

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 15th March 2021, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**

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. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)
 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)
 Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
 Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
 Pauline Crerar, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (PC)
 Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SBr)
 Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
 Terri Buzzeo, Campie Primary School Chair (TB)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
 Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
 Jane Cummings, ELC (JC)
 Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
 Blair Stewart, Musselburgh Rugby Club (BS)
 Drew Johnston, Musselburgh Rugby Club (DJ)

Apologies:

Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
 Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
 Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
 Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)

| AGENDA ITEM | KEY DISCUSSION POINTS | ACTION |
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| 1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies | | |
| | IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC advised that the meeting would be recorded. | |
| 2. Conflict of Interest | | |
| | This is a standing item of the agenda. Please declare a conflict of interest when projects are being discussed or when voting on funding | |

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| | applications. AF and TB both declared a conflict of interest in the application from Musselburgh Rugby Club. | |
| 3. Musselburgh Rugby Club Application | | |
| | <p>IC introduced BS/DJ who he explained would discuss their application. He informed members that he intended to bring this forward on the agenda to allow both BS/DJ to leave the meeting after their presentation.</p> <p>BS/DJ outlined the project to rebuild the changing facilities and replace the old gym at the club. They had received a number of funding awards to assist with this and highlighted the need for additional support from Musselburgh Area Partnership. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions including the range and diversity of groups that could use the new facility. IC thanked BS/DJ and informed them that a decision on the application would be taken later in the meeting. At this point BS/DJ left the meeting.</p> | |
| 4. Minutes previous meeting | | |
| | Minutes from meeting 1.2.2021 were approved by MS and seconded by AH. | |
| 5. Matters Arising | | |
| | All will be covered later in the meeting | |
| 6. Sub Groups | | |
| | <p>Active Travel – BT advised that he gave a comprehensive report at the last meeting and informed members that the sub group had not met since. He added however that it was his intention to arrange one soon. BT advised that at a SESTRANS meeting Musselburgh was mentioned as being at the forefront for East Lothian regarding the two planned mobility hubs. One hub is to be situated at the Bruntonhall and one at the Musselburgh railway station. BT informed members of the intention to hold a launch event once the electric bikes are installed, he added the partnership may be asked to get involved in some way. BT highlighted the use of Cargo bikes elsewhere and raised the possibility of the Musselburgh Business Partnership supporting a similar initiative in Musselburgh. SBr asked for more information and BT advised the SUSTRANS web site has some good information on cargo bikes. SBr agreed to look into this further.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing –JM confirmed that a meeting is arranged for 23.3.21 at 3.30pm via zoom. This initial meeting will focus on objectives and take stock of what has happened in the area since the previous meeting. Jane Ogden Smith will be coming along to the meeting to discuss Community Link workers and Health & Wellbeing provision. Pamela Martin will also be joining the meeting to discuss Resilience Teams and the needs of older people in the Musselburgh area. Will look at other topics for future meetings.</p> <p>Budget & Priorities – IC advised we are nearing the end of the financial year and are currently awaiting confirmation of next year’s budget. We can then arrange a meeting to look at priorities. SB added that it was looking likely that budgets would be the same as last year but agreed to inform members once this had been confirmed.</p> <p>Sustainable Musselburgh – GA provided an update to members, adding regarding the community orchard that additional apples trees had been obtained. Amenity Services have indicated these will be planted soon.</p> | |

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| | <p>Sustainability Hub GA informed members that a meeting had taken place on the 18.2.2021 to look the possibility of establishing a sustainability hub in Musselburgh. A place for all things green. The sub group are actively looking at premises that can bring everyone together to serve the community with a potential to organise beach cleans, raise awareness, store equipment, offer green cleaning products, the possibility of an eco-shop, a repair shop also including an educational element. At the meeting a property in New Street had been discussed as a potential site. This had lain empty for a number of years however it required a significant amount of work. SB suggested the possibility of initially utilising part of the space currently occupied by The Tool Library at Fisherrow centre. GA replied that a meeting had been arranged with JC to discuss this.</p> <p>River Esk Group PC informed members that a two hour meeting had taken place earlier in the day looking at Eastfield Pumping station being cleaned and refurbished. The contribution to drainage infrastructure from new developments was discussed. Although SEPA attended the meeting they were still dealing with the issues around their recent cyber attack however Scottish Water had undertaken a recent comprehensive beach clean during which most of the accumulated plastic in the form of baby wipes had been removed from the beach.</p> <p>BT informed members of a survey that was being undertaken by East Lothian Council to identify and eradicate areas of giant hogweed. BT agreed to pass the information on this to GA/PC.</p> | | | | | |
| 7. Chair Report | | | | | | |
| | <p>IC advised he had been asked to attend an interview with the Democratic Society (DS). The DS were very helpful with previous Musselburgh Participatory Budgeting initiatives providing digital support for on line voting. IC added he has also been invited to participate in a working group looking at digital voting platforms. IC made members aware that he had emailed a response to the appeal to build a McDonalds restaurant in Musselburgh. While this was due to be decided on 10.3.21 it had now been postponed until 10.4.21. IC informed members that he met with IT, BT and Alan Armour to draft a response to Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government, Communities and Planning, adding he had written to all 8 MSP representing Musselburgh and had received responses from all 8. IC undertook to update members on the outcome following the 10.4.21 deadline. BT offered his congratulations to IC on a comprehensive and high quality submission. IC thanked BT for his comments.</p> | | | | | |
| 8. Connected Communities Manager Report | | | | | | |
| | <p>SB informed the meeting of the current budgetary situation for Musselburgh Area Partnership including the projects that were being discussed tonight.</p> <p>General Budget</p> <table data-bbox="395 2027 1230 2094"> <tr> <td>Amenities</td> <td>£1,548.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bike North Bike East Adventure Learning</td> <td>£1,100.00</td> </tr> </table> | Amenities | £1,548.00 | Bike North Bike East Adventure Learning | £1,100.00 | |
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| | <p>Lighthouse CAP £1,670.00 Childrens 1st - Our families Winter Clothing £1,125.00 Bridges Project £24,600.00 East Lothian Play Association £18,100.00 Musselburgh Business Partnership £14,300.00 People Know How £28,894.00 Amenities service £4,936.17 radio saltire £40.00 Baxters food £500.00 Well being Hampers £1,362.80</p> <p>Roads Budget Footway Repairs at Newbigging £50,000.00</p> <p>Amenities Service Budget Officers time and Equipment approx £18,000.00</p> <p>SB stated that two applications were up for consideration tonight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musselburgh Rugby Club £5000 - £10000 • Sketch & Wander <p>Earlier in the meeting BS/DJ gave a presentation on the proposal by Musselburgh Rugby Club. Members voted on this and agreed to support the application by a majority.</p> <p>SB indicated to members that there also needed to be a decision on the level of support offered to Musselburgh Rugby Club. Members voted and agreed to fund the application to a sum of £10,000 depending on confirmation of the budget allocated by East Lothian Council.</p> <p>SB outlined the application received from Lynn Fraser for Sketch and Wander sessions. As highlighted at the previous meeting, this was an application received by all area partnerships. Members felt this application should go to the Health & Wellbeing sub group for additional scrutiny and to ensure the suggested initiative fit more with the needs of the Musselburgh area. JM agreed to take this to the next H&W sub group meeting and agreed to feed back to members.</p> <p>SB mentioned another application from Hope Church which had only just been received and this will be discussed at a later meeting. SB agreed to forward the application to members.</p> | |
| 9. Consultations | | |
| | <p>IC informed the meeting of the current consultations below and encouraged everyone to take part individually or as an organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Estate Review: Pre Consultation https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/learning-estate-review-pre-consultation/ • Early Learning and Childcare: EASTER 2021 https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/elc-easter-2021/ • Key Worker Application for in-school learning and childcare March 2021 | |

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| | <p>https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/february2021-keyworker-application/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lothian Primary Care improvement Plan https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/communications/east-lothian-primary-improvement-plan/ • COVID 19 Tenants Survey https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/council-resources/covid-19-tenants-survey/ | |
| 10. A.O.B | | |
| | <p>AF advised members that although it had been agreed to fund between £500 - £1000 to Baxter Storey's Christmas appeal they are currently now working on an Easter appeal. As no donation had been made to the Christmas appeal and considering the huge amount of support that had been received at Christmas members agreed to donate £500 to the Easter appeal.</p> <p>AH wanted to congratulate the team for the amount of people that would be benefiting from all the supported applications this year. He added that he felt the support had been astonishing. IC thanked AH for his comments adding that it was a team effort including all of the members of the area partnership.</p> <p>The next meeting is 14.6.21 but IC asked members to start thinking about the format of the AGM scheduled for 23.8.2021 adding that both Chair and Vice Chair positions are up for election as per the standing orders.</p> | |
| 2021 Meeting Dates | | |
| | <p>Area Partnership meetings for 2021 are as follows: 14th June 2021, 23rd August 2021, 4th October 2021, 29th November 2021</p> | <p>Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> |