entitled "Local Area Team Action Plans – Year End Update", by virtue of his membership of Fusion Assets Limited, and took no part in the consideration thereof.

Councillor Curran declared an interest in respect of paragraph (9) of this Minute entitled "North Lanarkshire's Youth Investment Programme - Update", by virtue of his membership of Routes to Work Limited, and took no part in the consideration thereof.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2014

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 7 August 2014 and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(2) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

(4) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

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

(5) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

(6) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

During consideration of the following item of business, Councillor McNally declared an interest by virtue of his membership of Fusion Assets Limited and took no part in consideration thereof.

(7) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS – YEAR END UPDATE

Decided:

- (1) that the key priorities, as set out within the report, be approved;
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted, and
- (3) that the position regarding a proposed planning application by Fusion Assets for the erection of industrial units at Viewpark Glen be investigated and be reported to the next meeting of the Local Area Partnership.

(8) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014/2015

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the Local Development Programme for 2013/2014, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
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- (3) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

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(10) **BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – UPDATE**

Decided: that the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan be noted.

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

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