

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – 6 August 2015

Michael Sherry Community Facility, Holytown, 6 August 2015 at 7 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

PRESENT

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Bonnar, Burrows, Lyle and McNally, North Lanarkshire Council; Duncan McLeod, Bellshill and District Community Forum; Margot McLean, NHS Lanarkshire; Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Colin MacFarlane, Third Sector.

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Llewellyn, Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, Paul Kane, Development and Funding Officer, and Leanne Pollock, Regeneration Strategy Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Baird, J. Coyle, Curran and McCabe, and Shirley Penman, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, North Lanarkshire Council.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener welcomed Councillor Bonnar to his first meeting of Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

The Chair exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND INDUCTION PROCESS

2. The Local Area Partnership heard Leanne Pollock, Regeneration Strategy Officer, Regeneration Services who gave a presentation on the development of a North Lanarkshire Partnership Agreement and Induction Process for those involved at all levels of the Community Planning Structures and informed of the:-

- purpose of the Partnership Agreement/Induction Process;
 - organisational responsibility for delivery of the process;
 - implications for organisations;
 - proposed timescales, and
 - further consideration.
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Thereon, there was submitted a report dated 6 August 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration, North Lanarkshire Council providing an update on the development of a Partnership Agreement and Induction Process for all elements of North Lanarkshire Community Planning Structures (1) outlining the background to the Partnership Agreement/Induction Process and its challenges; (2) explaining that it was recognised that there was a need to further develop processes to address a number of challenges, and to assist this task a number of documents had been drafted, which were attached as Appendices to the report; (3) advising of the ongoing work to draft a Community Engagement Strategy that would replace the expired Community Engagement Strategy; (4) providing details of the progress and feedback to date, and (5) highlighting the next planned steps for the Partnership Agreement and Induction Process.

Thereafter, Leanne Pollock responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership, and the Convener thanked Leanne for her informative presentation.

Decided:

- (1) that the presentation be noted;
- (2) that the report and the Appendices to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the development and effective delivery of a comprehensive Community Planning Partnership Agreement and Induction Process be agreed and supported, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

PRESENTATION - M8, M73 AND M74 MOTORWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

3. The Local Area Partnership heard Mark Miller, and Stuart Hunter, Scottish Roads Partnership, David Mcgeever, Ferrovial Lagan and Graham Reid, Transport Scotland who gave a presentation on the M8, M73 and M74 Motorway Improvements Project, including:-

- an overview of the £500m project which completes the Central Scotland Motorway Network;
- details of the construction of a new M8 Motorway between Glasgow and Edinburgh;
- a summary of the major improvement works to be carried out to the M74 Raith and A8/M8 Shawhead Junctions;
- examples of the benefits of the project to traffic flow, journey times, road safety and local employment opportunities;
- information on the Traffic Management arrangements, and the environmental impact throughout the project, and
- details of an information drop-in day to be held on Thursday, 13 August 2015 at the Hilton Hotel, Strathclyde.

Thereafter, the Officers responded to questions from Members of the Local Area Partnership, and the Convener thanked them for their informative presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

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BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

4. There were submitted the Minutes of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee held on 2 April 2015.

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated June 2015 from Bellshill and District Community Forum advising of recent and proposed activity, including (1) the Bellshill Street Fair; (2) Picnic in the Park; (3) youth diversionary activities; (4) a multi-cultural event, and (5) Forum Network and Public Partnership Forum meetings.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE

6. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board held on 18 February 2015.

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

7. There was submitted a report by the Service Manager, NHS Lanarkshire – Bellshill Locality (1) providing details of various health improvement initiatives within the Bellshill locality area since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, and (2) an update on the current position regarding the Bellshill Community Clinic.

Thereon, the Convener orally advised the Local Area Partnership of the contents of a letter received from NHS Lanarkshire's Chief Executive, and intimated that he would be formally seeking a meeting with him in order to progress the matter further.

Decided: that the report and information regarding the John Street Practice be noted.

THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated July 2015 by the Third Sector representative detailing the activity of the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group since the last meeting of the Local Area Partnership, including (1) the Bellshill Area Voluntary Sector Locality Network event that was scheduled to be held on 10 September 2015 within the Bellshill Cultural Centre; (2) implementation of the Third Sector Community Planning Improvement Plan 2015-18; (3) the North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference 2015 that was held on 2 June 2015 within the Jim Foley Centre, Motherwell; (4) the local Third Sector's transition from delivering key objectives of the Reshaping Care for Older People Change Plan to supporting the implementation of Health and Social Care Integration; (5) the launch of a new Voluntary Sector Dementia Network; (6) the production of an updated 2015 summary profile of the third sector in the Bellshill area; (7) the launch of a third sector locality programme to support children and families affected by substance misuse, and (8) news of a Bellshill company that was leading the way in an employer supported volunteering programme.

Decided: that the report be noted.

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 2 April 2015, there was submitted a report dated 6 August 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) summarising, within Appendix 1 to the report, the Community Safety Sub-Group Action Plan, as updated by the partners through the on-line Sharepoint system, and (2) detailing within the report, action taken to promote positive outcomes within the locality.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Alison Clarke, Area Housing Manager, and Group Commander Paul Devlin, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, in supplement to the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS – YEAR END UPDATE

10. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 2 April 2015, there was submitted a report dated 6 August 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the progress of the Bellshill Local Area Team Action Plan for 2014/15, including some key achievements for the year; (2) setting out examples of the key priorities and actions for the 2015/16 Action Plan, and (3) providing details of the monitoring and reporting process for the Action Plans.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

11. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 2 April 2015, there was submitted a report dated 6 August 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the criteria for projects to be included within the Local Development Programme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 1 to the report, the progress of projects within the 2014/15 Programme, including some amended funding proposals; (3) providing details of proposed projects for the 2015/16 Local Development Programme, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, and (4) presenting a holding list of projects for the area, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Matt Costello, Local Regeneration Manager, in supplement to the report.

Decided: that it be recommended that the Area Committee note and approve:-

- (1) the progress in relation to the delivery of projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2014/15, including amended funding proposals, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (2) the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2015/16, including any amendments, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report;
 - (3) the changes to the holding list of projects, as detailed within Appendix 3 to the report, and
 - (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.
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NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

12. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 15 January 2015, there was submitted a report dated 30 July 2015 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) setting out the background to, and details of, the Youth Investment Programme which offered employers an incentive to recruit young unemployed residents of North Lanarkshire and had a target of supporting 5,000 unemployed residents back into work over the three year period of the Programme; (2) indicating that by the end of the Programme in March 2015, a total of 5,292 North Lanarkshire residents had been supported into employment; (3) intimating that the Council had committed a further £1.7m for 2015/16 to continue the implementation of the Youth Investment Programme and had a target of supporting 1,000 unemployed residents into work in 2015/16; (4) informing that, since the launch of the Youth Investment Programme in February 2012, a total of 5,486 North Lanarkshire residents had been assisted into employment through North Lanarkshire's Working, with 866 from the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership area, 316 from the Bellshill Ward, 326 from the Mossend and Holytown Ward, and 224 from the Thorniewood Ward; (5) providing details of the services provided by Routes to Work; (6) advising that, by May 2015, 2,751 unemployed residents had benefited from the vacancies secured from the private sector, with 391 from the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership area, 131 from the Bellshill Ward, 162 from the Mossend and Holytown Ward, and 98 from the Thorniewood Ward; (7) highlighting ways in which the Local Area Team could assist in delivering the objectives of the Programme and maximising the benefit of the Investment Programme, and (8) concluding that, while the Youth Investment Programme had performed very well, Regeneration Services required the support of all stakeholders and partners to make the Programme a success and were open to feedback on ways in which the programme could be improved.

The Local Area Partnership then heard Paul Kane, Development and Funding Officer, in supplement to the report and in response to Members' questions.

Decided: that the performance and progress made in delivering Employability Services in North Lanarkshire be noted.

BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

13. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Local Area Partnership held on 2 April 2015, there was submitted a report dated 30 July 2015 by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising that (a) the Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan had been reviewed and revised, where appropriate, to take account of comments received during the final public consultation period held earlier in the year, and (b) Committee approval would be sought in September to enable the adoption of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan as supplementary guidance to the North Lanarkshire Local Plan 2012 and subsequent Local Development Plan; (2) indicating that as no funding had been allocated in the Capital Programme for Bellshill Town Centre, consequently opportunities for external funding would need to be identified within the new Framework and Action Plan; (3) setting out statistical information provided by Town Centre Activities Limited which showed (a) that Bellshill's vacancy rate of 5.4% was the lowest of all Town Centres in North Lanarkshire; (b) that footfall figures for the period January to March 2015 showed a decrease of 12% in levels of activity compared with the previous quarter of October to December 2014, and a decrease of 7% compared with the same period in 2014, and (c) that Town Centre Wi-Fi had received 161 new registrations for the period January to March 2015, with 5,922 log ons in total.

Decided: that the report be noted.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

14. The Local Area Partnership were orally advised by the Convener that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership and Area Committee were to take place on Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Main Street, Bellshill.

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership would be held on Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Main Street, Bellshill, with the Area Committee commencing immediately thereafter in the same location.

BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA – 6 August 2015

Michael Sherry Community Facility, Holytown, 6 August 2015 at 9.20 pm.

A Meeting of the BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor McGuigan (Convener); Councillors Bonnar, Burrows, Lyle and McNally.

CHAIR

Councillor McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), Corporate Services; Local Regeneration Manager, Development and Funding Officer and Regeneration Strategy Officer, Regeneration and Environmental Services, and Area Housing Manager, Housing and Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Baird, J. Coyle, Curran and McCabe.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Decided: the meeting noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. CONSIDER DECISIONS OF MEETING OF THE BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2015

The Area Committee gave consideration to the recommendations made by the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership at its meeting held on 6 August 2015, and agreed in respect of each item, the following:-

(1) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND INDUCTION PROCESS

Decided:

- (1) that the presentation be noted;
- (2) that the report and the Appendices to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the development and effective delivery of a comprehensive Community Planning Partnership Agreement and Induction Process be agreed and supported, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

(2) PRESENTATION - M8, M73 AND M74 MOTORWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

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(3) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP/AREA COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Decided: that the Minutes be noted.

(4) BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM – UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(5) NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTE

Decided: that the Minute be noted.

(6) NHS LANARKSHIRE – NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – NORTH EAST UNIT

Decided: that the report and information regarding the John Street Practice be noted.

(7) THIRD SECTOR UPDATE REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(8) JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Decided: that the report be noted.

(9) LOCAL AREA TEAM ACTION PLANS – YEAR END UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(10) LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in relation to the delivery of projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2014/15, including amended funding proposals, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
 - (2) that the progress in relation to the delivery of the projects within the approved Local Development Programme for 2015/16, including any amendments, as set out within Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
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- (4) that further progress on the current and proposed projects be reported to future meetings of the Local Area Partnership.

(11) NORTH LANARKSHIRE'S YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Decided: that the performance and progress made in delivering Employability Services in North Lanarkshire be noted.

(12) BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

Decided: that the report be noted.

(13) DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Decided: that it be noted that the next meeting of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership would be held on Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 7 pm within Bellshill Academy, Main Street, Bellshill, with the Area Committee commencing immediately thereafter in the same location.
