



### Report to Local Area Partnership June 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 four times:

- 19<sup>th</sup> March
- 16<sup>th</sup> April
- 21<sup>st</sup> May
- 18<sup>th</sup> June

#### Street Fair

The Forum had a stall at the street fair on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, where the Vice Chair carried out a questionnaire for some community engagement and feedback.

88 people completed the questionnaire (70 female & 18 male) and 62 people had heard of the forum, 62 feel transport in the area needs improved and 74 feel safe in their area. (Full breakdown of results is available, if required)

#### 'Picnic in the Park'

The forum, in partnership with Bellshill & Mossend YMCA, NHS and Community Learning and Development, organised a community picnic event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Orbiston YMCA. Activities included:

- \* Face Painting
- \* Massage
- \* Cooking Demo
- \* Arts & Crafts
- \* Police Scotland Visit
- \* Oculus demo
- \* Non alcoholic cocktails
- \* Picnic
- \* Nail Technicians
- \* Photobooth
- \* Sow n Grow workshop
- \* Fire Scotland – explore engine
- \* Sports activities (NL Leisure)
- \* Giant games
- \* Cafe area

Even though the weather was not great, there was a good turnout and the Forum

would like to thank all partner agencies and participants. Again via community engagement questionnaires, 90% of residents who completed the form indicated they feel safe in their community, with 70% having heard of the Forum.

### **Youth Diversionary Activities**

As always the Forum is delighted to assist in the provision of youth diversionary activities aimed at promoting the health and wellbeing of local young people and tackle youth disorder concerns. This year this has been done with the provision of a ten-week street football programme based in the Hattonrigg area of Bellshill. The project has also been located in Carfin.

### **Multi Cultural Event**

The forum will be contributing to the running of a multi cultural event, in Motherwell Civic Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **Forum Network & Public Partnership Forum**

A representative from Bellshill & District Community Forum attends both of the above groups.

Forum Network meetings allow all Community Fora in North Lanarkshire to come together and share wider concerns and success stories. Bellshill & District Community Forum incorporated a transport question in to their community engagement questionnaires at the street fair to feedback to this group who are hoping to collate a North Lanarkshire wide perspective.

The Public partnership Forum, again allows all Community Fora to come together and feed back into NHS strategies/practices. Bellshill & District Community Forum will post all NHS information on their Facebook page to attempt to keep the community updated.

Everyone at Bellshill & District Community Forum would like to express their deepest condolences to the family of the Chair of the PPF (and Wishaw, Murdostoun & Fortissat Community Forum) David Summers ,who sadly passed away mid June.

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