

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership
Monday 4th February 2019, 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)
Cllr. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)
Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret Uni, (GM)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Emma Stewart, Churches Together (ES)
Jim Boyle, Bridges Project (JB)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
Shirley Gillie, ELC Business Support ELC (SG)
Marlyn McNeill, IJB (MMc)
Caroline Davis, Dialogue Youth Co-ordinator (CD)

Apologies:

Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)
Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (CM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted IC explained Fire Safety and Health & Safety for the building IC congratulated SB on his amazing Kilimanjaro achievement.	
2. Conflict of Interest		
	IC explained if anyone has a conflict of interest they need to declare this when voting	
3. Approval of Minutes – 3rd December 2018		
	Proposed by GM seconded by JM	
4. Matters Arising		

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	Any matters arising will be covered further in the agenda	
5. Sub Groups Update		
	<p>Active Travel/On The Move –</p> <p>No meetings have taken place. We are actively looking for someone to take over as chair of this sub group following Stuart Thompson resignation. Anyone interested please let IC know. Waiting on Sestran match funding regarding e-bikes.</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. JM sent out an open invitation to take part in this group. She added that she intended to arrange a meeting of the group towards the end of February, beginning March. JM has been on two training session covering intergenerational work, veterans and dementia awareness. Looking forward to 2019 the group will be involved with extra care housing within the Musselburgh area. Also forging better links with the Hollies etc. JM also explained that a huge amount of time was currently being taken up with YVYC2.</p> <p>JM discussed the funding proposal from First Step Community Project seeking funding for £350.00 to open a Community Café in the February half term break. AF declared a conflict of interest as he was a member of the board for First Step and took no further part or vote on this issue. This proposal was unanimously accepted by all members present. JM stated that the funding may be provided from the additional £6300 made available to reduce Holiday Hunger. JM added that currently there were no firm proposals to allocate the remainder of this budget. A meeting had taken place with cluster heads with no additional proposals put forward. A discussion took place regarding lunch club provision including a focus on food. Experience had been gained from last year's summer lunch clubs. Both IT/SC highlighted their concerns that Pinkie School should be an integral part of any provision for lunch club/holiday hunger provision. JM agreed to meet with the new Head of Pinkie St Peters school to discuss this issue.</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. This is a large project and last year we were very lucky and had a lot of help with the pre planning and assistance on the day of the event. We are hoping for the same response for this year's event to make sure this is another huge success for all the community. SB added that it would be good speak to libraries now to try and book an author for Communities Day. SB/SG will contact libraries.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SB/SG</p>
6. Chair Report		

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	<p>City Tree – IC discussed the interim report we received. The data from December and January are not yet available and we will be looking for a full report at the end of March. There has been a reduction in levels but the full report will give us more details once available.</p> <p>Locality Plan – IC confirmed that a draft locality plan is being worked on at present and will soon be subject to full consultation.</p> <p>Musselburgh Market – IC provided an update. Nick Paul who provides the stalls for the market has recently been in intensive care in hospital and is unable to currently provide this service. A decision on the future of the market will be taken as more information is known.</p> <p>YVYV2 see below</p>	
7. Your Voice Your Choice 2		
	<p>IC made members aware that the video commissioned by Musselburgh Area Partnership based on the Church of Scotland’s previous work was now complete. Members were shown the completed video. IC added that applications for Your Voice Your Choice 2 closed on the 31st January 2019. A total of 37 applicants were received and an Independent Selection Panel met on Friday 1st February 2019 to check whether the applications met with the criteria/guidance. 21 applications were successful and now go through to the next stage of a public vote. IC added that extensive discussions were on going with Demsoc (Democratic Society) regarding the on line voting platform. A great deal of effort was being made to ensure the voting system was as fair as possible, was easy to use and reliable. IC added that a meeting had been arranged with representatives of the courier on Friday 8th February 2019 to outline the current progress on YVYC2. This will include a list of dates where road shows/voting will take place, some may include a breakfast roll. Information posters are currently being prepared to outline each of the projects. IC added that Aileen Campbell Secretary for Communities and Local Government has shown an interest in the work in Musselburgh and may attend the event on 16th March 2019. A question was asked regarding the expected number of people voting. SB highlighted that Dundee Decides has been seen as good practise regarding the number of votes cast. They received 11000 votes approximately 7% of the population. In Musselburgh this would equate to approximately 1600 votes. Dundee had over 20 staff working full time on Dundee Decides far more than Musselburgh has available and a figure of nearer 1000 votes in Musselburgh would be a huge success. AH stated that this was an outstanding achievement so far. IC made members aware that those projects that did not go through to the vote have been signposted to Strive, Tesco bags for life where alternative funding may be possible.</p>	CD
8. Area Manager’s Report		
	<p>Area Managers Report</p> <p>SB stated that a lot of time has been and is continuing to be spent on YVYC2 which IC discussed previously</p>	

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	<p>SB asked how the Christmas Day Lunch with the Baptist Church went and JM explained she had volunteered and was there on the day. It was a great day and met great people who would normally feel isolated, find it difficult to communicate but were happy to engage on the day. A volunteer had taken along a puppy which was a huge hit with everyone. The food was amazing and there was even enough for people to take some home. JM wanted to say a huge well done to everyone involved. IC wanted to thank the community council for supply the selection boxes and to the church for opening up the invite list up to general public with advertising in various places including the libraries and doctors surgeries. IT mentioned the great work that the church do on the firework night by providing teas and coffees etc. JM will feed this back to the church. SC mentioned that the Baptist Church may be able to collect funds at the Musselburgh fireworks. This has been done by other groups. SB thanked JM for going along on Christmas Day to support this project</p> <p>Wallyford Shops SB advised work will start on the 11th February 2019. SB wanted to thank AH for all his hard work and effort to ensure a start date for this project</p> <p>Meadowpark Art Therapy SB confirmed we still need more information before this can be progressed</p> <p>Levenhall Links SB informed members that following the study on Levenhall Links Boating Pond that a recommendation within this study was to complete an overall Masterplan for the area. This has been priced at £19,000. Amenities services have given a commitment to fund 50% of the costs which would mean the Area Partnership having to provide the additional 50%. SB asked members for their views on this. A discussion took place and members agreed in principle to fund the 50%. (Following the meeting amenities services withdrew their offer of 50% of costs and undertook to carry out this exercise in house. This therefore means Musselburgh Area Partnership will no longer have to consider part funding this exercise)</p> <p>Fisherrow Centre This projects relates to the ground at the back of the Fisherrow Centre. This work will start in the next few weeks and will comprise of removing part of the fence, removing the tree stump at the entrance, providing a new graded footpath into the area and planting and raised planting areas. There is also a plan to provide an Anderson shelter under the large tree.</p> <p>Hollies Clive (the cook) from the Hollies applied for funding for a cooking project. This application remains under consideration until further details are obtained.</p> <p>Silver Arrow Trail</p>	

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	<p>Lesley Smith has confirmed after a long time in planning that this is now progressing. LS is on holiday till 11.2.19 and SB will contact Lesley on her return to hopefully progress the app for the trail this year. IC stated that we need more information to approach the schools before they are involved with the app. SB agreed to contact Lesley Smith for more information and Francis O Neil the app designer to progress this as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Projects SB stated that due to the change in the requirements for the 'Roads Budget' (As reported to the meeting in December) that he was investigating other ways to secure the repairs to the River Esk Walkway previously identified as a priority. He also made members aware that as a number of projects were coming to fruition near the end of the financial year that he may need to send out an email for members decisions prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SB</p>
9. Consultations		
	<p>IC informed members of the 4 current consultations on the East Lothian Consultation Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the East Lothian Citizens' Panel • East Lothian Primary Care Improvement Plan • BBC Public Consultation on Age-Related TV License Policy • Draft IJB Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Consultation <p>Encourage everyone with access to respond with their own views.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>Planter in High Street KM highlighted some discussions that she had undertaken with parties including the owner of Blueberry Gifts regarding watering of plants/hanging baskets. SB agreed to contact the owner of Blueberry Gifts. SB reminded members that BT was going to check with horticultural society. ES suggested also speaking to the Churches who may be able to offer assistance.</p> <p>The next Area Partnership meeting is March 18th where we will be concentrating on Communities day planning and the new locality plan.</p> <p>IC thanked AH for his work on the Wallyford Replica steam engine.</p> <p>Townhall AH asked if any update regarding the Townhall. SB replied that copies of the report on the public consultation had gone to both BT and Paul Lambie and that nothing more had been heard. SB added that there is no one working on this from East Lothian Council, the initiative was driven by the Musselburgh Museum and Heritage Group and If there is to be any progress on this he would expect either them or another community group to take the lead. He also added that a copy of Richard Shorter's report had been passed earlier this year to Jamie Baker 'Town Centre Regeneration Officer', but had heard nothing more. SB suggested that a meeting should take place to see how this project can now progress.</p> <p>Drift Path AH advised the lampposts on the drift path still need the lamps put on but this work is almost complete. He asked if there was to be an official opening? SB replied that he had asked roads services to arrange this on</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SB</p>

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	several occasions but has not been given a date for this to take place. SB stated on behalf of the area partnership he would like to thank AH for all his efforts with this project.	
11. 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	
March	18th Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
June	17th Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1	
August	19th MUSS 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	