

Musselburgh  
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting  
Monday 28th September 2020, 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Iain Clark, Chair (IC)  
 Cllr. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)  
 Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)  
 Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)  
 Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)  
 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)  
 Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)  
 John Waddell, Musselburgh Business Partnership (JW)  
 Sandra Benn, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SBe)

**Others in attendance:**

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)  
 Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)  
 Jane Cummings, ELC Community Development Officer (JC)  
 Pamela Martin, ELC Community Development Officer (PM)

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF)  
 Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)  
 Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)  
 Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)  
 Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches together (ES)  
 Janice MacLeod, Vice Chair (JM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies</b>		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC informed everyone this meeting would be recorded.	
<b>2. Minutes previous meeting</b>		
	Minutes from meeting 7.9.2020 were approved by MS seconded by CMc Minutes from meeting 10.8.2020 were approved by IT and seconded by NB  Pinkie Road – IC presented photographs of the road regarding the concerns expressed by CMc. The photographs showed buses passing islands in Pinkie Road, at the location that CMc had requested a	

	crossing point the photograph indicated the lack of available road width and therefore the difficulty in converting the traffic island to a pedestrian crossing point. IC will however contact Roads Services with the photographs.	IC
<b>3. Education Initiatives Projects</b>		
	A discussion took place regarding the fact that the Area Partnership no longer had a budget for Educational Initiatives. Last year this had been £100,000 and had funded a series of educational projects. IC asked members for their opinion on whether applications for educational initiatives should still be considered or whether part of the general budget should be used to fund these initiatives. A discussion then took place.	
<b>4. Sub Group</b>		
	<p><b>Active Travel</b> BT informed the meeting that no meeting of the sub group had taken place recently. IC informed the meeting that 2 “just eat” bike stands had been installed at the junction with Newhailes Road and North High Street and at the Brunton Hall. JW indicated that the bikes were being well used.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> JM has given her apologies for the meeting and will update later regarding a be friending service. IC indicated that the recent pandemic had shown the need to try and address social isolation particularly among elderly people in the Musselburgh Area.</p> <p><b>Budget &amp; Priorities</b> SB indicated a need to review the Area Plan to examine whether objectives and priorities needed to be amended to reflect the current pandemic and to review the way initiatives could be delivered considering the current environment. Following this review a sub group meeting would be arranged.</p>	
<b>5. Chair Update</b>		
	<p>IC informed members that a few members had suggested they hadn’t had sufficient time to review the current applications. IC suggested any applications must be received a minimum of 2 weeks prior to a meeting to allow members time to digest the information. All members were in agreement. SB suggested that there may be times that a speedy response was required perhaps to tie in to specific application deadlines however if this was the case members would be made aware of this.</p> <p>IC informed members that only 6 responses had been received to the previous email asking for decisions. IC encouraged all members to respond timeously to emails to allow decisions to be made and to inform the applicants.</p> <p>IC suggested to members that there was an option to record meetings and make that recording available to members only for a period of two weeks on U Tube. This would allow members who could not attend the meeting the opportunity to follow any discussions that had taken place. If members then needed to make a decision on applications they would be more informed having seen the discussions that had taken place. All members were in agreement to this suggestion.</p>	

	<p>The Musselburgh Arrow trail</p> <p>IC informed members that three arrow trails were now available on the Global Treasure App and he encouraged members to install this free app. These trails encourage both members of the community and visitors to walk and cycle around the various arrow locations throughout Musselburgh. Promoting both active travel and encouraging exercise in a fun and interesting way. Leaflets have been prepared and will be available initially in electronic format. A QR code is displayed on the leaflet to allow easy access to the app.</p>	
<p><b>6. Connected Communities Managers Update</b></p>		
	<p>SB advised meeting that he is based in Brunton Hall and introduced JC and PM who work in Wallyford and Whitecraig centres and are hoping to have some of the playgroups up and running from tomorrow which is great. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes making sure these HUBS and centres are spick and span before opening.</p> <p>SB made members aware that the litter pickers won't be able to be delivered until mid October but we can look at temporary ones until the other ones are delivered.</p> <p>SB gave an update of the budget. There is currently only one item of expenditure from the general budget which was £1548 for summer bedding plants. Awaiting new proposals from Amenities Services for this year's programme of work. This programme will be brought to members once it is available. Winter bedding will also be carried out on the existing planters on the High Street.</p> <p>SB added that he was expecting applications from the Musselburgh Business Partnership and from the Bridges Project. An application form has been received from The Lighthouse however the applicants need to provide more information, this application has gone to all six Area Partnerships and it is unclear how this proposal will effect the Musselburgh Area.</p> <p>SB made members aware there were 3 applications which need decisions. Stoneyhill Playgroup have received funding from another source so their application is no longer up for consideration. He added that not enough votes had been received to make a decision on either the Musselburgh Grammar application or the East Lothian Play Association application. A discussion then took place regarding these projects. IC agreed to email members again regarding decisions needed. IC will also contact Lesley Brown from Education to discuss education applications and will feed back to members with any response. IC will contact applicant for more information regarding the Musselburgh Grammar application. IC encouraged members to respond to email votes no matter what decision they make. We need to be quorate on all decisions.</p> <p>Spaces for people</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged for 5pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Following decisions at the previous meeting an additional bus stop has been rejected and a new proposal is being looked at. SB will email the new proposal to all members before the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October. IC highlighted this was a positive outcome that they are listening to our members who are raising concerns and going back to the drawing board. Great that businesses are making their voices known. B asked if there</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>SB</p>

	<p>was any feedback regarding the new 20mph speed limit. SB mentioned concerns over enforcement of limit. There are no traffic regulation orders yet. Unenforceable at the moment. KM advised that once all the 20mph are in place then a TTRO will be issued to cover all the areas and the police will be able to enforce it. IC mentioned young child nearly being knocked down in Whitecraig. AH asking about cables across the road on the west side of Wallyford. SB advised this is gathering data regarding speed, flow of traffic etc.</p> <p>IC will email all members. Looking for 4 members to go through the Area Plan regarding COVID and make any updates that may be needed. This is an evolving plan. The plan needs to be fit for purpose. SB asked if the Standing Orders could also be reviewed at the same time to include virtual meetings etc.</p> <p>IC was looking for an update from CM regarding the application to help support students</p>	
<p><b>7. A.O.B</b></p>	<p>BT enquired if any other members were aware of the large sign on Haddington Road advertising Dash taxi? He considered this sign to be inappropriate in a public location. BT informed members that he intended to write to East Lothian Council regarding this issue. SB asked BT to keep members informed of any response he received.</p>	
<p><b>2020 Meeting Dates</b></p>		
<p>Area Partnership meetings for 2020 are as follows:</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 2020      Zoom Meeting</p>		<p>Apologies to be sent to <a href="mailto:Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>