

Minutes of the meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership

Monday 26th January, 7-9pm

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

Meeting Chaired by: Sharon Saunders, Interim Co-Chair, Head of Children's Well-Being, East Lothian Council (SS).

Members (and substitutes) present

Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (GA)
Jeanette Boyd, Windsor Park TRA (JB)
Iain Clark, Pinkie and St. Peter's Parent Council (IC)
Andy Forrest, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (AF) part attendance
Chris Knights, Musselburgh Council of Churches (CK)
Fraser McAllister, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (FM)
Cathy McArthur, Windsor Park TRA (CM)
John McNeill, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (JM)
Sharlene Miller, Stoneyhill Parent Council (SM)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council (MS)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council (IT)
Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT)

Others in attendance

Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (KS)
Darrin Nightingale, Interim Co-Chair, Head of Education, East Lothian Council (DN)- part-attendance
Andy Stewart, Principal Planner Policy and Projects (AS)
Phil McLean, Planner (Policy and Projects) (PM)
Stephanie Carr, Assistant Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (SCa)

Apologies

Janice MacLeod, Lead Musselburgh Support from the Start (JM)
Stuart Currie, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (SC)
Fiona Langskaill, Bridges Project (FL)
Nadine Lowrey, Campie Primary Parent Council (NL)
Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
Scott Robertson, Musselburgh Sports Hub (SR)
Richard Semple, Depute Musselburgh Grammar (RS)
Emma Stewart, Council of Churches (ES)
Chris Turnbull, Musselburgh Sports Hub (CT)
John Williamson, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (JW)

	Key discussion points	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p>	<p>SS welcomed members to the meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership.</p> <p>Apologies were noted, including those from DN who would be arriving later into the meeting.</p> <p>SS also highlighted the acceptance of membership to the AP by Janice MacLeod who has now taken the lead role for the Musselburgh Support from the Start Group. JM passed on her apologies for the evening.</p>	
<p>2. Approval of minutes</p>	<p>SS asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. SS went through actions proposed and one action is to be taken forward.</p> <p>The minutes were approved without amendment.</p>	<p>Action-staff: To contact Sandy to ensure distribution of Resilience Community Info. To community councils and Area Partnership</p>
<p>3. Matters arising</p>	<p>a) Update on Attendance Matters</p> <p>Following the Musselburgh Cluster Head Teacher meeting, KS confirmed there has been enthusiasm to move forward with the Attendance Matters campaign. With an intention to begin the campaign after Easter, KS advised that she is trying to organise a further meeting between head teachers and sub-group members to develop the plan in more detail and the AP will be kept updated on progress.</p> <p>b) Workshop on Health Inequalities</p> <p>SCa noted the workshop that took place on Saturday 17th January was well-attended and received positive and constructive feedback.</p> <p>SCa proposed a follow-up meeting to take place to look at how the Musselburgh Area Partnership want to tackle health inequalities through their Area Plans and develop short and long-term plans of action.</p> <p>SCa put forward the date of <u>Monday 23rd February</u> for the first</p>	

	<p>Musselburgh action meeting on Health Inequalities. SCA advised this date will be confirmed via email invitation. SCA encouraged attendance by anyone interested from both the Area Partnership and the groups and/networks they represent.</p> <p>No other matters arising.</p>	<p>Action-staff: To confirm date for first Musselburgh action meeting on Health Inequalities</p>
<p>4. MIR Consultation- Developing a ward-wide perspective</p>	<p>AS explained the MIR as the first stage for ELC in developing a new Local Development Plan. He noted it as a research and consultation document, one that is essentially a precursor to the final plan. IM noted the MIR consultation will be closing on 8th February 2015.</p> <p>AS further highlighted some of the wider policy issues that need to be considered and the strategic and contextual background of the document. He reinforced that the Local Development Plan. that will ultimately be produced must meet the requirements set out in the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan which was approved by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>AS referred to a separate ‘Call for Sites’ document, which he explained as a document that identified developer interest in a range of additional sites. AS noted that despite the extensive list of potential sites for development, these have not all been included as either preferred or viable alternatives in the MIR. He encouraged AP members to, to provide feedback on the sites identified in this document as well if they had specific concerns or opinions regarding them</p> <p>AS made note of the numerous challenges there are in meeting the requirement to deliver land for 10,050 houses before 2024. He referred to the various processes that have played an important role in producing this document including transport appraisals, strategic environmental assessment and school capacity analysis.</p> <p>The AP posed the following concerns and queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus-related connections are currently very limited and there is a significant challenge in accessing the Royal Infirmary. A compact strategy could magnify this problem further. • The importance of consulting with other agencies was noted- and the AP questioned AS when external organisations are brought into the process. <p>AS confirmed the NHS has been involved in this process, as has other statutory bodies including Heritage Scotland and Transport Scotland. AS highlighted that as ELC Council move further into the process,</p>	

	<p>other organisations will be consulted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the compact strategy, the AP demonstrated concern over the volume of traffic and further congestion that will be caused by the preferred options. • The availability of public transport was also a key concern, with members noting the limitations they experience at present with trains in particular. <p>AS responded to these concerns, explaining the use of a high-level assessment in the form of a transport appraisal. He advised that a micro-simulation model will be use to assess potential impacts, but also possible options to mitigate problems that will arise. A Rail Utilisation survey will be also be used, and the possibility of a new rail halt is being considered. AS emphasised however, that this MIR is still the first-step, and these are processes that will come in at a later stage.</p> <p>Some views from the AP were that a dispersed strategy would in fact encourage beneficial economic and transport developments further to the East. There was an idea that for people to use the transport, and for transport systems to be improved, an increased population is required further East.</p> <p>Key outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a degree of consensus by the AP the compact strategy was ‘saturating’ what already exists in Musselburgh. There was a strong feeling that the LDP should give other communities the opportunities to thrive by directing development elsewhere. • The AP highlighted the importance of vision, and looking further, beyond 2019 and the implications this compact strategy would have in the long-term future. <p>Education</p> <p>Infrastructure constraints were discussed extensively, in particular educational requirements that will arise through both the compact and dispersed strategy. AS explained the three main options for accommodating the increase in pupil roll that would come about through adoption of the compact strategy. He explained the considerations and implications on school capacities and possible new schools.</p> <p>There were mixed feelings by the AP in regards to which option would be best for the Musselburgh community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was considerable resistance however to establishing a 2nd secondary school in Musselburgh with fears expressed 	
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	<p>that this may bring about a 'split-culture', and there were also views raised over community safety in relation to youth issues and potential rivalry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other topics discussed were the capacity of the existing Tesco site to allow for expansion of the Grammar • Concerns about a split campus however also emphasised the importance of maintaining contact-teaching time if teachers and pupils had to move between campuses. <p>Overall: There was a view by the AP that adopting a dispersed strategy would provide opportunities right across East Lothian. It was voiced that the Musselburgh community should be kept as one, and there were strong feelings to be aware of in regards to not saturating the West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the AP members felt a compact strategy was 'too much on Musselburgh', and there was significant concern if Musselburgh could cope with a significant increase in population and the ramifications that come from this. • It was reiterated again, that perhaps the rural areas are missing out, and more development in these areas would provide support for growth and better quality and more accessible services. <p>It was acknowledged that it would be difficult to obtain a group consensus view, however, it was evident there was general opposition to the preferred compact strategy.</p> <p>Many AP members also felt they would be more comfortable with proposed options if they could be provided with more detail of potential solutions to infrastructure challenges that were raised. The AP voiced the importance of the community being able to understand potential 'answers' and view the proposed modelled solutions to issues that will arise in regards to transport, air quality, education and health- essentially before the primary issue can be addressed in deciding which strategy is best.</p> <p>AS thanked the AP for their discussion and reiterated the importance for the AP, individual as well as groups/networks to provide feedback via the Consultation Hub.</p> <p>BT offered to circulate the response of the Conservation Society to the AP as an example, and to indicate the views of their group for information to the AP. This was agreed.</p> <p>SS thanked Andy and confirmed the consultation period for MIR will end on the 8th February 2015.</p>	<p>Action: BT to forward the Conservation Society's response to the MIR for information</p>
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<p>5. Developing our Area Plan</p>	<p>a) Confirmation of Area Partnership budgets</p> <p>Following the December East Lothian Council meeting Dec 16th 2014., KS confirmed that devolved budget for the Area Partnerships were approved and that £ 250,000 has been allocated for the Musselburgh AP, with a portion of this sum ring-fenced to be spent on specific service areas. KS went on to explain that £100,000 however, is not ring-fenced to a specific service area and will be able to be used to fund the priorities identified in the Area Plan.</p> <p>This link will take you to the paper as approved - http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16033/10_are_a_partnerships-devolved_budgets .</p> <p>b) Appointment of Area Managers</p> <p>KS confirmed four Area Manager posts have been established and have been advertised internally within ELC - applications are closing 30th January. KS explained Musselburgh will have a dedicated Area Manager who will assist in shaping and developing service delivery in the area, oversee the implementation of the Area Plan and be a primary liaison between the AP and key services providers and relevant agencies.</p> <p>Clarification was requested on the funding for these posts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS confirmed these positions are internal appointments from existing budgets- not from allocated AP budgets referred to previously. <p>c) Developing the Action Plan</p> <p>KS referred back to the last AP meeting noting a full version of the draft Area Plan for Musselburgh was distributed. KS noted the document being distributed this evening was a more focused document concentrating on the key priority areas for action.</p> <p>A copy of this will be distributed with the minutes.</p> <p>KS noted the importance of members reading over this document and reviewing these priorities with the groups they represent to see if there are key things missing.</p> <p>She highlighted that staff will be in touch with partnership members over the next few weeks with some specific questions that will inform the next meeting and urged all members to take the time to respond to these requests.</p>	<p>Action: AP Staff to issue specific questions to members to prepare for the next AP meeting.</p>
<p>6. AOCB</p>	<p>No other matters arising.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meetings</p>	<p>Four dates were proposed which will form the four core meetings of the Musselburgh AP throughout 2015. Members are urged to book these into their diaries to ensure their</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to: musselburg</p>

	<p>organisation is represented at these key business meetings. It was also noted that there may be a need for further meetings / sub-group meetings to address specific issues or further consultations and that these would be negotiated with members as and when required.</p> <p>Following discussion and a minor amendment to one date the confirmed meeting dates are:: (venues tbc)</p> <p><i>Monday 16th March</i></p> <p><i>Monday 18th May*</i></p> <p><i>Monday 24th August</i></p> <p><i>Monday 26th October</i></p> <p>*Pleaser note this is a new date to avoid the public holiday some people have on the 4th May.</p>	<p>h-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>
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