

Brannock High School, Loanhead Road, Newarthill, 10 September 1998 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the **BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McKeown (Convener); Councillors Coyle, Lafferty, and McAlorum.

CHAIR

Councillor McKeown (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Acting Director of Construction Services (Acting Liaison Director), Principal Administrative Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department and Service Development and Review Officer, Department of Leisure Services.

ALSO ATTENDING

William Foy, Tom Leggate, Sandra Toyer and Isobel Wotherspoon, Bellshill Community Forum.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Curran, Heberton, Lyle, H. McGuigan and Saunders.

COMMUNITY FORUM MEMBERS

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 June 1998, the Convener welcomed representatives of the Bellshill Community Forum to the meeting of the Area Committee.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2. There were submitted Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Community Councils held on the dates specified:-

(a)	Bellshill Community Council	17 June 1998
(b)	Mossend Community Council	3 May 1998 10 June 1998 (tabled)
(c)	Holytown Community Council	3 February 1998 3 March 1998 1 April 1998 13 May 1998

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AREA SAFETY INITIATIVE - MINUTES

3. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1998 by the Chief Executive enclosing the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative Management Committee held on 2 June, 7 July and 28 July 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

REMIT FROM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF 19 AUGUST 1998 - CENTRAL SCOTLAND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE FOREST: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN FINAL DRAFT MAY 1998

4. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 19 August 1998 when that Committee, having considered a report dated 19 August 1998 by the Director of Planning and Development advising on the publication of the Central Scotland Countryside Trust Community Involvement Plan (Final Draft) had agreed (1) that the publication of the Central Scotland Countryside Trust Community Involvement Plan - Connecting People with the Forest be noted; (2) that the importance of the role of the Council's decentralisation scheme through both the Area Committees and Community Forums in meeting the plans aims be recognised, and (3) that the report be referred to Area Committees for their information, the Area Committee considered the report.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

REMIT FROM LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 2 SEPTEMBER 1998 - LEISURE PLAN

5. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 2 September 1998 when that Committee, having considered a report dated 24 August 1998 by the Director of Leisure Services, *inter alia*, had agreed (1) that the draft Leisure Plan be approved as the basis of the proposed public consultation exercise, and (2) that the report be referred to Area Committees for their interest, the Area Committee considered the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the report and service plan be forwarded to the Bellshill Community Forum for their interest, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND YMCA FUNDER FINDER - PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL AND FUNDING REQUEST

6. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 June 1998 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that approval in principle be given to the proposal by Bellshill and Mossend YMCA to formalise a partnership agreement with the Council which offered funder finder and associated advice and information to local voluntary organisations and community groups, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) providing further information on the partnership proposal suggested by the YMCA, in particular that the YMCA would (a) contact all organisations listed within the Bellshill Area Committee mailing list to inform them of the availability of the Funder Finder service, (b) distribute publicity materials describing the service and highlighting the Bellshill Area Committee's support and involvement; (c) make available trained staff and volunteers to provide an individual consultancy and advice service, and (d) subject to contributory Council funding, make no charge or donation requests from Bellshill based organisations using the Funder Finder service; (2) outlining indicative costs of £3,470 over a twelve month period to deliver

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and develop the service, and (3) advising that a request had been received from the YMCA for a grant of £1,500 towards the costs.

Decided:

- (1) that the Funder Finder Partnership proposal suggested by Bellshill and Mossend YMCA be approved;
- (2) that a grant of £1,500 from the area allocation of the Interim Community Grants Scheme Budget 1998/99 be approved, subject to compliance with both the standard conditions of grant and the additional conditions of grant detailed in the report, which include provision for bringing forward a progress report after the Funder Finder initiative has been operational for six months and a final evaluation report after one year, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent authorised its consideration to enable appropriate arrangements to be made as expeditiously as possible in order that the local description might be rectified.

AREA COMMITTEE TITLE

7. Consideration was given to the title of the Area Committee which had initially been identified when the Council's decentralisation policy had been formulated. It was suggested that in view of experience, local preferences, and to better reflect the local description of the area, the title of the Area Committee be altered to "Bellshill and District" Area Committee.

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Decided: that it be recommended to the Council that the Area Committee be known in future as the Bellshill and District Area Committee.

BELLSHILL COMMUNITY FORUM

8. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 June 1998 there was submitted a report dated 2 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising on the activities of the Bellshill Community Forum, in particular (a) that it had met on two occasions since its establishment on 28 May 1998 and had focused mainly on the recruitment of members, and (b) that members had agreed to meet on a six week cycle, two weeks in advance of the scheduled Bellshill Area Committee meetings, and (2) intimating a number of procedural matters which required to be addressed to ensure effective communication links between the Area Committee and the Community Forum.

Decided:

- (1) that, as appropriate, information on agenda items for consideration by the Bellshill Area Committee be made available to the Community Forum in advance of Bellshill Area Committee meetings;
- (2) that the Chief Executive be authorised to provide the Bellshill Community Forum with an indication of the items likely to be considered by the Bellshill Area Committee at forthcoming meetings, on the condition that no assurance could be given as to the completeness of the information provided in advance of meetings, and

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- (3) that Bellshill Community Forum members each be provided with a copy of the agenda for future Bellshill Area Committee meetings.

DECENTRALISATION: REVIEW OF PROGRESS

9. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee held on 26 August 1998 there was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising on the arrangements for the first annual review of decentralisation; (2) outlining the issues for consideration, and (3) inviting Area Committees to contribute to the review.

Decided: that consideration of the report be continued to the next meeting of the Bellshill Area Committee.

TWINNING: AREA COMMITTEES

10. With reference to paragraph 29 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 26 August 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 August 1998 by the Director of Administration advising (1) that the Terms of Reference of the General Purposes Committee included the requirement to consider the establishment of and all other matters relating to Town Twinning Links; (2) that the Council had included in the Terms of Reference of Area Committees, a requirement to assist in the development of Twinning Links; (3) that the Bellshill Area Committee was one of four appropriate Area Committees for Twinning Links with Schweinfurt, Germany, and (4) that where practical, the advice of the appropriate Area Committee(s) be obtained to assist the decisions of the General Purposes Committee on Twinning matters.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued for a further report to include information on the benefits which the Twinning Link with Schweinfurt had brought to local groups and businesses within the Bellshill Area.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME MONITORING REPORT

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive providing statistical details of Community Grants awarded in the total sum of £10,340 through the Interim Community Grants Scheme, for the period from April to June 1998, to voluntary and community organisations operating either solely in Bellshill and the surrounding villages or serving the area.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

INTERIM COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS

12. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 June 1998, there was submitted a report dated 1 September 1998 by the Chief Executive detailing applications for Community Grants continued from that meeting together with new applications.

Decided: that subject to receipt of any outstanding information, the applications for Community Grants be dealt with as follows:-

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CONTINUED APPLICATION

Group: Living Waters Christian Centre, Bellshill - CG97/98-982
Purpose of Application: To assist with the ongoing running costs of Youth Clubs.
Grant Requested: £1,500 (cheque previously issued for £200)
Decision: Grant of £50.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Bellshill and District School Football League - CG98/99-96
Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of park fees, referees, transport and trophies.
Grant Requested: £550
Decision: Grant of £330 and continue.

Group: General Motors Senior Citizens, Holytown - CG98/99-202
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of an outing.
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant of £150.

Group: Holytown Senior Citizens - CG98/99-203
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of an outing.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £300.

Group: Christ the King PTA, Holytown - CG98/99-204
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of school playground renovations.
Grant Requested: £300
Decision: Grant of £300.

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Group: Holytown Sunday School - CG98/99-205
Purpose of Application: To assist with the costs of craft materials and a Christmas outing.
Grant Requested: £50
Decision: Grant of £50.

Group: St Gerard's Sequence Dancing, Bellshill - CG98/99-207
Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of equipment.
Grant Requested: £200
Decision: Grant of £100 and continue.

Group: Focus Youth Project, Viewpark - CG98/99-208
Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of a summer fayre.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £500.

Group: St Vincent De Paul, Holytown - CG98/99-218
Purpose of Application: to assist with running costs.
Grant Requested: £100
Decision: Grant of £100.

Group: Holytown Albion - CG98/99-224
Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of equipment.
Grant Requested: £100
Decision: Grant of £100.

Group: Bellshill and Mossend YMCA - CG98/99-234
Purpose of Application: to assist with operational costs associated with the Early Years facility.
Grant Requested: £1,500
Decision: Grant of £450 and continue.

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Group: **Toss (Theatre or Something Similar) Theatre, Mossend - CG98/99-251**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of paint, decorative and building materials to construct a giant board game on Mossend Shopping Centre and to assist with the running costs of a photocopier for six months.

Grant Requested: £1,038

Decision: Grant of £475 and continue.

Group: **Holytown Colts - CG98/99-256**

Purpose of Application: to assist with the cost of the hire of pitches.

Grant Requested: £150

Decision: Grant of £150.

Group: **Holy Family PTA, Mossend - CG98/99-284**

Purpose of Application: to assist in subsidising places for Primary 7 pupils to attend a residential outdoor centre.

Grant Requested: £880

Decision: Grant of £390 and continue.