



Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership
Monday 3rd December 2018, 7-9pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre, Haddington Road, Musselburgh

Members (and substitute members) present:

- Iain Clark, Chair (IC)
- Janice MacLeod, Vice Chair, Support from the Start (JM)
- Cllr. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
- Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
- Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
- Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
- Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
- Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)
- Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
- Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SB)
- Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
- Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret Uni, (GM)

Others in attendance:

- Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
- Shirley Gillie, ELC Business Support ELC (SG)
- Ben Simmons, Citizens Advice Haddington, (BS)
- Marlyn McNeill, IJB (MMc)
- Jane Cummings, ELC Community Learning Development,

Apologies:

- Cllr. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)
- Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
- Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
- Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (CM)
- Caroline Davis, Dialogue Youth Co-ordinator (CD)
- Jim Boyle, Bridges Project (JB)
- Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
- Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
- Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (VN)
- Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone this was followed by introductions and apologies	
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st October 2018		
	Proposed by JM seconded by AH	
3. Matters Arising		

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	Membership – Stuart Thompson has taken a step back from the Area partnership and as chair of the Active Travel sub group – IC will take over as chair of the Active Travel Sub Group in the meantime	
4. Ben Simmons CAB		
	Ben presented the content of a proposed Digital Project to members. He outlined a project where a digital adviser provided digital advice to individuals in need of assistance including one to one support, also providing training in digital advice to organisations working with the public in Musselburgh, so that they can in turn provide digital advice to those in need. Following the presentation IC thanked BS for his presentation. SB added that this project would be considered for funding together with other projects later in this meeting.	
5. Sub Groups Update		
	<p>Active Travel/On The Move –</p> <p>Sustran are keen to progress some potential sites in Musselburgh for a docked e-bike approach using something similar to the model being developed by Forth Environment Link using the Bewegen system (more information can be found here) https://bewegen.com/en</p> <p>East Lothian Council Road Services and Sustran are to look at potential sites in Musselburgh and potentially linking with Queen Margaret University. It is likely that initially the bikes will be normal hired bikes followed later by e-bikes.</p> <p>The repairs that were being considered on the River Esk Path at the Grove can't be considered under the Roads budget as this is not a Footpath maintained by the Council as Roads Authority. However Iain Reid of Road Services is currently investigating whether these repairs can be considered for funding by Sustran.</p> <p>IC discussed the current study on Future proofing Musselburgh while this will be considered later in the meeting he was looking for someone to take the Chair of this sub-group following the resignation of Stuart Thompson.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Network (Children & Young People & Senior Citizens)</p> <p>JM reminded the partnership of the decision to amalgamate the two sub-groups (Children & Young People & Senior Citizens) and that she was Chair and CMc Vice Chair of this new sub-group. They have had 1 meeting so far and are looking at inviting people to join this group. JM added that they will be looking at the members from Children and Young People and Senior Citizens sub-groups, to form the basis of this new group. JM highlighted that the group were looking at the Re-provisioning of Esk Green Care Home and stated that she would circulate the details. IC made members aware that JM was to write to the IJB re the position of the MAP on the issue of re-provisioning.</p> <p>JM made members aware of an invitation from the Musselburgh friendship group & dementia friendly East Lothian.</p> <p>Members are cordially invited to join the group for a cuppa and mince pie on Wednesday 12th December between 2.30pm and 4pm in Room G6 at the Fisherrow Centre.</p>	JM

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	<p>The group are moving to The Hollies day centre in 2019 and are delighted to support the Hollies in their work and to be part of a growing community hub</p> <p>The event on the 12th is also a chance to find more out about Meeting Centres and what they might bring to Musselburgh. Meeting Centres are a community led resource for people with dementia, family carers and friends. Research shows they can help people adapt to life with dementia and stay connected. Centres are developed with people with dementia and carers and the wider community, through community conversations. The aim is to build on what is already in a community and enhance it further.</p> <p>JM stated that the group were working on YVYC2 and looking at outdoor gym equipment. QMU have an outdoor gym so she hoped to visit QMU in the next few months.</p> <p>MMc mentioned in relation to the group, that the IJB have a newsletter and information is provided on the web regarding re-provision, she added that this work was a good opportunity to create links and work in partnership.</p> <p>CM had a leaflet which is very useful from Crossreach offering help and support with social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>IC stated that this sub-group have been working very hard on YVYC2 and this will be discussed in Chair's report. IC added that Communities Day was planned for Saturday the 21st September 2019.</p>	
6. Chair Report		
	<p>IC congratulated the Community Council on their Christmas Market and torch lit procession yesterday. He added that these were excellent events and were well attended despite the inclement weather. Selection boxes were handed out and any surplus boxes will be given to the Baptist Church Christmas Day Lunch and the foodbank.</p> <p>100th Anniversary World War 1 – representatives' from the partnership were at memorial services and AH thanked the partnership for their attendance.</p> <p>Two members from the partnership have been invited to the provost Christmas reception at John Muir House. IC will be attending and offered the remaining place to members of the partnership.</p> <p>Musselburgh Market – this has been running for two years now but recently moved from a Friday to a Saturday based on feedback from traders and members of the public. There had been fewer stalls and people attending the market and ways to re-invigorating the market were currently being considered including making it more diverse. With a view to relaunch in February.</p> <p>YVYV2 see below</p> <p>Communities Day date has been set for 21.9.18</p>	

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7. Your Voice Your Choice 2		
	<p>IC intimated that YVYC2 was launched today Monday 3rd December and had been publicised on all social media channels and was due to be published in the Musselburgh Courier. IC,SB and JM recently attended a meeting in Dundee to learn from their award winning PB initiative Dundee Decides. The key element learned was the opening up of digital online voting to provide a wider reach into the community. This was being taken forward with the Democracy Society who support organisation to deliver online voting. SB, JM and CD recently attended the mandatory PB training hosted by the Scottish Community Development Centre. This training was a mandatory provision in respect of our successful application for funding. SB attended an invitation to Leith Decides to learn from their PB experience. The Dundee Decides video was shown which explains to the community what PB is all about. The members were asked to support the PB subgroup commissioning a similar video for the community. This was agreed. We have been provided permission to amend the current video commissioned by the Church of Scotland to provide a local context. The closing dates for applications is Thursday 31st January and IC asked members to provide as much awareness as possible to encourage applications.</p>	
8. Area Manager's Report		
	<p>Area Managers Report</p> <p>1. Agree expenditure</p> <p>SB informed the Partnership that there was a need to agree some items of funding. The first two although agreed to previously were the Support From the Start, 1001 Day Family Worker. SB reminded the Partnership that this project had been agreed for three years and that this was the final year of the Area Partnership involvement in this Project, the costs of the 3rd year of the Project are for £34,500 as outlined in the original application. SB asked for the members' agreement for this expenditure - This was agreed by all the members.</p> <p>The second project was the East Lothian Play Association Loose Parts Play worker. SB reminded the Partnership that this project had been agreed for two years and that this was also the final year of the Area Partnership involvement in this Project, the costs of the 2nd year of the Project are for £23,500 as outlined in the original application. SB asked for the members' agreement for this expenditure - This was agreed by all the members.</p> <p>SB reminded members that the Christmas Day lunch to be provided by the Baptist Church was agreed at the last meeting in principle. He was now able to confirm to members that the cost for this initiative was £1000. It was hoped to provide lunches for approximately 100 vulnerable, lonely, disadvantaged and elderly people and hoped to bring the community together to help reduce inequalities and the effects of poverty on Christmas Day. This was agreed by all the members.</p>	

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	<p>Musselburgh Report. A proposal has been made by Road Services to carry out a number of Lidar Surveys in the Musselburgh Area. The total cost of this work is £100,000 and it is proposed for the Area Partnership to part fund £35,000 of this from the Roads Budget and SB showed the proposed routes on screen.</p> <p>A discussion then took place on the merits of supporting this work, the type of work available from the Roads Budget has recently changed and expenditure must now be on the adopted roads network or on strategic type work. There is potential for larger projects as a result of these surveys and the Area Partnership agreed to part fund this work to the sum of £35,000.</p> <p>SB informed the members of a potential future project called Beat the Streets and showed a video of a similar project. While there is no firm proposal at this stage the Area Partnership members were asked if they would be interested in a similar project in Musselburgh .Members agreed that they were interested in this proposal and for SB to contact Roads to take this forward and find out more information</p> <p>SB reminder members of the proposed project to install Planters in the High Street. No solution has yet been found to water these planters and the project cannot progress until a solution is found. SB asked the members if they could give this their consideration, everyone sees the benefits that introducing plants and colour into the High street will bring and while this would provide benefits to the High street and has the potential to be an excellent project there is no point in taking this forward until we understand how the ongoing watering of plants is going to be achieved. Members agreed to give this some thought. BT stated that he would contact the horticultural society again.</p> <p>SB returned to the presentation by Ben Simmons on the digital project, the cost of this project is £20,000 and would come from the general fund. Members agreed to support this project.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>BT</p>
9. Changes to Standing Orders		
	<p>SB read out the new standing orders and highlighted the proposed changes. It was also agreed to circulate the amended Standing Orders to all members. Members were happy with these proposed changes.</p>	
10. Consultations		
	<p>IC informed members of the current consultation on the proposed Town Centre strategy. This consultation is now open and closes on 27th December 2018. IC informed members that he was disappointed that the Area Partnership had not been consulted prior to the publication of this draft strategy. There were obvious errors in the draft including stating that no Business Association was established in Musselburgh when the Musselburgh Business Partnership had been established and was represented on the Musselburgh Area Partnership. IC encouraged members to respond to this consultation.</p>	
11. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>IC informed members of the Foodbank's Annual General Meeting on the 23rd January 2019. At 12.30pm in St Martin's R.C. Church Hall Everyone is invited</p>	

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12. 2019 Meeting Dates			
Area Partnership meetings for 2019 are as follows:			Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk
2019			
MONTH	DATE	AREA PARTNERSHIP	
February	4th	Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
March	18th	Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
June	17th	Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
August	19th	MUS Annual Meeting - Musselburgh East Learning Centre Gym Hall	
September	30th	Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
December	2nd	Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	