

# **Minutes of the meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 7-9pm**

**Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre, Haddington Road, Musselburgh**

## **Members present**

Cathy McArthur, Windsor Park TRA (CM)

Councillor Fraser McAllister (FM)

Councillor John Caldwell (JC)

Councillor John Williamson (JW)

Councillor Stuart Currie (SC)

Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council (IT)

Scott Allan, Wallyford Community Council (SA)

Sharlene Miller, Stoneyhill Parent Council (SM)

Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)

Chris Knights, Church and Community Development Worker, Musselburgh Parish Grouping, Church of Scotland (CK)

Chris Turnbull, Musselburgh Sports Hub (CT)

Fiona Langskaill, Bridges Project (FL)

## **Substitute members present**

Jeanette Boyd, Windsor Park TRA (JB)

Emma Stuart, Council of Churches (Musselburgh) (ES)

## **Others in attendance**

Bengy Barsanti, Development Officer for Community Sports Hubs, East Lothian Council (BB)

Darrin Nightingale, Interim Co-chair of Musselburgh Area Partnership, Head of Education, East Lothian Council (DN)

Heather Fleming, Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council (HF)

Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (KS)

Sharon Saunders, Interim Co-chair of Musselburgh Area Partnership, Head of Children's Wellbeing, East Lothian Council (SS)

Veronica Campanile, Policy Officer, East Lothian Council (VC)

## **Members Apologies**

Councillor John McNeill

Nadine Lowery, Campie Primary School Parent Council

Iain Clark, Pinkie St Peter's Parent Council

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	Key discussion points	Action
1. <b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D Nightingale welcomed members to the second meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership. He explained that we would get through the business items quickly so that the meeting could focus on beginning work to develop the Area Plan, using a workshop format.</li> <li>• DN notes the apologies received as shown above.</li> </ul>	
2. <b>Approval of minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DN asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none and the minutes were approved.</li> </ul>	
3. <b>Matters arising</b>	<p><b>a) Draft Code of Conduct</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DN advised that no comments on the Code of Conduct had been received.</li> <li>• <b>Therefore the Code of Conduct was approved.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>b) Membership of the Area Partnership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DN said that five nominations from five groups had been received as per the document circulated by email on 7 May, prior to this meeting. These are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bridges Project – representing this organisation as well as wider youth service provision in the Musselburgh area</li> <li>2. Musselburgh Council of Churches – with membership from 10 of the Christian Churches across the wards</li> <li>3. Queen Margaret University – from their community outreach and student services section</li> <li>4. Musselburgh Conservation Society – concerned with the built environment across the area</li> <li>5. Musselburgh Community Sports Hub – currently representing 14 active sports clubs and associations in the area</li> </ol> </li> <li>• DN proposed that this Partnership accepts all 5 groups as members.</li> <li>• <b>This was agreed; all 5 groups are now members and will be added to the membership list.</b></li> <li>• In addition, Musselburgh Support from the Start group has expressed interest in becoming a member but hasn't yet made a formal application. This nomination (and others) could be considered at a later date.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Other matters arising – none were proposed</b></p>	<p>KS/VC to confirm with the groups and update the membership lists</p>
4.	<b>a) Between Partnership members</b>	

<p><b>Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S Saunders explained that current members had agreed to sharing their email addresses within the Partnership group to enable swift communication across all members.</li> <li>• She asked if new members would be happy to share their emails also and an option for those with personal emails would be to set up a generic email. She asked all new members to confirm their position on sharing their email and their preferred email address to <a href="mailto:musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• SC also asked members when sending an email to reply to all to ensure that everyone can participate in discussions - that is except in the case of 'thanks' etc, to avoid clogging up inboxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Feeding back to represented groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <u>meeting feedback form</u> was circulated to the meeting.</li> <li>• SS explained that the form can be used by members for any Area Partnership meeting or event. The form is designed to enable members to feed back their views on a meeting to the groups and networks they represent, focusing on key points and actions of interest to them. The form includes a section for the recipients to be able to feed back on actions requested to the representative.</li> <li>• Please send any comments on the feedback form to <a href="mailto:musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• The meeting feedback form template in word will be emailed to members.</li> <li>• In addition, minutes and reports for meetings are useful for feeding back, which are publicly available on <a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/committee/108/east_lothian_partnership-musselburgh_area_partnership">www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/committee/108/east_lothian_partnership-musselburgh_area_partnership</a></li> <li>• Cllr. Caldwell proposed an e-distribution list for members. <b>This was agreed and emails would be included on the updated membership list once people have confirmed they are happy for contacts to be shared.</b></li> </ul>	<p>All new members to indicate if they are happy to share emails within the Partnership and their preferred email</p> <p>All to note the use of a 'reply to all' protocol</p> <p>Members to consider trialling the use of the feedback form</p> <p>Staff to email template form to all members</p> <p>Staff to email the updated membership list with emails</p>
<p><b>5. Beginning a strategic assessment of the needs and issues in the Musselburgh Area.</b></p>	<p><b>a) Presentation on key points from the Area Profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K Scott introduced a presentation on the key points arising from the Musselburgh Area Profile as a framework for the group work to follow. She said that copies of the presentation and the Area Profiles were on the tables for reference.</li> </ul> <p>The presentation is available at:  <a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/5481/east_lothian_partnership-musselburgh_area_partnership">www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/5481/east_lothian_partnership-musselburgh_area_partnership</a></p> <p>This is a summary of the points from the presentation which particularly stuck out or surprised people:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Musselburgh growing fastest but highest deprivation</li> <li>• Surprised that Musselburgh at the lower end of scales in most areas of concern</li> <li>• Wallyford and Whitecraig noticeably deprived confirms Scottish Government alcohol policy based a) NHS and b) Police stats showing incidence of drink related problems (3<sup>rd</sup> town in East Lothian was Prestonpans)</li> <li>• Wallyford / Whitecraig – health inequalities / hospital admissions / impact of licensed premises (Wallyford) on health outcomes</li> <li>• Relatively low levels of Unemployed / looking for work 😊</li> <li>• Busy High St – but... quality of shopping experience?</li> <li>• Housing availability</li> <li>• Rates of Single occupancy</li> <li>• Musselburgh West (Single occupancy level in West -&gt; uni / tenement impact) vs Musselburgh East (Council housing and highest deprivation)</li> <li>• The number of carers providing over 50hrs care 😊</li> <li>• Educational attainment in Musselburgh Grammar School / EDI low attainment level</li> <li>• S4 attainment 😊</li> <li>• Attendance / exclusions 😊 😊</li> <li>• Youth crime not as high as community thinks ¼ of 37%</li> <li>• People feel safe 😊</li> <li>• Confirmation that most anti-social behaviour is perpetrated by adults and not young people! They just get bad press</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>b) Small group discussions exploring issues and priorities</b>  The discussion topics were presented on the back of the agenda, and were based on the four objectives and the outcomes of The East Lothian Plan 2013-2023. The structure allowed participants to each choose 2 areas they were most interested in discussing.</p> <p>A full <b>Record of Discussion</b> compiling the notes from each table is included as an attachment to these minutes</p> <p><b><u>Key themes emerging from the discussion</u></b> (that might give us a starter framework for beginning to develop the area plan)  The key theme linking many of the topics discussed was ‘<b>aspiration</b>’, or more specifically ‘<b>lack of aspiration</b>’ across the area – both individually and collectively for the future of the town. What are the communities’ aspirations, or has there become a pattern in the area of settling for ‘good enough’ or ‘better than it was’?</p> <p><b><u>Some key areas of concern:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Poor attainment patterns for children and young people – from early years to school leavers (and while easy to</li> </ol>	<p>Members to review that the discussions were accurately recorded.</p>

	<p>illustrate a simple east-west divide is not really enough to understand what is going on).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Health inequalities within our communities – particularly in relation to life-style dependent illnesses and child health and well-being indicators.</li> <li>3. Town Centre / High street regeneration</li> <li>4. How is Musselburgh presented to the wider world? Can Musselburgh be making more of its tourist offer?</li> <li>5. Community Safety – while fear of crime is generally low and the number of reported crimes falling – rates of crime are still very high in some areas.</li> <li>6. Transport and connections between communities – particularly in relation to public transport and active travel options (eg cycling, walking etc)</li> <li>7. Inclusion – recognising that across the area (particularly in Musselburgh West) the make-up of the population is changing and thus needs in the area may change too.</li> </ol> <p>Each of these themes is developed and explored further in the <b>Discussion Summary</b> attached as an appendix to this minute.</p>	<p>Members to take the key themes, concerns, priorities etc identified in these discussions to the groups they represent for feedback.</p>
<p><b>6. Next steps</b></p>	<p>KS asked members to identify key pieces of additional information they needed to add to these discussions before moving onto exploring actions. The following were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between the share of population and the resources deployed in the area to understand if there is a mismatch in comparison with other areas (S Currie)</li> <li>• Community safety was felt to be ok and improving, however, there was a danger that the service could be reduced as a result, as seemed to happening with reductions in community policing and withdrawal of counters (HF). Therefore, information on the baseline required to maintain police services is needed, and so avoid going back five years (SC)</li> <li>• Update on Total Place and the Musselburgh Learning Community group’s work post-inspection (includes interesting resource analysis for initiatives such as transition work) (SS, HF)</li> <li>• Update on work post Inspection of Education in the area (DN)</li> </ul>	<p>Members to forward any relevant reports to staff at <a href="mailto:musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a> for distribution and reference</p> <p>Staff to try to source data requested for next meeting and identify appropriate people to input on wider plans etc at future meetings.</p>
<p><b>7. Next Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DN brought the meeting to a close, saying that he had thoroughly enjoyed the group work session.</li> <li>• Two further meetings were agreed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 7-9pm.</b> Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre (MECLC)</li> <li>• <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 7-9pm,</b> venue tbc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>apologies to: <a href="mailto:musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>