

AGENDA ITEM No.1.(e)...
BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 4 February 1999

St. Gabriel's Primary, Juniper Road, Viewpark, 4 February 1999 at 7 pm.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor McKeown (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Acting Director of Construction Services (Acting Liaison Director); Administrative Officer; Local Officer, Chief Executive's Department; Area Manager (Bellshill Social Work Office), and Principal Officer Early Years, Education Department.

ALSO ATTENDING

Mr. Derek Robertson, Executive Director, Barrie Brannan, Dawn McKeown and Helen McMenamin, Bellshill and Mossend YMCA; Ellen Davidson, Chrissie Kennedy, Tom Leggate, Kay MacPhee and Isobel Wotherspoon, Bellshill Community Forum representatives.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle, McAlorum and McCabe.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1. There were submitted Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Community Councils held on the dates specified:-
 - (a) Bellshill Community Council 16 December 1998
 - (b) Holytown Community Council 2 June 1998
7 July 1998
4 August 1998
8 September 1998
6 October 1998
3 November 1998
 - (c) Mossend Community Council 11 November 1998
9 December 1998
 - (d) Newarthill Community Council 20 May 1998
17 June 1998
17 September 1998
18 November 1998

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

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BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTE

2. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 1999 by the Chief Executive enclosing the Minute of the meeting of the Bellshill and District Community Forum held on 26 November 1998.

Decided: that the terms of the Minute be noted.

BELLSHILL AREA SAFETY INITIATIVE - MINUTES

3. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 1999 by the Chief Executive enclosing the Minutes of the meetings of the Bellshill Area Safety Initiative Management Committee held on 3 November and 1 December 1998.

Decided:

- (1) that, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting held on 3 November 1998, the Acting Liaison Director be authorised to write to the Director of Environmental Services in relation to litter bin provision at Brannock and Taylor High Schools, and
- (2) that the terms of the Minutes be noted.

CHILDCARE SERVICES AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS - PRESENTATION BY BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND YMCA

4. The Convener intimated to the Committee that the Executive Director of Bellshill and Mossend YMCA had been invited to attend the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation to Members on childcare services and proposed developments.

The Committee welcomed Mr Robertson to the meeting and heard him report on childcare services and proposed developments. Mr Robertson then submitted the Bellshill and Mossend YMCA annual report for 1997/1998 together with supplementary information (tabled and docketed) outlining the aims of the Bellshill and Mossend YMCA. There then followed a question and answer session at the conclusion of which the Convener thanked Mr Robertson for his informative presentation.

Decided:

- (1) that the aims of the Bellshill and Mossend YMCA be supported in principle;
- (2) that regular reports advising on the progress of Bellshill and Mossend YMCA and similar groups within the Bellshill and District area be brought forward, and
- (3) that the presentation be otherwise noted.

The Convener exercised his discretion to alter the order of business in order to consider items 5(a) and 5(b) together.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY - REMIT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 8 DECEMBER 1998 AND BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM COMMENTS

5. With reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 December 1998 when that Committee, having considered a report dated 27 November 1998

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by the Chief Executive advising of the development of the community safety strategy for North Lanarkshire and highlighting the commitment to tackle the priority issues of home safety, transport safety, domestic violence, opportunities for young people, alcohol and drug abuse as detailed in the leaflet attached as Appendix 1 of the report, had agreed inter alia that Area Committees be requested to consider the community safety strategy issues and seek the views of the Community Forums, there was submitted (1) the report dated 27 November 1998 by the Chief Executive, and (2) a report dated 28 January 1999 by the Chief Executive advising of the local community safety issues which the Bellshill and District Community Forum had identified as key priorities within the local area.

Decided:

- (1) that the North Lanarkshire Community Safety Partnership be advised of the comments of Bellshill and District Community Forum in relation to local traffic and road safety concerns;
- (2) that the Director of Planning and Development be requested to bring forward a report to the next meeting of the Committee on roads safety issues;
- (3) that Strathclyde Police be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to present any relevant information and statistics on local community safety issues;
- (4) that consideration of the matter be continued to a future meeting of this Committee to enable the Community Forum to undertake wider community consultation in relation to local community safety issues, and
- (5) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

SERVICE PLANS 1999/2000

6. With reference to paragraph 25 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2 February 1999, when that Committee had agreed inter alia to refer the summary draft service plans to all Area Committees for information, there were submitted (1) reports dated 11 and 19 January 1999 by the Chief Executive outlining the role of the Council's corporate planning process, and (2) summary service plans for 1999/2000 for all Council departments.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be referred to the Bellshill and District Community Forum for comments, and
- (2) that the terms of the summary service plans be otherwise noted.

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 3 December 1998, there was submitted a report dated 28 January 1999 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 APPLICATIONS

Group: Hattonrigg Senior Citizens Centre - CG98/99-438

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of Christmas dinner.

Grant Requested: £200 (Cheque previously issued for £100)

Decision: Grant of £100

Group: Bellshill and Mossend Chess Club - CG98/99-499

Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs (for example league fees and travel expenses).

Grant Requested: £183.25 (Cheque previously issued for £115)

Decision: No Grant

Group: Tannochside Community Bowling Club - CG98/99-506

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of carpet bowls and accessories.

Grant Requested: £422.90

Decision: Grant of £423

Group: Reminiscence Club, Viewpark - CG98/99-510

Purpose of Application: To assist with carpet bowling equipment.

Grant Requested: £600 (Cheque previously issued for £200)

Decision: Grant of £200

NEW APPLICATIONS

Group: Newarthill Childrens Gala Day - CG98/99-625

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of materials (for example catering, bunting, materials for floats etc.)

Grant Requested: £500

Decision: Grant of £320

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Group: Bellshill Academy School Board - CG98/99-626
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of furnishings and kitchen equipment.
Grant Requested: £800
Decision: Grant of £450

Group: Orbiston/Bellshill Elderly Forum - CG98/99-627
Purpose of Application: To assist with running costs and travelling expenses to supplement the enterprise fund in supplying bed socks, gloves and thermos jugs.
Grant Requested: £100
Decision: Grant of £100

Group: New Stevenson Community Council - CG98/99-628
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of a Christmas carol service.
Grant Requested: £500
Decision: Grant of £50

Group: Mother and Toddlers, St Gabriel's Chapel, Viewpark - CG98/99-629
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of toys and baby equipment.
Grant Requested: £150
Decision: Grant of £150

Group: Burnhead Bowling Club - CG98/99-630
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of the installation of artificial bankings.
Grant Requested: £1,600
Decision: Grant of £1,100

Group: Mossend Bowling Club - CG98/99-659
Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of refurbishing the clubhouse.
Grant Requested: £950
Decision: Grant of £50

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Group: Bujin Karate Club, Tannochside - CG98/99-660

Purpose of Application: To assist with the purchase of new equipment.

Grant Requested: £300

Decision: Grant of £300

Group: Jellytots Parent and Toddler Group, Mossend - CG98/99-661

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of buying new toys and books.

Grant Requested: £100

Decision: Grant of £100

AREA ALLOCATION

Group: Bellshill Area Safety Initiative - CG98/99-662

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of extending the area safety initiative for a further two months enabling those safety issues raised at the community conference on 21 March 1999 to be developed.

Grant Requested: £1,500

Decision: Grant of £1,500

Group: Bellshill Girls Football Club - CG98/99-663

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of taking 18 girls and 7 helpers to Dublin at Easter to take part in a week of football tournaments and cultural experiences.

Grant Requested: £700

Decision: That funding be requested initially from the allocation of local members and that any shortfall in funding be brought forward for consideration to a future meeting.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Group: Focus Youth Project, Viewpark - CG98/99-676

Purpose of Application: To assist 4 community organisations with the cost of arranging a local conference in order for the community to voice its current concerns and re-establish a community agenda.

Grant Requested: £1,465

Decision: Continue for further information.

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Group: Mossend Primary School Board - CG98/99-691

Purpose of Application: To assist with the cost of training school board members.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Decision: Grant of £247