

Fa'side Area Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership

2nd Sept, 7-9pm, Fraser Centre

Members present

Councillor Donald Grant

Councillor Jim Gillies

Elizabeth Hutchison, Muirpark and Steading Tenants and Residents Association

Helen Spencer, Elphinstone Primary School Parent Council

Margaret Scott, Tranent West Tenants and Residents Association

Maureen Allan, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council

Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council

Robert McNeill, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council

Scott Russell, Tranent & District Community Sports Club

Substitute members present

Ralph Alverbuch, Pencaitland Community Council

Annette Welsh, Ross High Parent Council

Others in attendance

Alan Bell, Recharge

David Orr, Fraser Centre

John Russell, Fraser Centre

Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council

Lorraine Congalton, Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council

Rurigh McMeddes, Assistant Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council

Tom Shearer, Interim Chair of Fa'side Area Partnership, Head of Communities and Partnership, East Lothian Council

Apologies

Councillor Kenny McLeod

Councillor Shamin Akhtar

Jennifer McNeil, Ormiston Community Council

Scott Gillies, Ormiston Community Council

Samara Bell, Recharge Youth Committee

Mark Ormiston, Ormiston West Tenants and Residents Association

Roger Powell, Ross High School Parent Council

| | Key discussion points | Action |
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| 1. Welcome | TS welcomed everybody to the meeting, thanked the Fraser Centre for hosting, and initiated a round of introductions. | |
| 2. Minutes Approval | The minutes from the 3 rd June were approved as accurate | |
| 3. Matters Arising | <p>a. Update re Police actions from the last meeting:</p> <p>KS reported that we had been expecting an update from the Police regarding the points raised at the previous meeting however due to Sgt G Simpson being off ill the update has not been received.</p> <p>Subsequently an update has been received from Sgt G Simpson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re: concerns that police commitment for CAPP meetings is dropping, Sgt GS stated that there is still a police commitment to CAPP meetings. • Re: Establishing greater police management of traffic and parking violations, Sgt GS stated that MGAIT officers (Musselburgh Group Area Funded Officers) have been looking at the parking issues around the primary schools and as a result 1 car was ticketed for parking on a double yellow line. • Re: Speeding in Macmerry, Pencaitland and New Winton, Sgt GS stated that PC Hughes has also requested Traffic Officers to patrol outside schools during school time. Whilst carrying out patrols outside Macmerry Primary School they have reported 2 drivers for speeding offences including 1 doing 56 mph in a 30 and 2 fixed penalty tickets. 11 drivers were also warned. • Re: the #44 bus at Windygoul, Sgt GS stated Community Wardens have been giving attention to Windygoul Primary and the Council are considering putting in double yellow lines. • Re: Traffic congestion on Tranent High St and around schools becoming more confrontational, Sgt GS stated this will continue to be given attention. • Re: Buses not pulling in and holding up traffic; U-turning taxis, and; Delivery Vans on Tranent High St blocking bus stops and taxi rank, Sgt GS stated these are ongoing problems being given attention by local officers. <p>b. Any other matters arising...</p> <p>There were no other matters arising</p> | ACTION: CAPP chair to report how things are progressing to the next AP meeting |
| 4. Building up our Understanding of the Themes | <p>c. Prioritising the Themes</p> <p>Following a quick summary of the emergent themes, KS asked if members had noticed any key issues missing – none were raised.</p> <p>KS then introduced exercise for prioritisation to determine which issues would benefit from further exploration at this meeting.</p> <p>Attendees received five 'green' voting stickers and three 'orange' voting stickers with which to express their priorities. This method</p> | |

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| <p>b. Updates on key themes</p> | <p>identified five principal priorities: Town Centre Regeneration; Community Facilities; Challenges to Living a Healthy, Active Life in the Area; 'wraparound communities', and 'Business and the Economy'.</p> <p><u>The ranking was as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community Facilities – (16) 2) Town Centre Regeneration – (13) 3) Challenges to living a healthy, active life – (10) 4) Business and Economy – (8.5) 5) Community Information and Co-ordination – (3.5) 6) Effective Travel b/w Villages, Tranent & Beyond – (2) 7) ASB and Perceptions of Crime – (-1) <p><i>(Where numbers in brackets refer to the number of green votes, minus half of the number of orange votes)</i></p> <p>It was decided that 'Town Centre Regeneration' and 'Business and the Economy' could be omitted from detailed discussion at this meeting. This was due to the already established Town Centre Regeneration Sub-group, upcoming discussions regarding the Local Development Plan, and agreement that many other themes 'feed into' Business and Economy.</p> <p>Town Centre Regeneration Sub-Group</p> <p>RM provided a summary of recent work from the TCR Sub-Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group have had three meetings so far and RM indicated that input from Graham Duncan, a retired planner volunteering his expertise to the group, and ELC staff from transport & planning has been useful. • RM stated that there are certain areas of Tranent with potential for funding from the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and they have been working with J Baker (CARS Officer, ELC) to move this forward. • KS confirmed that a funding bid has now been made to Historic Scotland for £570,900 and the outcome of this bid will be known by Christmas. • RM highlighted that although the recent work done to 'The Crown' had made a difference to the High St that it and many more buildings had potential for regeneration. • He noted that Tranent Town Centre Regeneration is unlikely to be a quick-fix, with a projected timeline perhaps as long as ten years. • RM went on to indicate that with such a long timeline, it was vital to have an accurate picture of community priorities, meaning further community consultation would be required – not about identifying the priorities but about practical options for solutions • RM questioned: 'How do we make the Town Centre friendly?' suggesting that the answer lay in providing easy access from | <p>ACTION: TCR Subgroup to continue to work with ELC officers to develop options for a way forward</p> |
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| | <p>peripheral areas without requiring a car. There was mention of the Transport Assessment planned for later this year, and RM stated the need for a 'revolutionary' proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM reported that a 'Charrette' – a technique that allows community consultation to progress visually – has been applied for, for Tranent Town Centre to assist with community engagement on proposals. KS further explained that this technique should allow for very significant changes to be considered by the community. • RM concludes stating that it will be important to include a broad area within the classification of 'Town Centre', including, eg: The Library. <p>RA stated the importance of Tranent Town Centre Regeneration to the whole ward area, not just Tranent. RA also pointed out the extent to which the eight priority themes are interlinked, and cannot be considered in isolation.</p> <p>Both RM and RA stated concerns regarding the need for more varied transport infrastructure due to a projected increase in congestion resultant from Regeneration of the TC, and the proposed new Asda in Tranent. Both stated importance of finding ways to convince people not to rely so heavily on their car to mediate the impact of future development.</p> <p>KS indicates that transport in the area is a major issue and will be considered within the consultation process for the Main Issues Report (MIR) for the forthcoming East Lothian Local Development Plan.</p> <p>TS stated the importance of approaching the potential Asda development as an opportunity for economic gain in the area – by bringing more people into Tranent. TS continued that it will be important to balance this opportunity with the risk of increased congestion.</p> <p>Cllr DG pointed out that Tranent will be affected by the additional housing requirements in EL and that this must be taken into account when considering regeneration and transport projects.</p> <p>TS briefly assured attendees that there will be significant consultation on the forthcoming MIR, where transport issues can be dealt with.</p> <p>RA suggested possibility of involving individuals from SusTrans to assist with developing car-less transport initiatives. In particular he mentioned an Andy Keba who has already been involved in projects with Pencaitland Community Council.</p> <p>Audit of Community Facilities</p> <p>In Cllr SA's absence KS gave summary of what was in progress.</p> <p>KS stated that, following the approach with the Infant School, it had been agreed that a good assessment of what spaces are available was required before a plan of action can be decided on Community</p> | <p>ACTION: Staff to make contact with SusTrans re participating in the sub-group</p> |
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| <p>c. Exploring Key Themes in more Depth</p> | <p>Facilities.</p> <p>SA's report so far will be circulated to be discussed at next meeting, and it should be noted that 'Community Facilities' was the top ranked priority during the voting exercise.</p> <p>JR stated that the Fraser Centre was also keen to find out what facilities the community required to assist with development plans there.</p> <p>Broadband Strategy</p> <p>KS updated the group about the East Lothian Broadband Strategy, - an overarching 5 year internet connectivity strategy for East Lothian. She highlighted that while coverage in the Fa'side ward was generally expected to improve significantly that there are some rural areas within Fa'side may not benefit from the Scottish Government's Step Change programme – a programme that aims to achieve Next Generation Access coverage to 95% of East Lothian premises by 2017. KS informed the Partnership that there was likely to be a working-group developed under the umbrella of the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership to look at this, with other affected communities invited to get involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS stated that Pencaitland Community Council are aware of two areas within Pencaitland that will not receive benefit, and have met with people to discuss this. - Chr TS Points to "Community Broadband Scotland" as a potential source of funding to support communities in 'white-spots'. - RA stated the importance of fast Broadband for the provision of health services in people's homes and the affect this may have on alleviating the burden on public services, and travel expenses incurred by people living in rural areas. - All agreed. - Chr TS also pointed out the importance of fast broadband for stimulating economic gain, particularly for small businesses. - JR stated that as he works for BT Openreach he will attempt to gain more information on the issues to report back. <p>This section of the meeting involved exploring the prioritised themes in more depth in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gain Greater Understanding of Specific Issues in Community - Identify Gaps in our Knowledge - Begin collecting ideas about what needs to be done <p>Attendees formed into discussion groups to discuss the three priorities that had been identified during the voting exercise: Community Facilities; Challenges to Healthy Lifestyles and; Wraparound</p> | <p>ACTION: Staff to circulate Community Facility Audit</p> <p>ACTION: Staff to provide a link to the Strategy with the minutes</p> <p>ACTION: JR to report back with further info from BT Openreach</p> <p>ACTION: All present at the meeting to review the record of discussion for accuracy and clarify highlighted</p> |
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| | <p>AB suggested setting up young person's sub-group to run parallel to Fa'side AP and feed in regularly.</p> <p>All agreed.</p> | <p>setting up YP Sub-Group</p> |
| <p>6. AOCB</p> | <p>a) Chr TS informed attendees that all six Area Partnerships are now up and running. Furthermore ELC will shortly be appointing four 'Area Co-Ordinators' from within ELC who will be working with the APs.</p> <p>b) AW questioned whether there were processes planned to allow communities to work together across East Lothian to learn from initiatives in other APs. KS answered that there are a few ideas in consideration that will allow for 'knowledge sharing' processes later in the stage.</p> <p>c) KS highlighted the 'Resilient Communities Workshop' on Saturday 25th October, distributing a copy of the invitation from Sandy Baptie. She asked for Community Councils and TRA's intending to participate to confirm their attendance to Sandy and encouraged other partnership members with an interest to attending to contact Sandy directly.</p> | <p>ACTION: Members to confirm attendance to the Resilient Communities workshop: sbaptie@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> |
| <p>7. Date of Next Meetings</p> | <p>Dates are set for the next two Fa'side Area Partnership Meetings.</p> <p>Wednesday, 8th October</p> <p>Tuesday, 11th November</p> | <p>apologies to: faside-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> |

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| Community Facilities | | | | |
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| What is the Specific Issue | What (if anything) is already being done to Address this | Who is involved? | What Else do we Need to Know to be Able to Work on the Issue Effectively | Ideas for Action |
| Venues for Recreation and Sport including: Access; Cost; Time; Demand and; Staff. | | | | |
| Information on what is available. | | | | |
| Duplication of facilities on offer. | | | | |
| Short/Long Term Resourcing | | | | |
| Accessing school resources out of hours and weekends | ??? | PPP | | Talk to PPP provider |
| Safe-Cycle access to Fa'side facilities | | Transport | | Paint cycle lanes |
| Facilities for teenagers | Recharge | Recharge | | Discussion with PI |
| Facilities for early years and parenting | New Day Care New Soft Play | | | |
| Facilities for the Elderly | | Fraser Centre | | |

| 'wraparound communities' | | | | |
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| Not all children in ward get a great start and are ready to start school | Support from Start Initiative | ELC Community Health Nurseries/ Parents | More about what is going on and where gaps are. | Local community mapping. Not just facilities but who does what and where. Gaps identified. |
| Dementia Demographics (Increasing) | Dementia Friendly Tranent | Fraser Centre Community Volunteers | | |
| LD Plus Dementia Demographics (Increasing) | | | | |
| Children going to school without breakfast | Scott Glynn/ Alan Bell, Breakfast | | | |
| Social Isolation in Old Age | Cinema Groups | TECAP; Resident's Association; Community Garden; Allotments | | |
| Male | Men in Sheds | | | |
| Female | "She Shed" | | | |
| Lack of Activities of over 65s | Daycentres: Tranent; Primrose (Ormiston); Lunch Club (Pencaitland) | ELC Volunteers NHS | Core inspectorate | |
| Lack of activities for teenagers | Recharge- Social Indusion | | Youth cafe | |
| Churches | | | Survey what churches are providing: allow us to direct to them if appropriate | |
| Maintaining/ Building 'community spirit' as churches lose influence | | Non religious voluntary groups | | |

| Challenges to living a healthy, active life in the area | | | | |
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| Healthy eating and ignorance to healthy eating | Teaching in some schools. Social enterprise @ | Roots & Fruits Foodbank | More resources More involvement in schools | Education (parents & kids) NHS Health Promotion |
| Increase in Health related illness eg: Diabetes | Ormiston Grows Summer classes | Ormiston Grows Muirpark Allotments Support from the Start Schools | How to make healthy eating cheaper & more accessible. How to encourage parents to cook healthier food at home. | More Allotments Locally sourced food markets Bring volunteer groups together |
| Area for kids to play football in villages. Eg: Pencaitland & Elphinstone | Pitch in Elphinstone (but no footpath) Forresters Complex | T&D C.S.C Active Schools | Barriers to school facilities after hrs. Ross High: state of art/prohibitively expensive. Access to Loch Centre: Often used for community events as no other space | Resolve issues with F.E.S to improve access Improve access to foresters, as well as physical aspects such as lighting. |
| Sports Groups – Organised Activities | Community Sports Hub Fraser Centre Curling | Enjoy Leisure Ross High | | |
| Walking Access to Country & in Town | Great footpaths but people aren't aware | | | Better signage for local footpaths |
| Community Sports Events | | | | Establish 5k/10k |
| Difficult to get Appt @ Health Centre, esp w/ Doctor | Surgery Extension | GPs | Capacity in future yrs? What's being done to improve waiting times? | |
| Access to Day Centres | Move to new facility | | New community Hosp @ Haddington | |
| Ageing Population | Dementia Friendly Sporting memories | Fraser Centre Sporting Memories Maureen | | Tie in with football groups to take elderly population to watch games at weekends. |

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15th April 2014



Dear

East Lothian Council, Resilient Communities Workshop 2014

Saturday, 25th October, 2014 at the Brunton, Musselburgh 9am to 1pm (lunch provided)

As you will be aware, from the e-mails I have previously circulated, East Lothian Council are organising the above workshop for the benefit of the East Lothian public.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss best practice, share information and highlight/promote Resilient Communities. The workshop will be hosted by East Lothian Council and involve local community representatives, responder agency personnel and East Lothian Council staff.

Objectives

- Assist communities to become more resilient in the event of any emergency or other unexpected event.
- Promote and highlight Resilient Communities, including creating community emergency plans.
- To provide communities with advice, information and reassurance on ways they can be better prepared for emergencies and unexpected events.
- To highlight responder agencies, including the voluntary sector, and the challenges they face.
- To gather 'lessons learned' for future planning.

Attendees

- Representatives from each of the 20 ELC Community Councils. **(names required!)**
- Representatives from Tenants and Residents Associations.
- Voluntary sector including Lothian 4x4, British Red Cross and Scottish Flood Forum..
- Partner agencies including the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, SEPA, Met Office, Coastguard, Scottish Power and NHS Lothian
- East Lothian Council staff.
- School pupils representing the 6 East Lothian secondary schools.
- Elected Members
- Media.

Programme

Planning is ongoing and the final programme will be confirmed at a later date.

The workshop will commence at 9.30am (9 for 9.30) and be completed by 1pm. Refreshments, including lunch will be provided.

The workshop will be scenario based (looking at risks for East Lothian) with several incidents featured. This will include severe weather, Torness Power Station and Oil Pollution. Community Council, Tenant and Residents Association representatives, elected members and school pupils will be seated at tables, each

with a facilitator. Feedback will be encouraged on how best communities can act to enhance resilience and take action to resolve many issues, including the safety and health of vulnerable people.

Several Community Councils have already started to create their own Resilient Communities emergency response plans and this work will be featured during the workshop.

East Lothian Council and responder agency staff will provide short, sharp inputs on what they can achieve in certain emergency situations, including highlighting their agencies limitations.

During the registration period between 9 and 9.30am, the morning refreshment break and over lunch, all present will have the opportunity to 'network' and view several products, such as flood prevention equipment that can be purchased on the open market.

I look forward to receiving details of who will be representing your Community Council/Tenants Association, if you have not done so previously.

Should you require further details please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

Yours faithfully,

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