

Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership

14th November 2017 at MeadowMill Sports Centre, Tranent.

Chair

Elected Chair, Donald Grant (DG)

Elected Vice-Chair, Elizabeth Hutchison (EH)

Quorum

12

Members and substitute members present

Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member, ELC (FD)

Cllr Kenny McLeod, Elected Member, ELC (KM)

Cllr Brian Small, Elected Member, ELC (BS)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)

Cllr Colin McGinn, Elected Member, ELC (CM)

Cllr Gordon Mackett, Elected Member, ELC (GM)

Maureen Cuthill, Macmerry & Gladsmuir Community Council

Nicky Neighbour, Ross High School Parent Council (NN)

Joan Ramsay, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (JR)

Debbie Middlemass, Support from the Start, Fa'side (DM)

Isobel Berry, ECA (IB)

Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council (PS)

Margaret Scott, Tranent West TRA (MS)

Mark Ormiston, Ormiston West TRA (MO)

Neal Black, Ormiston Community Council (NB)

Kevan Potter, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (KP)

Scott Gillies, Ormiston Community Council (SG)

John Brown, Elphinstone Primary School Parent Council (JB)

Linda Lang, Windygoul Primary School Parent Council (LL)

Paul MacGregor, Tranent and District Community Sports Club (PM)

Margo MacDonald, Elphinstone Community Association (MM)

Others in attendance

Simon Davie, Area Manager – Fa'side, ELC (SD)

Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)

Lena Hutton, CLD, ELC (LH)

Iain Pryde, Macmerry & Gladsmuir (IP)

Apologies

Cllr John McMillan, Provost, ELC (JM)

Cllr Tom Trotter, Elected Member, ELC (TT)

Alan Bell, Recharge (AB)

Scott Glynn, Tranent and District Community Sports Club (SG)

		Key discussion points	Action
1	Welcome	<p>EH welcomed everyone to Meadowmill Sports Centre.</p> <p>Given a range of new faces round the table EH asked everyone to introduce themselves.</p> <p>SD welcomed LB, JB and KP to their first Area Partnership meeting. He noted that it was really pleasing that following our public meeting that we have now been able to fill the two primary school representative places which have remained vacant for over two years.</p> <p>LM stated that the meeting was quorate.</p> <p>EH reminded members that this was not a full meeting of our partnership but our Annual General Meeting which had a focus on our Standing Orders, representation from our community groups and in this specific instance applications for support from our educational attainment and initiatives budget allocation.</p>	
2	Apologies	These were noted.	
3	Confirmation of Members & Substitutes	EH reminded all Partnership groups of their responsibility to update their contact details for their group representatives by emailing faside-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk or contacting LM.	
4	Election of new Chair	<p>EH handed over her role as Acting Chair to SD.</p> <p>SD advised that all members of the partnership were asked to nominate someone for the role of Community Chair of the Partnership. There was only one person nominated and therefore no requirement to have an election.</p> <p>Donald Grant was the only nominee and SD confirmed that DG had accepted the role. DG was duly appointed as Chairperson of Fa'side Area Partnership. The partnership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.</p> <p>DG said a few words of thanks to all who had nominated him and thanked all involved in the partnership to date for the fantastic work they had been doing across our partnership area. DG then chaired the meeting.</p>	
5	Election of Vice Chair	<p>SD advised that there had been 2 people nominated for the role of Vice-chair but one person withdrew their nomination. Unfortunately, paperwork which had been previously prepared was sent out incorrectly and SD apologised to JR.</p> <p>As there was only one nominee, there was no requirement for an election.</p> <p>Due to this Liz Hutchison had accepted and was duly re-appointed as Vice Chair of Fa'side Area Partnership. The partnership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.</p> <p>LH said a few words of thanks to all who had nominated her and thanked all involved in the partnership to date for the positive impact they were having in our communities.</p>	
6	Standing Orders	<p>Any proposals for amendments to Standing Orders</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion as to how long the Chair and Vice Chair appointments should run for. It was decided that the chair should hold the post for 2 years, and then have election while the vice chair would run for 1 year and then 2 years alternatively. This should hopefully allow some continuity and sustainability within these posts and continue with a gender balance.</p>	SD/LM

7	Education Initiative Budget Update	<p>SD referred to his paper previously circulated with recommendations regarding our educational attainment and initiatives budget allocation. He noted the key points that with an underspend of £9867 in the Big Hopes Big Futures volunteer co-ordinator post and the withdrawal by Recharge of their application for funding we had sufficient funds to support all applications carried over from our last meeting and three new small applications.</p> <p>SD noted that we have yet to agree to fully support the Homestart project however, given these update members were asked if there was a consensus to support the Homestart Volunteer post? <u>All agreed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tables for Tranent Town Hall (new application) <p><i>Area Plan link: Priority 9</i> – Being a more Supportive and Inclusive Community Goal: Supporting Community Events to help Integration.</p> <p>LH presented this application. The application was to purchase tables for the town hall. With the regeneration of the Fraser Centre and its temporary closure, there have been increased booking in the town hall. Some of the tables need replacing and CLDS do not have sufficient budget to do so. LH noted that CLDS entire budget for the county relating to equipment purchases for town halls is £500.</p> <p>There was a general discussion around the application. It was agreed to support this project to the cost of £500.00.</p> <p>SD/LM will arrange payment.</p> Meadowmill Indoor Bowling Club (previously carried over) <p><i>Area Plan link: Priority 4</i> – Increasing opportunities for physical activity in day to day life.</p> <p>SD referred to the paperwork circulated to members clarifying what the club was seeking.</p> <p>A general discussion took place and it was agreed to focus on the inequality aspect of the application and support the provision of a Para Bowls Wheelchair at £2,000.</p> Olivebank Music Therapist (previously carried over) <p>Out of all the children who attend Olivebank, in Musselburgh, 40% come from the Fa’side Area.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion and questions this project was approved funding of £2304 from the partnership.</p> <p>SD/LM will arrange payment.</p> St Martins After School Club (previously carried over) <p>SD apologised to members for the confusion in the paperwork circulated. It wrongly identified the applicants as a nursery.</p> <p>This new after school club was seeking set up support of £1,900 however were due to receive a grant of £500 from Support from the Start – Fa’side. After some discussion it was agreed to award the club £1400 outdoor storage equipment and other items.</p> 	<p>Action: SD/LM</p> <p>Action: SD/ LM</p> <p>Action: SD/ LM</p> <p>Action: SD/ LM</p>
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8	<p>Dates for Area partnership Meeting 2018</p>	<p>The dates for next year were given out to the partnerships – they were as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 6th February 2018 Tuesday 10th April 2018 Tuesday 5th June 2018 Tuesday 7th August 2018 Tuesday 9 October 2018 (moved from the 16th) Tuesday 20th November 2018 Tuesday 11th December 2018 <p>A discussion took place as to whether we should continue to rotate the venues or seek a permanent venue. Members indicated a preference to seek a permanent venue. LM will look into this and revert back to members.</p>	<p>Action: LM</p>

	DG wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and would look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!	
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