



**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 7th September 2020, 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

Members (and substitute members) present:

- Iain Clark, Chair (IC)
- Janice MacLeod, Vice Chair, Support from the Start (JM)
- Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
- Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
- Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
- Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
- Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
- Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)
- Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
- Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
- Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
- Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
- John Waddell, Musselburgh Business Partnership (JW)
- Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches together (ES)

Others in attendance:

- Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
- Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
- Jade Hall, Sports Coach (JH)
- Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)

Apologies:

- Cllr. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)
- Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
- Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
- Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
- Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SB)
- Pauline Crerar, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (PC)
- Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (VN)
- Katie Swann, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (KS)
- Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
- Caroline Davis, Dialogue Youth Co-ordinator (CD)
- Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC informed everyone this meeting would be recorded.	
2. Minutes previous meeting		
	Minutes from meeting 3.2.2020 were approved by MS seconded by CMc.	
3. Sub Groups		

	<p>IC informed everyone that a year's subscription had been purchased for zoom and added that if any sub group wished to use this to hold meetings the chairs were to contact him direct and he would supply the necessary details.</p> <p>Active Travel – BT highlighted that the last sub group meeting was 11th March 2020. BT highlighted the ELC Consultation exercise which looked at safety on the High Streets as part of the Spaces for People work. IC made members aware that there were two electric Bike Stations planned at the Brunton Hall and Musselburgh Train Station, these were being funded through Sustrans and would link the centre of town with the train station and QMU to encourage active travel. Discussions were also ongoing with Edinburgh to extend the 'Just Eat' bikes into Musselburgh.</p> <p>SB stated that there was a Spaces for People meeting planned for Wednesday 9th September at 5pm, this was to look at future proposals to introduce additional bus stops in the High Street and SB felt it was important to get Businesses involved in the discussions and Sharon Brown would attend on their behalf. SB added that BT was welcome to join the meeting Action SB to send BT link JW added that buses can't park properly, if they removed 4 or 5 parking spaces buses would find it easier to pull into the stops.</p> <p>Children & Young People – JM gave an update she stated that Steven Wray Support from the start has retired and that she had a meeting the following day with Anne Hume to discuss supporting Mental Health. JM added that all 6 High Schools across East Lothian have funding for a Counsellor (contract through Mypass) and a Mental Health youth worker covering guided self-help. JM would like to thank MAP as she feels they have influenced these posts and is pleased these concerns have been taken seriously. JM stated that COVID has changed the landscape for the H&W sub group a lot of support had been given to our community during COVID and that now she would arrange to meet IC/SB to look at priorities for the future including social isolation concerns that had become increasingly apparent during this pandemic. SB advised that at a recent meeting looking at the provision of mental health support to young people it was agreed that evidence would be helpful to identify the needs of the young people. Discussion took place as to how we gather this information. Feedback any information to SB. GA advised they was a survey done by Sharlene and will see if there is any information and pass on to SB</p> <p>Sustainable Musselburgh – GA gave an update. Last meeting was one week before lockdown focusing on Musselburgh being a plastic free community. SB to send GA contact for the recycling centre. GA is to checking if the recycling centre can recycle Tetrapak, and crisp bags.</p>	SB
4. Chair Update		
	<p>IC informed meeting that the Resilient Musselburgh effectively wound down from 28.8.2020. Bike Scheme – Discussed above in Active travel IC informed the meeting that at the East Lothian Planning Committee meeting the McDonald site at Tesco was not approved. IC acted on</p>	

	<p>behalf of the MAP and spoke at the meeting IC did however caution that an appeal could be expected. GA wanted to thank IC for his letter re the objection which was comprehensive. IC explained any objections made had to be material and competent in relation planning grounds.</p> <p>Area Plan – IC asked members to take a look over the Musselburgh Area Plan to see if there needed to be any changes as a consequence of COVID 19. IC encouraged everyone to take a look and provide feedback. He explained the Area Plan is a live plan and needs to be kept up to date regarding the current environment and restrictions.</p>	
5. Connected Communities Manager Update		
	<p>SB informed everyone that he is now based back in the Bruntonhall and that his role as Connected Communities Manager also involves Community Learning and Development including youth work, community development adult and family learning and group development work in Musselburgh, Wallyford and Whitecraig. He added that although the Community Centres remained closed to the public it was planned to restart play groups at Wallyford and Whitecraig towards the end of September.</p> <p>SB made members aware that the Litter pickers that were discussed at the previous meeting had been ordered and SB will check and update members on this</p> <p>SB made members aware that he was interested in the befriending service currently being run in North Berwick (NB) and wondered if something similar could be introduced into the Musselburgh Area.</p> <p>JMc informed members that she was aware of this service and suggested inviting Carol Stobie (CS) from community connections in NB. Look at inviting CS along to a MAP meeting.</p> <p>ES made members aware of the connected Musselburgh face book page that had been started and was similar to Connected Portobello. IC indicated that he would endeavour to find out more information.</p> <p>AH mentioned to members that the Hollies Café was open Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.</p> <p>SB added that he was looking for evaluations of last year’s projects which may have been affected by COVID but intended to write out to applicants for an update on their projects.</p>	
6. Projects		
	<p>SB highlighted a number of projects he assured members that no decisions would be made at this meeting and indicated that members had been sent three applications, he suggested that members would be given 7 days to submit questions from the date of the meeting followed by 7 days to undertake a vote by e-mail. All agreed to this course of action.</p> <p>The three projects were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stoneyhill Playgroup 2. Musselburgh Grammar CDT Project 3. East Lothian Play Association <p>SB added that since losing the £100,000 educational attainment funding the MAP need to consider whether they should continue to fund Educational initiative projects and if so from how much of the remaining £100,000 general budget?</p> <p>There was a general discussion on whether funding particularly for schools should be found within the School budget.</p>	

	<p>IC outlined that CM from Queen Margaret University has been looking at a project for S5 and S6 to offer extra tutoring to bring students back up to speed with any missed education due to COVID. Some young people need more support. CM will update members soon on progress.</p> <p>SB advised that The Musselburgh Business Partnership intending putting in an application for funding to support business as a result of Covid 19 items being considered were: looking at better marketing and a digital HUB. SB stated that once an application had been received it would be sent to members.</p>	
7. Pinkie Road		
	<p>CMc raised concerns regarding the crossing of Pinkie Road and the lack of dropped kerbs at the road islands. IC agreed to take note of the concerns and look at the location again.</p>	
8. A.O.B	<p>BT raised concerns re 20 mile per hour speed limit and lack of signage. He also highlighted some discrepancies including at Whitehill Farm Road between 30 and 20 mph zones. SB indicated that this would be brought up at the Places for People meeting and added that he was aware there was a backlog in installing some signs which may be the reason for the discrepancies.</p> <p>He also outlined that there was an agreement that 20 mph signs would be extended in Inveresk Village and this too could be addressed at that meeting.</p> <p>AH indicated that he has seen survey work being undertaken in Mall Avenue. SB informed members that this would be ongoing flood prevention work.</p> <p>JW asked if new 20 mile per hour zones were temporary. SB explained that the funding for spaces for people was all temporary work, although through time they may become permanent.</p>	
2020 Meeting Dates		
<p>Area Partnership meetings for 2020 are as follows:</p> <p>28th September 2020 Zoom Meeting 30th November 2020 Zoom Meeting</p>		<p>Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>