



Report to Local Area Partnership
March 2015

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:

- 19th December
- 16th January
- 19th February

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

The forum have been approached by a number of concerned residents from Mossend and West end in January who feel that the high costs associated to local sports facilities and the lack of play areas in the community are an issue. They feel local children need areas where they can play (including ball games) to help combat boredom, health & fitness concerns and provide diversionary activities.

There are concerns that in regards to Age Restriction Goods and Challenge 25, that businesses should be challenged as well as people purchasing items. This was raised at the February meeting by Jordan Linden.

There has been concern raised by members of the Woodlands Estate Residents Association project at the February meeting, regarding a tree within their area that is too tall and could fall over. They have been informed the tree cannot be removed, but the potential danger is having an impact on their insurance costs. It is understood that the tree is healthy and that proper procedures have been followed in relation to the retention of the tree.

It was brought to the Forums attention at the start of March, whilst at another community group meeting, about the development of a rugby facility at the Bothwellhaugh area. The Forum feels this was done with no consideration for the local Active Bellshill Community Group, who are aiming to bring a multi-purpose

sports facility to the town centre. There are concerns this new development could have an impact on the ABC groups funding bids.

SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE

The Forum are delighted that Jordan Linden takes time to feedback on what young people in the area are thinking. As such the forum was happy to support him in his bid for re-election as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament.

FUTURE PLANS

Street Fair - The Forum look forward to having a stall at the local street fair on Saturday 23rd May. This will allow for further community engagement.

Carer's Event - The Forum will continue to support the annual carer's event, organised in partnership with Lanarkshire Princes Carers Trust. Plans are in place for another one to take place this year.

'Picnic in the Park' - plans are in place to have another picnic event in the summer

Laura Campbell
Vice Chair