

Fa'side Area Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership

11th November, 7-9pm, Fraser Centre

Chair

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

Members and substitute members present

Cllr Donald Grant (DG)

Cllr Kenny McLeod (KM)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar (SA)

Cllr Jim Gillies (JG)

Elizabeth Hutchison, Muirpark and Steading Tenants and Residents Association (LH)

Helen Spencer, Elphinstone Primary School Parent Council (HS)

Margaret Scott, Tranent West Tenants and Residents Association (MS)

Maureen Allan, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (MA)

Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council (PS)

Robert McNeill, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (RM)

Roger Powell, Ross High School Parent Council (RP)

Mark Ormiston, Ormiston West Tenants and Residents Association (MO)

Maureen Cuthill, Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council (MC)

Others in attendance

Alan Bell, Recharge (AB)

David Orr, Fraser Centre (DO)

John Russell, Fraser Centre (JR)

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

Rurigh McMeddes, Assistant Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (RMc)

Lorraine Congalton, Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council (LC)

Carol Lumsden, Transformation Manager NHS Lothian (CL)

Meriel Deans, NHS Lothian (MD)

Chris Lewis, Change Fund Programme Manager STRIVE (CLe)

Apologies

Jennifer McNeill, Ormiston Community Council (JM)

Ralph Averbuch, Pencaitland Community Council (RA)

Scott Russell, Tranent & District Community Sports Club (SR)

	Key discussion points	Action
1. Welcome	<p>TS welcomed everybody to the meeting, thanked the Fraser Centre for hosting, and welcomed CL to the meeting.</p> <p>TS highlighted that the primary focus of this meeting would be a presentation regarding the Integration of Health & Social Care.</p>	
2. Minutes Approval	<p>The minutes from the 8th October were approved as accurate</p>	
3. Matters Arising	<p>a. Citizens' Panel</p> <p>KS reminded attendees that they had been asked at the last meeting to sign-up more people from the Fa'side area, particularly young people for the Citizens' Panel.</p> <p>http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/670/consultations_complaints_and_compliments/1631/east_lothian_citizens_panel</p> <p>There have been three new sign-ups since, less than had been hoped for. All attendees were once again encouraged to sign people up to the panel through their connections within the community.</p> <p>b. Resilient Communities Workshop Feedback</p> <p>TS stated that the Resilient Communities Workshop which took place on Saturday the 25th of October had been a highly positive event with good representation from the Fa'side ward. TS stated that S Baptie, who had been in charge of the event, had been very pleased with the response and with the feedback that has been received.</p> <p>c. MIR Consultation Process</p> <p>TS highlighted that the Main Issues Report is now available for public viewing online and that the public consultation period will begin on the 17th of November.</p> <p>More information about the Main Issues Report including a short informative video can be found here: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ldp</p> <p>Public consultation events for the Tranent Area will take place on the 8th of December at the Fraser centre. There are two stages to the public consultation on the day: an afternoon drop-in session from 14:00 – 17:30, followed by an evening workshop from 18:30 – 20:30. Attendees are encouraged to book in advance to guarantee a place at the evening session. More information regarding the consultation process can be found here:</p> <p>More information regarding the MIR will also be found in the forthcoming edition of 'Living', and summary of the maps and issues being considered in the Tranent cluster area can be found here: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/8913/mir_tranent_summary_and_maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM raised concern that events requiring registration will put 	<p>MEMBERS: Attempt to sign up more people from within Fa'side to the Citizens' Panel</p> <p>MEMBERS: encourage people throughout the community to attend the public consultation events on the MIR or make individual and/or group responses. Registration for evening event is encouraged and if this is oversubscribed additional meetings will be arranged.</p>

	<p>people off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM stated he felt that the Fraser Centre may not be a large enough venue, and that the Loch Centre may be more appropriate. • KS clarified that only the evening event involves registration, and highlighted that while people who register in advance will be guaranteed a place at the meeting people will not be turned away if there is capacity to take them. Furthermore if the meetings are oversubscribed there was the possibility of organising additional consultation workshops. • DG reported that based on previous similar consultations in recent years the numbers attending in this area should be able to be accommodated at the Fraser Centre • TS stated that these concerns could be fed back to Planning colleagues who were responsible for organising the consultations. <p>d. Concerns over Coal Bed Methane Development in East Lothian</p> <p>KS stated that the issue of fracking – the extraction of Coal Bed Methan (CBM), otherwise known as Shale Gas - in the Fa'side are had been raised at the last meeting with attendees keen to gain more information on ELC's position.</p> <p>KS reported the response given by Planning colleagues that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - currently East Lothian Council does not have a position on fracking - That there have not been any approaches made to the Council as a planning authority in relation to fracking in this area - That East Lothian Council is currently using the consultation on the Main Issues Report to seek the wider community's views on these and other extraction concerns (pages 195-201 of the MIR). <p>KS also drew attendees attention to informative handouts which have been provided by a Fa'side community member that provide information on the issue. These handouts are attached.</p>	<p>STAFF: to feedback concerns to the Planning Dept.</p> <p>MEMBERS: to submit a response to the MIR Consultation regarding mineral extraction if you have concerns regarding this issue.</p>
<p>4. Updates</p>	<p>a. CAPP:</p> <p>JG reported there were no significant updates from CAPP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS reminded CAPP members of the agreement at the last AP meeting that the CAPP would discuss police and community attendance at meetings and asked that this discussion take place during forthcoming CAPP meetings. <p>b. Young Person Sub-Group Update</p> <p>RMc provided a brief update from the first meeting of the Young-Person's sub-group which took place on Tuesday the 4th of November at Recharge in Tranent. Young people took part in several exercises and discussions aimed at assessing priorities throughout the ward, and further highlighting issues within key themes. A full write up of this meeting and these exercises can be found in the minutes for this meeting.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people involved were keen to continue with the sub-group feeding into the full AP with updates during meetings. • They decided against having a member of the full AP in attendance at sub-group meetings for the time being but agreed to review this if necessary at a later date. • AB highlighted that at the initial meeting there was over-representation from Tranent, with only one attendee being from one of the villages: Macmerry. He stated that the timing of the meetings was an issue for young people living in rural areas and that both he and RMc would consider how this could be dealt with. <p>c. TECAP Update</p> <p>SA provided a brief update from the meeting of TECAP the previous evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R McNeill had provided a presentation from Friends of Polson Park which would be passed on to G Duncan for the Tranent Town Centre Regeneration Sub-Group. • The appropriate use of existing facilities was highlighted as a key issue given the lack of community facilities in the ward. • TECAP expressed that they are glad to hear of the development of the Young Person's Sub-Group and look forward to seeing how this progresses. <p>KS noted the value in include updates from TECAP as a standing item on the agenda as it allows us to ensure efforts are not overlapping.</p>	<p>RMc & AB: to discuss issues around timing of YP SG meetings to ensure adequate representation from outlying rural areas.</p> <p>STAFF: to keep CAPP and TECAP updates as standing agenda items</p>
<p>5. Integration of Health & Social Care Strategic Plan Consultation</p>	<p>Presentation on the Integration of Health & Social Care, and the Strategic Plan from C. Lumsden</p> <p>CL gave a presentation which explained the structure of the Integrated Joint Board, the purpose and priorities of the Strategic Plan and the questions which the group were to be consulted on. (attached)</p> <p>CL highlighted that three of the members of the Fa'side AP are on the Joint Board: SA, DG and MA.</p> <p>Following the presentation there was time for questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM voiced concerns that: as the plans for integration are stimulated by a desire for greater efficiency, there may be a risk that the money saved, may not – as suggested during the presentation – be re-spent on improving health services, but instead lost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL answered stating that the legislation involved is designed to ensure that money is 'fixed' to service uses and that it is the role of the Board to ensure that this is the case. • The question of whether the budget for A&E for East Lothian patients fell under this remit was raised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL confirmed that it did. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final question was asked regarding how the implementation of the strategic plan would affect GPs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL explained that as GPs are Independent Contractors, rather than NHS staff, who's role fell under a separate contract it was impossible for the NHS to make GPs do anything. However she highlighted that it is possible for health service providers to positively influence GPs to "take them along" with improvements to service provision, and this will be carefully managed by the partnership during the roll out of the strategic plan. <p>Discussion Groups Re Key Issues for Consultation. The results of this consultation will feed into the Strategic Plan and updates on the progress of the consultation for this plan will be fed back to the AP at a later date.</p> <p>Key points raised in the discussions are outlined briefly below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of getting people out of hospital as soon as possible. - Issues of mental health and dementia, as well as mental health in young-people who are not currently covered by integration plan. - Imminent lack of care homes in Tranent and undercapacity in the independent sector. - Importance of strong transitional services for young-people approaching adulthood. - Potential highly positive impact of tele-health schemes as broadband connectivity in rural areas improves. - Importance of preventative measures, both in high risk groups and with children and young-people. - Need to be aware of other practices throughout the country and able to be influenced by, and influence understanding of best practice. <p>CL stated that the full consultation will be available on ELC's consultation hub from the 1st of December and encouraged interested groups and individuals to make fuller responses there. She offered to attend meetings of other groups individually to discuss these issues further during the consultation period.</p> <p>TS thanked CL for her presentation and noted the interesting nature of the health statistics relevant to the Fa'side ward.</p>	<p>MEMBERS: Respond to Health & Social Care Integration Strategic Plan Consultation from the 1st of December.</p>
<p>6. Next Steps</p>	<p>a. Town Centre Regeneration Sub-Group KS stated that the TCR Sub-Group has not met since the last AP meeting. At the next meeting on Thursday the 13th of November the focus of the agenda will be the process of putting out a tender to consultants for the charrette consultation.</p> <p>b. Community Facilities Sub-Group KS proposed a date for the first meeting of this sub-group -7pm Monday</p>	

	<p>the 24th of November. No objections to this date were voiced.</p> <p>KS reported work had begun on the audit of facilities and that we would hope to have information back for this date.</p> <p>c. Active Transport Sub-Group</p> <p>RMc stated that the first meeting of the Active Transport Sub-Group would take place on Wednesday the 19th of November from 18:30 till 20:30 at the Ormiston Community Centre.</p> <p>RMc stated that all members and substitutes should have received a draft agenda and that an updated agenda would be circulated in advance of the meeting. RMc further highlighted the Iain Reid – council officer responsible for cycling access to school – would be in attendance to discuss access issues between Ormiston and Tranent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM suggested that it would be appropriate to have the three Sub-Groups chaired by members of the community, highlighting that this may take pressure off ELC staff, and improve community involvement in the process. • HS expressed concerns that this may shift too much pressure on to volunteers at this still relatively early stage in the AP's life time. • TS stated that the ideal outcome would be community chairs leading both the AP and any Sub-Groups where this is thought appropriate, though care must be taken to ensure the burden of doing so will not be too high for community volunteers. • KS stated that as the TC sub-group was the only one to have met yet this could be added to the agenda for discussion at the upcoming meeting • JG stated that as the Sub-Groups are not intended to continue ad-infinitum, it may be appropriate to wait until the AP has a community chair, and consider whether Sub-Groups should also have chairs at that stage. • KS reminded members that participation in these sub-groups was not limited to members of the partnership and encouraged people to identify others from the groups they represented or the wider community who it would be beneficial to involve 	<p>MEMBERS: to identify others who should/could contribute to the sub-groups and forward them the information.</p>
<p>7. AOCB</p>	<p>a. East Lothian Community Rail Partnership Launch – 18th November</p> <p>TS highlighted that the launch of East Lothian Community Rail Partnership would be taking place on Tuesday the 18th of November from 14:00 till 16:00 at Queen Margaret University.</p> <p>ELCRP will be working on a number of issues that are relevant to action points highlighted by the AP and all attendees with an interest in East Lothian's rail network were encouraged to attend.</p> <p>An outline of the meeting is included in the appendices for these minutes and anyone who plans to attend should RSVP to Annette Filby from the</p>	<p>MEMBERS: RSVP to Annette@acorp.uk.com If interested in attending the launch.</p>

	<p>Association of Community Rail Partnerships.</p> <p>b. Ross Rocks Reading</p> <p>SA highlighted that the next meeting of Ross Rocks Reading will be on the 20th of November from 7-9pm and encouraged anyone interested to attend.</p>	
8. Date of Next Meetings	<p>Tuesday, 3rd February, 7 – 9pm, Fraser Centre, Tranent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This meeting will focus on developing a ward wide response to the MIR informed by feedback from the public consultation process to date 	<p>apologies to: faside-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>

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Notice under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008
East Lothian Local Development Plan: Publication of Main Issues Report for Consultation

Content and purpose of Main Issues Report

The Main Issues Report (MIR) is a consultation document setting out potential options for development strategy and locations in East Lothian as a key step in preparing the new Local Development Plan. It contains initial ideas and options for where new development might be supported and a summary of the evidence base that has led to those options.

Where and when it may be viewed

The MIR and all associated documents will be available online at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ldp and will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Planning reception, John Muir House, Haddington, and at public libraries within the East Lothian area for the duration of the consultation period from 17th November 2014 to 8th February 2015.

How to find out further information

Drop-in sessions will run between 2pm and 5.30pm at the following locations:

- Musselburgh, Brunton Hall: Mon 17 Nov
- Prestonpans Community Centre: Thurs 20 Nov
- Haddington Town House: Tues 25 Nov
- Dunbar, Castle Social Club: Tues 2 Dec
- North Berwick Community Centre: Thurs 4 Dec
- Tranent, Fraser Centre: Mon 8 Dec

Separate 2-hour workshop events are also being held between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on the same dates and at the same locations as above. To secure a place at a workshop please register via www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ldp.

Contact the Policy & Projects team on 01620 827216 or ldp@eastlothian.gov.uk.

How to make comment

Representations to the MIR should be made online via the Council's Consultation Hub: www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk. Online comments on the MIR need to be made by 23.59 on Sunday 8th February 2015.

Alternatively email ldp@eastlothian.gov.uk or write to

Policy & Projects, Development, Partnerships & Services for Communities,
East Lothian Council,
John Muir House,
Haddington,
EH41 3HA.

Hard copy responses will be accepted until noon on Monday 9th February 2015. Hard copies of the MIR consultation questions can be obtained from Planning reception, John Muir House, Haddington.

**Part 2, Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Publication of Interim Environmental Report for East Lothian Local Development Plan Main
Issues Report**

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Yours faithfully,

Iain McFarlane
Service Manager – Planning

11th November 2014

Fa'side Young Person's Sub-Group

Notes from the Initial Meeting - 4th November 2014

Recharge, Tranent

Attendance:

Staff:

Rurighd McMeddes, Asst. Local Community Planning Officer, ELC

Alan Bell, Pupil Support Officer, Recharge

In addition 7 young people were in attendance these consisted of individuals from the Recharge Youth Committee, and from the broader Ross High student body.

Background: At the Fa'side Area Partnership meeting on Tuesday the 2nd of September it was agreed that to ensure engagement in the Area Partnership from young people in the area a Young-Person's Sub-Group be established to run parallel to the main meetings. On Tuesday 4th November this Sub-Group was established with an initial meeting at the Recharge Youth Facility in Tranent.

Decisions: During discussion a number of decisions were reached.

- **Role of Sub-Group:** All in attendance agreed to take part in the sub-group with the purpose of providing input for the full Area Partnership on issues relevant to children and young people in the Fa'side area.
- **Timing of Meetings:** It was agreed that meeting times would be fluid, but where possible meetings would take place on the first Tuesday of each month.
- **Input from Main Group:** It was agreed that for the time being there is no need for any representatives from the full Area Partnership to attend Sub-Group meetings.

Exercises: Attendees took part in exercises detailed below. Write ups can be found in appendices.

1. **Considering the Issues:** Attendees took part in a short exercise to highlight the key issues for them and other young people in each of the settlements in the area.
2. **Considering Key Themes:** Attendees took part in a further short exercise to consider three key issues: 'Active Transport', 'Town Centre Regeneration', and 'Community Facilities'. They took note of problems in each of these three areas, and considered potential solutions.
3. **Discussion Groups:** Attendees split up into two groups to take part in detailed discussion on two important themes for young people in the area: 'Active Transport' and 'Community Facilities'.

AOCB: Attendees raised concerns regarding the state of the road in Tranent, with particular attention to the number of potholes.

Next Steps: Results from the exercises will be highlighted during meetings of the Working-Groups and the Area Partnership.

Next Meetings:

- **Tuesday the 9th of December, 5:00pm – 7:30pm, Recharge, Tranent**

Appendices

Exercise 1: Good, Bad and Neutral Points of all the main settlements.

	<i>Bad Points</i>	<i>Neutral Points</i>	<i>Good Points</i>
Tranent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pot Holes - Lack of shops including Starbucks and McDonalds - Too many takeaways - Litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alan Bell - Some decent shops - Parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recharge - Chippy
Ormiston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Park
Pencaitland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shops - Litter 		
Macmerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one shop - Litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Houses - Trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiet - Has a butchers
Elphinstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not many shops - Litter 		

Exercise 2: Key Themes – Problems and Solutions.

	<i>Problems</i>	<i>Solutions</i>
Tranent Town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Too many of the same shops: Takeaways, Bookies, Pubs - Litter - Too many drunks: Dangerous on high St - High St unsafe: Kids running across road - No Starbucks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better variety of shops, eg: cafes; clothes shops
Active Transport (and Public Transport)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of safe Footpaths: to Port Seton; to Ormiston; to Cockenzie - Bikes are not safe at school - Not enough bike parking in town centre - Perception that ‘cycling isn’t cool’ - Public Transport is expensive - Bus times are unreliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build more footpaths - Better signposting for footpaths already there - Improve bike shelter at Ross High
Community Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No skate park - Not enough greenery - Polson Park is dangerous at night, not enough lights - Public toilets are ‘trampy’ - Band Stand in Polson park is not fit for purpose (vandalised, smelly, not well used) - Recharge under threat, currently in good location, may be less well-used if moved. - Library shuts too early. - Library not well signposted - Many derelict buildings being underused, eg: Infant School; Old Housing Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lights in Polson Park - Refurbish the Band Stand, add new railings etc. - Keep Recharge

Exercise 3: Discussion Groups

Key theme: Community Facilities				
What are the best facilities in Fa'side?	Are there any facilities that are not being used to their full potential?	What facilities do you use?	What facilities do you know are there but don't use?	What facilities would you most like to see that aren't there?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recharge Centre - Fraser Centre - Library - Loch Centre - Polson Park (during the day) - Muirpark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fraser Centre - Polson Park Band Stand - Library - Recharge - Polson Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recharge - Loch Centre - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fraser Centre - Infant School - Loch Centre - Town Hall - St Martins Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skate Park - Comic Book Shop - Anything except takeaways, bookies and pubs - Better Cinema (newer movies) - Safer Parks (lights and litter) - Greenery in Town Centre - Internet Cafe - Community Coffee Shop

Key theme: Active Transport (walking/ cycling/ skating)				
Where is good to cycle/walk/skate in Fa'side?	Where is not good to cycle/walk/skate in Fa'side?	Would you cycle to school? If not, why not?	Is it easy to cycle/walk/skate in Fa'side?	What would make you cycle/walk/skate more?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fa'side Castle - Fa'side castle – Elphinstone Road - Heuch - Railway walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High Street - Ross High - Any main roads - Tranent to Ormiston - Heuch not safe - Bottom of Church St - Elphinstone to Tranent - Fa'side Castle road – fast cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perception within school - Bike shelter vandalised at school - Not very safe - Dangerous, roads are too busy - Bike might get damaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy to walk - Difficult to cycle, not safe on roads - Difficult to skate, too many potholes, bumpy loose ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better surfaces and paths - Lockable bike cage at Ross High