

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(a)
SPECIAL BELLSHILL AREA – 23 April 1998

Frank Ferguson Centre, Motherwell Road, Bellshill, 23 April 1998 at 7 pm.

A Special Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McKeown (Convener); Councillor Saunders (Vice-Convener); Councillors Hebenton and McAlorum.

CHAIR

Councillor McKeown (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer, Director of Construction Services (Liaison Director), Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department and Senior Planning Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle, Curran, Lafferty and Lyle.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUMS - CONSULTATION MEETING - 10 MARCH 1998

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 February 1998 when it had been agreed, inter alia, to convene a public meeting to progress the establishment of a Community Forum, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 April 1998 by the Liaison Director (1) outlining the key issues raised at the community consultation meeting held on 10 March 1998; (2) advising that the general consensus of the meeting was to establish a single Community Forum which mirrored the Area Committee's boundaries; (3) proposing for consideration a procedure to establish a community forum structure, and (4) suggesting that a further meeting be convened in order to appoint Community representatives to serve on the Community Forum.

Decided:

- (1) that the structure and procedure to establish a Community Forum for Bellshill and the surrounding areas be approved in the terms of the report;
- (2) that a further community consultation meeting take place within the Bellshill Cultural Centre on Thursday, 28 May 1998 at 7 pm for the purpose of outlining the proposed Community Forum structure and to seek nominations or appointments, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL AREA SAFETY INITIATIVE - PROGRESS UPDATE

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 February 1998 when it had been agreed, inter alia, that the sum of £9,300 be awarded to the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative to fund part-time staff including a Project Worker for ten hours per week, there was submitted a report dated 15 April 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) intimating recent developments within the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative; (2) advising on difficulties encountered in the recruitment of a Project Worker, and (3) seeking approval of a variation in the terms of the Project Workers post and hours to seventeen and a half hours per week, in light of the change of circumstances.

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Decided:

- (1) that the difficulties experienced by Bellshill Area Safety Initiative in attempting to recruit a Project Worker be noted;
- (2) that the Area Committee approve the proposal by the Area Safety Initiative Management Committee to revise the number of hours for the Project Worker from ten to seventeen and a half hours per week and that required funding be secured from external sources or achieved through economies within the existing project budget, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.