



**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 1st February 2021, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**

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. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
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)
Emma Scarcliffe, Bridges Project (ES)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
Pauline Crerar, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (PC)
Malcolm Currie, Musselburgh Business Partnership (MC)
Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SBr)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Pamela Martin, ELC (PM)
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
Susan Humble, East Lothian Play Association (SH)
Glen Liddall, People Know How (GL)

Apologies:

Cllr. Kenny McLeod, Elected Member (KM)
Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches together (ES)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC introduced GL, ES, SH to the members and informed members that they will be presenting	

	their applications and be available to answer any questions. IC added that SBr will present the application for the Musselburgh Business Partnership and will also be available to answer any questions.	
2. Conflict of Interest		
	<p>This is a standing item of the agenda. Please declare a conflict of interest when projects are being discussed or when voting on funding applications.</p> <p>NM declared a conflict of interest when voting for the Bridges project application as she is employed by the Bridges.</p> <p>SBr also declared a conflict of interest when voting for the Musselburgh Business Partnership as she had submitted the application.</p>	
3. Minutes previous meeting		
	Minutes from meeting 30.11.2020 were approved by MS and seconded by NM.	
4. Matters Arising		
	All will be covered later in the meeting	
5. Sub Groups		
	<p>Active Travel – BT advised the sub group met for the first time in almost a year last week and it was a very positive, successful meeting.</p> <p>Working with schools</p> <p>BT made members aware that cycle storage at Musselburgh Grammar is currently being considered.</p> <p>BT added that 'I bike' officer, Christine Fay, was now in place and working with schools on various initiatives and has carried out activities at a number of schools across Musselburgh including Playground Scooter skills, Dr Bike maintenance sessions, Bikability training and Pump Stations. Key activities are being planned for further Dr Bike maintenance, discussions on the misuse of Just Eat bikes, Learn to ride sessions, additional Bikeability training and discussions are underway to support Musselburgh Grammar introduce a SQA Level 3 Bike Maintenance course.</p> <p>E bikes</p> <p>BT informed members that the electricity supply is now in place and the E bikes should be installed by Spring.</p> <p>BT added East Lothian Council is currently tendering for additional E bike locations across East Lothian.</p> <p>BT highlighted the use of Cargo bikes elsewhere and raised the possibility of the Musselburgh Business Partnership supporting a similar initiative in Musselburgh.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the vandalism that was currently being experience with the Just eat bikes at both the Brunton Hall and the location opposite the Shell garage. Members were informed that the police are aware of this issue and measures such as enhanced CCTV are being investigated. AF highlighted that there was an issue with the resilience of current stands which were too easily broken.</p> <p>Mobility Hubs/Journey Hubs</p> <p>BT stated that consultants for East Lothian Council are currently working on the Brunton Hall Mobility Hub/Journey Hub. There will be buses, electric bikes, just eat bikes, car club vehicles and enhanced travel information provided as well as improvements to the streetscape.</p> <p>Musselburgh Active Toun consultation</p> <p>BT outlined to members that this consultation had been delayed due to COVID restrictions. Consultations will take place with businesses</p>	

however access surveys are not able to take place at the moment due to the impact that COVID restrictions are having in the town centre. BT made members aware that the electric bridge is now open for cyclists and feedback so far has been positive.

Other cycling projects

BT informed members that East Lothian Council is working in collaboration with the City of Edinburgh Council to improve cross boundary cycle links between Portobello and Musselburgh and it is hoped that this work should be completed by the end of March.

BT added that work was currently underway on a cycle route between Queen Margaret University and Old Craighall. This is to be four metres wide to the underpass. Work started on the 11th January on a twelve week project.

BT made members aware that several additional topics were discussed at this meeting including outstanding dropped kerbs and the need for additional signage in Pinkie Road and in the vicinity of the Rennie Bridge.

Safer cycling

Members discussed the need for cyclists to be aware of the needs of other road/footway/cycleway users.

BT also stated that it would be good to see more members attend this meeting and invited members who had an interest to email SB.

Health & Wellbeing –JM confirmed that due to lockdown the sub group have not yet met but a meeting will be arranged soon to look at future focus and establish priorities. She has been concentrating on Support from the Start which works with families 0-8 years. PM confirmed that a small consultation has been carried out on elderly residents in the area regarding isolation and is happy to share the results to examine how this sub group can help. CM again confirmed her availability to chat to anyone feeling isolated.

Sustainable Musselburgh – GA provided an update to members. Three apples trees had been provided and are ready to be planted in the proposed community orchard at Lewisvale Park. She was currently waiting on guidance from Andrew Hogarth on who should plan these. SB to check.

She made members aware that the sub group were investigating establishing a sustainability hub and had met with councils officials. They were looking at providing equipment such as pink rubbish bags, litter pickers etc and she undertook to keep members updated on progress.

Another initiative being investigated by the group is to reduce the use of plastics in the Musselburgh and surrounding areas with an aim to be plastic free. GA hoped that SBr and the Business Partnership could consider ways to increase the use of paper bags. PC added as part of the sub group she had been involved in the River Esk improvement group looking at improvements to the river Esk including reducing the level of sewage. She added that Scottish Water have been unable to improve the water quality at Fisherrow and were investigating additional measures with an aim to improve the water quality. GA informed members that the next meeting of the group is planned towards the end of March 2021.

6. Chair Report

	<p>IC advised he had been involved in a number of recent meetings with SB to identify future projects, the Covid Response and Active travel. He added that face to face meetings continued to be difficult as a result of COVID 19 but had continued to meet with SB virtually on a regular basis.</p> <p>IC made members aware that Baxter’s Storey had delivered fully wrapped parcels the Friday before Christmas and showed members a short video clip taken at Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre of the boxes stored prior to distribution. There were over a 1000 and all were distributed on the very same day. He offered a huge thankyou to everyone at the Hub, Pamela, Jane, Donna, Stuart and AF for all their effort and hard work distributing these parcels into the community.</p> <p>IC made members aware that he had emailed a response to the appeal to build a McDonalds restaurant in Musselburgh. IC stated that while he would have liked to have consulted members more prior to making this submission that unfortunately time scales had not allowed this but confirmed that he would copy his response to members. JW confirmed that the initial date for response had been extended towards the end of January.</p>	
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7. Connected Communities Manager Report

	<p>SB presented a spreadsheet showing the current budgetary situation for Musselburgh Area Partnership including the projects that were being discussed tonight. This indicated a predicted spend up to date of £97, 063.17 for 2020/2021.</p> <p>SB stated that a number of votes had to be taken on several projects that had already been presented and discussed at the meeting. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lothian Play Association £18,100 • Bridges Project £24,600 • Musselburgh Business Partnership £14,300 <p>SB added that the submission by People Know How although the presentation and discussion had taken place earlier in the meeting because the agreed fourteen days notice had not been given to members that voting on this project would follow the meeting.</p> <p>For clarity the presentations and voting results are indicated below.</p> <p>SH gave a presentation on the proposal by East Lothian Play Association on Playful Families Musselburgh. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions which were answered by the applicant. Voting took place and members unanimously supported this project.</p> <p>ES gave a presentation on the proposal by The Bridges Project on “GetConnected”. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions which were answered by the applicant. Voting took place and was supported by the majority of members (15) with one undecided.</p> <p>SBr gave a presentation on the proposal by The Musselburgh Business Partnership on “Shop, Eat, Live Musselburgh”. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions which were answered by the applicant. Voting took place and members unanimously supported this project.</p>	
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	<p>GL gave a presentation on the proposal by People Know How on “Computer Delivery/Learn Digital Musselburgh”. Members were given an opportunity to ask question which were answered by the applicant. As this application had not been sent to members with the agreed fourteen day notice the voting on this application will take place following the meeting. An email will be sent to members on Thursday 4th February giving members an additional seven days to the 11th February to vote on this application. SB reminded members of the need to respond to this email timeously.</p> <p>SB mentioned an application called Sketch & Wander which unfortunately could not progress due to current COVID restrictions. He added that discussions had taken place with the applicant and this application will be put to members once restrictions are eased and suggested the Health & Wellbeing sub group could consider this application.</p> <p>SB made members aware that an application had just been received from Musselburgh Rugby Football Club. This will be looked at and sent out to members for consideration once the application had been checked and any queries/clarification required had been received from the applicant.</p> <p>SB referring to a question from the last meeting on the proposed whin dust footpath at Levenhall Links. He made members aware that a plan had been received from amenity services proving the location of this path. SB presented this plan to members and pointed out that it was a remote path represented by a broken red line on the drawing within the lagoons area away from any housing.</p> <p>SB referred to the proposed footway renewal of the uneven slabs at Newbigging and made members aware that although roads services had reduced the work available to Area Partnerships due to government restrictions, weather emergency and other priorities, that the essential work at Newbigging was still planned to go ahead.</p> <p>SB made members aware of a meeting that had taken place the previous week regarding proposals by road services to alter the number of bus stops in Musselburgh High Street. These were temporary measures and although two additional bus stops had been agreed one west bound and one east bound on the High Street that an additional west bound stop in the vicinity of Lucas was not supported and will not be progressed. He added that as these were temporary measures that any issues arising could be addressed once they are in operation.</p> <p>SB made members aware of a report and case study he had received from Our Families (an initiative supported by the Musselburgh Area Partnership) who were currently supporting eighteen families and thirty five children. SB will copy this report and case study to members.</p>	
8. Consultations		
	IC informed the meeting of the current consultations below and encouraged everyone to take part individually or as an organisation.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Consultation 2021-2022 - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • Land Management Rules - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • East Lothian Primary Care Improvement Plan - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • Covid 19 Tenants Survey (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) 	
9. A.O.B		
	There was no additional business.	
2021 Meeting Dates		
Area Partnership meetings for 2021 are as follows: 15 th March 2021, 14 th June 2021, 23 rd August 2021, 4 th October 2021, 29 th November 2021		Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk