

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 7-9pm**

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

**Meeting Chaired by:** Darrin Nightingale, Interim Co-Chair, Head of Education, East Lothian Council (DN)

### **Members (and substitutes) present**

Scott Allan, Wallyford Community Council (SA)  
Iain Clark, Pinkie and St. Peter's Parent Council (IC)  
Chris Knights, Musselburgh Council of Churches (CK)  
Nadine Lowrey, Campie Primary Parent Council (NL)  
Janice MacLeod, Lead Musselburgh Support from the Start (JMCL)  
Fraser McAlister, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (FM)  
Cathie McArthur, Windsor Park TRA (CM)  
John McNeill, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (JM)  
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)  
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council (MS)  
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council (IT)  
Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT)  
Chris Turnbull, Musselburgh Sports Hub (CT)

### **Others in attendance**

Sharon Saunders, Interim Co-Chair, Head of Children's Well-Being, East Lothian Council (SS).  
Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (KS)  
Stuart Baxter, Area Manager ELC (SB)  
Caroline Davis, Community Learning and Development ELC (CD)  
Zoe Murdoch, Community Arts Development Worker Arts Service ELC (ZM)  
Michael Goodger, Icecream architecture (MG)

### **Apologies**

Stuart Currie, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (SC)  
John Williamson, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (JW)  
Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (GA)  
John Caldwell, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (JC)  
Sharlene Miller, Stoneyhill Parent Council (SM)  
Fiona Langskaill, Bridges Project (FL)  
Jeanette Boyd, Windsor Park TRA (JB)

	<b>Key discussion points</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Welcome and apologies</b>	<p>DN welcomed members to the meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership and visitors to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
<b>2. Approval of minutes</b>	<p>The minutes were approved without amendment.</p>	
<b>3. Matters arising</b>	<p><b>a) Process in moving towards a Community Chair</b></p> <p>.KS referred to the paper previously circulated regarding the confirmed process for appointing a community based Chair. She noted that applications were now open and would close on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. She highlighted the newsletter that had been produced to assist spreading the word relating to the opportunity to chair the Partnership.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion members confirmed they were clear on the process.</p> <p><a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16541/processes_for_appointing_a_community_chairperson_for_area_partnerships">http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16541/processes_for_appointing_a_community_chairperson_for_area_partnerships</a></p> <p>DN encouraged all members to consider applying or identify others from within the community that might be interested in taking up the post.</p> <p><b>b) Budget Workshop Feedback</b></p> <p>KS acknowledged the good attendance and participation of members at the recent devolved budget workshops and highlighted the FAQ sheet that has been produced following these meetings.</p> <p>Members reported that they were helpful in understanding the opportunities and constraints of these budget streams.</p> <p><a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16542/faqs-understanding_area_partnership_devolved_budgets">http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16542/faqs-understanding_area_partnership_devolved_budgets</a></p> <p><b>c) Update: Attendance Matters</b></p> <p>DN provided an update on the Attendance Matters campaign, noting he was very pleased with the focus and attention the group had given to this project, and disappointed that the schools had not been able to move more quickly on implementing the programme.</p> <p>He noted that the materials were now being trailed in some of the Musselburgh Cluster Schools as part of the transition from Nursery to</p>	

	<p>P1 and that so far feedback from teachers and parents had been very positive.</p> <p>He noted that he would be attending the next cluster headteachers meeting with the intent of ensuring there was a clear plan to move forward with the project in the new school year.</p> <p>A copy of the leaflet was distributed to all members for information and reference. KS noted that there has been requests from a couple of schools for a Polish translation of the leaflet and that this was currently with the translators – although it may be that a text only version would be the outcome.</p> <p>DN offered funding to cover the design work to turn the translated text into a finished leaflet.</p> <p>Members asked about the need for translation into other languages and KS replied that Polish was the only request received so far, and one that the schools agreed would be very useful, and that other requests would be dealt with on a case by case basis.</p>	
<p><b>4. Membership</b></p>	<p>In advance of the appointment of a chair it was agreed it was necessary to be clear on the existing membership and therefore who would therefore be entitled to participate in the vote.</p> <p>A membership sheet was distributed and members present confirmed that this was accurate.</p> <p><b>Proposal for membership – Support from the Start</b></p> <p>SS introduced this item saying that, after Support from the Start’s involvement in recent sub-groups, links to the Musselburgh Total Place project and key role in representing the needs of children and families in the area that Janice McLeod had been invited to the meeting.</p> <p>JMcL spoke about the work being done by Support from the Start More information can be found at <a href="http://www.edubuzz.org/supportfromthestart/wp-content/blogs.dir/1207/files/2015/04/Musselburgh-with-Pathway.pdf">http://www.edubuzz.org/supportfromthestart/wp-content/blogs.dir/1207/files/2015/04/Musselburgh-with-Pathway.pdf</a> and indicated the group would be interested in becoming represented on the Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CK proposed Support from the Start be accepted as a member</li> <li>• IT 2nded this proposal.</li> <li>• The meeting agreed to this proposal</li> </ul> <p>DN welcomed Janice to the meeting as a member representing Support from the Start.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> <b>Staff to confirm membership with those not present.</b></p>

<p><b>5. Area Manager's Report</b></p>	<p>SB presented his report highlighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The new <b>supported bus routes</b> that have been introduced in the area. <a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16653/east_lothian_by_bus">http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16653/east_lothian_by_bus</a></li> <li>- <b>Town Centre Street Audits</b> – he thanked MAP members for taking part in this and highlighted that a stage 2 walk-about would take place next week. He indicated that a number of 'quick fix projects had been identified that he was moving forward with as part of his local area co-ordination remit for service provision – eg missing carriage way markings and car park signage. He also highlighted ,a number of areas that had been identified for potential improvement projects including the greenspace adjoining the existing CAB and also landscaping at the south end of the co-op bridge. He indicated the intention to follow these up with Street Audits of the public centres in Wallyford and Whitecraig.</li> <li>- <b>Dingy rings at Fisherrow</b> – highlighted that permission for these had now been granted to provide additional dingy storage at the promenade and that these would be in place shortly.</li> <li>- SB highlighted that as part of the lead up to the Big Nature Festival at LevenHall Links the Esk path was being promoted as a safe and attractive cycle route to the location from Musselburgh Station. As part of the work being done to prepare this route a series of Brass Rubbing plaques -- <b>the Musselburgh Trail</b> - had been installed along the path that illustrate the history of the area. More info can be found at <a href="http://www.musselburghtrail.co.uk/">http://www.musselburghtrail.co.uk/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>'Tesco' Art Project</b> As many Partnership members will already be aware money for an art project was committed as part of the developer contribution when the new Tesco store was built in Musselburgh. The Arts Service has now engaged icecream architecture to undertake a community consultation to explore public art in general and look at possible themes and locations for the Musselburgh Tesco public artworks. Once the consultation is completed, this information will provide the context for the shortlisted artists to prepare a presentation for the selection panel. The consultation to finish at the end of June and the artist selection to take place in August. Final artworks to be created and installed by the end of 2015.</p>	<p><b>Action: SB</b> to distribute report following 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Street Audit</p>
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	<p>MG and ZM told the meeting a bit about the planned engagement events and more details can be found at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheMusselburghPublicArtDabble">https://www.facebook.com/TheMusselburghPublicArtDabble</a>  <a href="https://musselburghpublicartdabble.wordpress.com/">https://musselburghpublicartdabble.wordpress.com/</a> Members can also contact Michael directly if they would like to be kept on an update list regarding this project at <a href="mailto:michael@icecreamarchitecture.com">michael@icecreamarchitecture.com</a></p> <p>Members expressed interest in the Area Partnership being directly represented on the Steering Group/Selection Panel and SB agreed to follow this up with Lesley Smith.</p>	<p><b>Action: SB</b> to seek a place for the Area Partnership on the Steering Group / Selection Panel</p>
<p><b>6. Draft Area Plan</b></p>	<p>This item was put on hold to allow time to address 2 key items raised under AOCB</p>	
<p><b>7. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>Active Travel ‘mini-conference’ proposal</b></p> <p>KS drew members attention to the proposal from the Sustainable Transport Officers Group which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.  <a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16652/proposal_from_the_sustainable_transport_officers_group">http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16652/proposal_from_the_sustainable_transport_officers_group</a></p> <p>The meeting agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) taking part in this initiative was an opportunity to develop clear locally prioritised actions.</li> <li>b) As a number of members expressed interest in being part of the Steering group and representation would be confirmed once a date for this 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had been set.</li> <li>c) The meeting agreed to an in principle commitment to allocate match funding up to £5000 to deliver on actions identified through this process focused on behaviour change.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secondary School Pre-consultation</b></p> <p>DN informed members that the Education Service would be initiating a pre-consultation with school communities across the Musselburgh Area (parents, pupils and staff) to begin to explore options for High School provision in the area should the preferred compact option presented in the MIR be progressed in the Local Development Plan. This would be taking place within this school year.</p> <p>He stressed that this was not the formal statutory consultation that would be required should the proposed developments in the area be committed to, but was a process to begin discussions within the community and start testing preferred options should it become</p>	<p><b>Action: Staff</b> to circulate invitation to the Steering Group meeting</p>

	<p>necessary to effectively double the capacity of Musselburgh Grammar School.</p> <p>The 3 broad options they would be looking at are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Keep MGS as it is and build a new, 2<sup>nd</sup> high school in Musselburgh (most likely to the east of the town)</li> <li>b) Develop a 2<sup>nd</sup> school site in Musselburgh and establish a split campus – provisionally S1-S3 at one site and S4- S6 at another site.</li> <li>c) Close the existing MGS campus and build 1 new school able to accommodate the numbers that would be projected.</li> </ol> <p>This item provoked considerable discussion in the meeting as to the preferred option – with there being a general sense that the community would prefer a single school rather than 2 distinct schools with catchments areas that split the community.</p> <p>There was also concern that beginning this consultation now could be used to help build a case for the compact growth option if an acceptable solution could be found.</p> <p>DN stressed that this was not the purpose of the pre-consultation – rather it was designed to begin gathering information on preferred options should the need to deliver a competent education solution for a substantially increased population become ELC’s preferred option.</p> <p>He further encouraged those who are part of local school communities to engage with these conversations as they took place and encourage others to do so as well.</p>	
<p><b>Return to item 6. Draft Area Plan</b></p>	<p>Given the time there was not an opportunity to discuss the draft Area Plan as intended.</p> <p>KS distributed the Draft Area Plan and asked members to take it away for consideration.</p> <p>She highlighted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The actions included in the plan at present are those that have been proposed by members and the sub-groups that have come together to look at specific issues</li> <li>- the prioritisation included in the far right column has come from the recent working group meetings and asked all members to note that while the actions have been discussed, developed further by these theme based meetings (3 of which have taken place since the last meeting of the Partnership) they have <u>not</u> yet been agreed by the full Partnership</li> <li>- this was now the opportunity for groups represented on the Partnership and others engaged with its work to identify key</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action: All</b> to review the draft plan and send further actions to <a href="mailto:musselburgh@eastlothian.gov.uk">musselburgh@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>

	<p>actions that should be included in the plan to help further meet the key priorities agreed by the partnership.</p>	<p><a href="http://hian.gov.uk">hian.gov.uk</a> before the next meeting</p>
<p><b>8. Date of next meetings</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting to appoint a chairperson</b>                  The partnership agreed to hold a special meeting to appoint a chairperson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm at MECLC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As the members would be coming together for this meeting it was agreed to continue discussions re item 6 – Draft Area Plan on this date and begin prioritising key actions to move forward on.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next regularly scheduled meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 7-9pm at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre</li> <li>- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 7-9pm at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>

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