

**Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership
19th April 2021 7.30-9.30pm, a ZOOM Meeting.**

Chair

Chair Bill Axon

Quorum

11

Members and substitute members present:

Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member, ELC (FD),
Debbie Middlemass, Vice Chair (DM)
Neal Black, Ormiston Community Council (NB),
Mike Falconer, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (MF),
Ian Pryde, Macmerry & Gladsmuir Action Group/ Chair of FAT (IP),
Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council (PS),
Donald Grant (DG), Co-opted member,
Isabel Berry, ECA, Fa'side TRA Rep (IB),
Cllr Colin McGinn, Elected Member, ELC (CM),
Margo McDonald, ECA, Fa'side TRA Rep,
Alan Bell, Recharge (AB)
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)

Others in attendance

Simon Davie, Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side, ELC (SD)
Stevie McKinlay, ELC CLD

Apologies

Cllr John McMillan, Provost, ELC (JM),
Paul McGregor, Tranent and District Community Sports Clubs (PM),
Sam Renton (SR), Recharge,
Kathryn Jane James, SftS (KJJ)
Cllr Kenny McLeod, Elected Member, ELC (KM),
Tracey Redpath, VCEL,
Heather Boyle, Ross High School Parent Council (HB),
Maureen Allan, Health & Wellbeing Chairperson (MA),
Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)
Cllr Craig Hoy (CH)

Quorum: 13 members/substitutes present for voting/decision making

		Key discussion points	
1	Welcome	BA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked MF for hosting the meeting. BA advised members that all partnership business this year should take place online, all members agreed. BA confirmed that we have purchased a Zoom licence in order to facilitate this. BA conveyed a huge thanks on behalf of members to MF for his support in enabling us to meet online.	All
	Apologies	Apologies are noted above.	
2	Declarations of interest for agenda items	BA asked members to declare any interests for items on the agenda or as we progress through the Agenda. DG confirmed he was a member of the Volunteering Centre East Lothian board and therefore would not take any part in the discussion on Item 10 a.	
3	Approval of Minutes	Minutes were checked and agreed as an accurate record. MF proposed the minutes with DG seconded them.	
4	Matters Arising	Page 2 Item 1 SD to meet AB and discuss his role as Poverty Champion for Fa'side AP. <i>Matter outstanding</i>	SD/AB

		<p>Page 2 of draft notes 27/10/20 – Headed ‘Page 2 item 5’ – Tranent & Elphinstone Community Action Plan and Coalfield Regeneration Fund. SD and MF to discuss this matter. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p>	SD/ MF
		<p>Page 2 of draft notes 27/10/20 – Headed ‘Page 2 Item 5’ – Cairns – ongoing discussions. SD advised the meeting he needs to have a discussion with planning before progressing the request <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p>	SD
		<p>Page 3 of draft notes 27/10/20 – Headed Page 3 item 7b Foresters Park – Some minor snagging to be completed. Once completed, SD to draft press release and arrange a ceremonial opening of the new parking provision. SD to arrange, once out of pandemic. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p>	SD
		<p>Page 3 Item 6 notes 27/10/20 – SIMD report. Awaiting new update being issued. Once issued SD will share with members. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p>	SD
		<p>Page 5 Item 9 of Draft notes from 27/10/20 – Handbook to be reviewed. SD/LM will complete and circulate to all members for comment. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p>	SD/ LM
		<p>Page 5 Item 7d – Fa’side Scrutiny and monitoring – SD has drafted papers and will circulate to Sub group members for consideration</p>	SD
		<p>Page 7 item 8.3 – FD commented that mental and social isolation were significant issues impacting on our local communities. SD agreed to circulate the completed evaluation form fundamental foods following the emergency food provision. SD awaiting report and will circulate. <i>Matter on going.</i></p>	SD
		<p>Page 6, Item 6a –SD/ LM to arrange for Fa’side Young Defenders to be placed at the beginning of the agenda in order for young people to come along and provide updates to members.</p>	SD/ LM
		<p>Page 6, Item 6b – All members to read the Walk Back Better Manifesto and confirm whether or not members will sign the pledge and support the request for more funding.</p>	All
		<p>Page 9, Item 7a – SD to meet with MA and discuss evaluation of the Lighthouse project.</p>	SD/ MA
5	Fa’side Young Defenders	<p>AB advised members that unfortunately our Young Defenders were unable to join us due to school starting the following day. AB will provide a written report of their activity (which is attached with the minutes).</p> <p>AB provided a verbal update on their activities. BA thanked AB and asked him to provide a thank you to our young people for the excellent report and the work they are doing on behalf of our community.</p> <p>AB to send a copy of the stickers they propose to use to Andrew Hogarth’s team.</p> <p>A general point was made relating to the Black Bins uplifted around our area by Amenity Services. DM noted that it would be helpful if all community groups were aware that the waste is sorted and then recycled.</p>	AB AB SM/ AB ALL
6	Connected Communities Team Update	<p>a. COVID 19 Update – paper was previously circulated and a general discussion took place. This document can be found here.</p> <p>b. Managers update SD referred to his report (attached) and asked members if they had any questions. SA noted that Friends of Ormiston Park have been successful in obtaining the funding for a ‘pump track’ in the park. SA noted that there are ongoing</p>	

		<p>discussions around a requirement for additional parking. IP commented that should we be seeking to create more parking, linked to ELC's climate change strategy? NB noted that a number of small primary school aged children come to the park and it would not be appropriate to ask them to cycle there.</p> <p>FD/SA/IP/NB all commended Friends of Ormiston Park for the excellent work on the park to date and the additional external funding they have secured for the pump track. SD will contact Lindsey Mains to share our congratulations.</p> <p>c. Officers update – SM referred to his update report (attached) and asked if there were any questions. A number of questions and comments were received.</p> <p>d. FD asked SM if outreach had engaged more young people and different groups of young people whilst in our communities. SM advised that there were an increased number of young people out in our communities and in the main, our interactions and their behaviour was really positive. There are some tensions around the sharing of public spaces and perceptions of our young people. This has an impact on Young People.</p> <p>SA stated that AB and SM has talked about the positive engagement and wanted it to be promoted more, as the negative behaviour is what the media pick up on them. SM stated that it is hoped that they can promote on social media soon and he works in partnership with other organisations. AB stated that on social media during lockdown there had been negative comments especially on Facebook with incidents that had happened where adults were jumping in and stating that, that always happens in Tranent when none of the incidents had been Tranent based.</p> <p>SA asked two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are we doing to provide stories on the positive impact that our young people are making in our communities? 2) What were we doing to working collaboratively with external organisations in regards to the delivery of CLD activities in the area? <p>SM responded:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We are working on a social media strategy and plan to create short content (posts and videos), highlighting the positive impact that young people are making in our communities. 2) We are engaging with national organisations such as Young Scot and Youthlink etc. to develop strategies and an evaluation framework to measure the impact of our work. On a local level we are engaging with local partners to support the delivery of key services. <p>SM will send out an update report on our Outreach team with some data on the levels of engagement and key outcomes.</p> <p>AB advised all members that another matter the Young Defenders had raised was the negative perceptions of young people in our communities. He confirmed that there have been a range of social media posts which carried negative content about young people. He asked where possible for members to either challenge this if it was not a Fa'side specific example (such as the vandalism to buses in Prestonpans, which had not been replicated in Tranent) or to post alternative positive stories about the impact our young people are making in Fa'side.</p> <p>IB asked if detached youth work will be returning to Elphinstone? SM confirmed that it will be, seeking to run a programme starting</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SM</p> <p>All</p> <p>SM</p> <p>IP</p>
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		<p>shortly and running to the summer break. Will also be delivering Bikeability at the primary school.</p> <p>NB asked SM if he had any working with active schools. SM said they sign post youngsters to that avenue if they are interested. NB also stated that if any youngster is interested in Rugby that this sport will be starting soon and it would be good to have young recruits. It is non-contact at the moment but can help with stress etc. SM stated that he would make the outreach team aware. SD also stated that NB should get in contact with Radio Saltire who could also promote this through their community news and social media. NB to give details to SM.</p> <p>IP noted that he had been involved in a similar project in Macmerry and would suggest seeking alternative funding (Cycling Scotland etc.) as many of the bikes that the children used were in need of significant repairs before taking part in Bikeability.</p>	<p>NB/ SM</p> <p>IP</p>
7	<p>Sub Group updates and Community Groups</p>	<p>A. Fa'side Active Travel –Walk-Back-Better Data 2021 manifesto from Path for All, Living Streets, and Ramblers Scotland https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/resources/resource/walk-back-better---manifesto-2021.</p> <p>All members agreed (12 votes for) that Fa'side AP should either sign up or write to confirm our support to the Manifesto.</p> <p>IB asked why we had sited 16 cycle racks in Butterdean Wood. It would be better to have siting post and IP is investing this. IP noted that he had no idea why the cycle racks were sited there and that we would raise at our Active travel meeting on 28th April 2021 to try and find out more information. Please contact SD for information and the link to the meeting if you are interested.</p> <p>Ormiston Park – IP advised he was delighted he had secured the funding target. IP gave a round of applause to the group.</p> <p>At a previous meeting the group wanted to purchase 6 sets of cycle racks and SD managed to get much more than that – these are to be placed at village shops so people could cycle to the shops rather than use their car. Due to COVID these have not been placed but it is hoped they will be soon.</p> <p>IP asked AB to provide an update on the funding Recharge had received for the online project. AB provided an update noting that still at early stages. Website has been created, waiting on approval of a name for the website and currently working on licences for the drones. IP noted that we can agree the website name at the Active Travel meeting.</p> <p>We are also hoping to put signage on the ground but with COVID this has also been delayed. IP did note that FAT gratefully receive £5,000 per annum to support Active Travel measures in the Area Plan. He did ask members to increase this sum and allow them to have a greater impact.</p> <p>B. Fa'side Health and Wellbeing –SD advised that MA was currently unwell and BA asked him to convey our good wishes for a speedy recovery.</p> <p>On MA's return we would seek to meet and arrange our meeting schedule for the year. SM will seek to propose some dates for the year ahead.</p> <p>SD reminded all members that we are currently seeking two community sub group chairs for FAT and FHWB. If there are any members, groups members or individuals with a passion for either theme to contact SD/LM.</p>	<p>SD/IP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>IP/SD</p> <p>ALL</p>

		<p>C. Support from the Start - In KJJ's absence, DM provided a verbal update. They have fully allocated their budget and have the same sum for this financial year. Next meeting is Tuesday 27th April. DM confirmed ELC are providing an online training resource for Raising Children With Confidence, if anyone is interested please contact DM. No questions were raised.</p>	ALL																																				
8	Budget updates	<p>A. Clarification of email vote March 2021</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="400 349 1347 607"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Tranent Scouts</th> <th>Recharge (General)</th> <th>Sanderson's Wynd PS</th> <th>Recharge (FAT)</th> <th>Fa'side Lunch Club</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>11</td> <td>9</td> <td>11</td> <td>9</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D of I</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abstain</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SD conveyed the results of the previous email vote for projects. We needed 11 responses and a majority for each application. You will see that we received both and therefore we have supported all projects that applied to us for assistance.</p> <p><i>Prior to 7b and 7c, SD advised members that he and BA had a meeting with Tom Reid, Head of Infrastructure on Thursday. Members were asked to contact SD before midday on Thursday 29th April 2021 for any matters which need to be raised.</i></p> <p>B. Current 2020/2021 position – SD provided an update and asked if there were any questions? FD asked if the Amenity Budget could be used to purchase seating for Buttterdean wood. SD explained that these would have to be purchased by the partnership, the seating would have to be suitable for a woodlands setting and amenities would provide the labour as with other projects. IP stated that it would also depend where these were situated so that machinery etc. could have access but the cheapest way would be to get the first cut from a log which is curved one side and flat the other and then get someone to make the benches.</p> <p>PS asked why we had been unable to complete the speed table on Elphinstone Road/Caponhall Drive? SD advised that due to COVID, colleagues in Roads had a reduced capacity and therefore were unable to complete the project. PS asked if the monies were carried over? SD confirmed that this was not the case and we would need to consider our support for the project within this financial year. BA stated that we should prioritise this project within this financial year, given that members had previously approved it. PS expressed his frustration at failing to deliver the project and highlighted the knock on effect on our advanced programme – stating that Pencaitland CC had wished to seek support for another project this financial year. A member suggested if there are capacity based issues for Roads, is there any chance we could consider other options, such as external contractors? DG reminded members of the previous difficulties with other Roads related projects. He asked SD if the progress update meetings between Area Partnerships and Roads had been taking place? SD confirmed that they had, however, not so during the Pandemic and reminded members of the email circulated which stated that all Area Partnership projects had been paused due to the lack of capacity created by COVID. BA asked Elected Members if they would like to share their experience around Roads during COVID. SA advised members that Roads colleagues had been diverted from their duties to support other COVID related matters during the Pandemic, and like many other ELC staff had been excellent in their flexibility.</p>		Tranent Scouts	Recharge (General)	Sanderson's Wynd PS	Recharge (FAT)	Fa'side Lunch Club	Yes	11	9	11	9	11	No	0	0	0	0	0	D of I	0	2	0	2	0	Abstain	0	0	0	0	0	Total	11	11	11	11	11	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>SD</p> <p>BA/SD</p>
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		<p>BA confirmed that he would raise member's frustrations around Roads projects with Tom Reid at the meeting on Thursday.</p> <p>C. Financial year 2021/2022 – SD referred to the previously circulated Budget paper and noted our awards for this financial year. He asked if there were any questions, none were tabled.</p> <p>SD reminded members that we have previously devolved 2 sums to Sub groups: Young Defenders (£1,000) and Active Travel (£5,000).</p> <p>SD asked members to vote on whether they are supportive of continuing with the devolved sums? All members (13) voted in favour of providing the 2 sub-groups with the sums noted.</p>	BA/ SD
9	Area Plan, and Annual Plan	<p>A. Area Plan – final update: decision required - SD reminded members that we were seeking to amend our Area Plan with the previously circulated content.</p> <p>I. Brexit/COVID19 statement – all members voted to (13) add this statement.</p> <p>II. Volunteering content - all members voted (13) to add this statement.</p> <p>III. Climate change content - all members voted (13) to add this statement.</p> <p>B. Draft Annual Plan 2019-20 – decision required - SD reminded members that we were seeking to approve our draft annual plan, previously circulated. SD noted that AB had provided some feedback. He asked members if they had any questions or comments. None were raised. SD asked members if they would vote on the content (SD would amend to take into consideration AB's comments). All members voted (13) to approve the Draft annual plan. SD will update and then share the link with members once it is on ELC's website. It will also form part of the update on our Scrutiny and Monitoring sub group update.</p>	SD/ LM SD
10	AOCB	<p>A. Inspiring Volunteer Awards – SD referred to the awards which take place in June and noted that nominations are due to close very soon. SD highlighted the amazing support provided to our community by the volunteers throughout the year and especially during the pandemic. He suggested to all members that they and their groups should seek to make nominations for local volunteers.</p> <p>SD to send out a separate email on the Award scheme.</p> <p>FD indicated that some individuals may not appreciate being nominated or indeed like to be recognised. SD agreed and suggested that if thinking about nominating someone to speak to a family member or friend prior to the nomination.</p> <p><i>PMN – Nominations are required for all categories however the Community Volunteer of the Year award is one where local groups and members of the public can nominate an individual and therefore, this is category where groups may want to share their nomination, in order to increase opportunities for the individual to do well and hopefully win.</i></p>	SD All
11	Dates of area partnership meeting	<p>1 June 2021 7 September 2021 9 November 2021</p>	

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Road Map

Item 6 b – meeting on 12th April 2021

Connected Communities Managers update as at 11th March 2021

1. Alice is our new Senior Business Support Assistant for the Connected Communities – Fa’side team. Alice will be working to support myself and Stevie McKinlay. Main priority for Alice at present is to working on a power point which will form our Annual Report for 2019/20. Alice has concluded this work and the paper is present to this meeting. *Matter completed.*
2. Lorna has been working end of year budgets for the partnership and gearing up for our next Area Partnership meeting. All payments have now been processed for the financial year ending 2020/21. Lorna will be assisting us in preparing the papers to go out to members for this meeting. *Matter completed.*
3. As noted above, Fa’side Area Partnership budgets for 2020/21 have now been fully allocated Five applications were circulated and were approved by partnership members on 10th March (update on this agenda) - this finalises our general element. *Matter completed.*
4. There were 2 delegated authority decisions sought. Both related to external funding streams. One, related to the Scottish Government Food Insecurities funding, which allowed us to allocate funding and support our Easter Lunchclub – as there were activities that required to be organised well in advance of the club starting. As a result, we accessed £4,255 which was allocated to Fundamental Foods to deliver the club over 2 week at Easter. In addition, there was a small amount of funding left in the Education budget for Lunchclubs. It was agreed by the Food Group within ELC that this funding could be used to support our Community Pantry, as a result, the funding was transferred to Fundamental Foods who are a partner in the pantry and they would in turn transfer the funds to VCEL. *Matter completed.*
5. Sub groups of area partnerships. Seeking to recommence these on line in April, following confirmation of the budget awards. I will continue to support our Active Travel and Scrutiny groups, with Stevie McKinlay going to support Health and Well-being and Young Defenders groups. Details and handover still to be worked out. At present, in the process of searching for 2 new sub group chairs – Active Travel and health and wellbeing. *This work is ongoing.*
6. Working with Fundamental Foods, Volunteer Centre East Lothian and some of our volunteers to help create a food related legacy project called Fa’side Community Kitchen. We have reached a written agreement with East Lothian Co-operative Bowling club for the kitchen to be based there and have obtained charitable status through OSCR. Due to some unforeseen matters we have been unable to progress as quickly as we would have liked and there is a range of capacity still needing to be built. As a result, we have placed FCK under a period of review for 6 weeks, with a member of Pennypit staff seconded to manage the project during this period. VCEL have placed an advert for additional trustees and we will pull together all outstanding governance during the review period, including job descriptions and an advert for staff. Given the issues around capacity going to seek funding for development officer to support the charity for a one year period. *This work is ongoing.*
7. Tranent Traders Association. This work has mainly been paused due to current restrictions. Think we have lost both the Scottish Towns Partnership (STP) funding and the local ELC based funding. STP through lack of response from the traders and ELC through the criteria placed on funding by CEG (ELC overview group for funding).

Had a chat with senior colleagues in Economic Development about the matter and they are keen to see if there is something we can do in Tranent going forward. Will explore this further. Some concerns that we might have lost the good will and momentum built up with the Traders. *This work is ongoing.*

8. Support and supervision to our Connected Communities Team. Seeking to create an annual plan for the team which identifies our priorities for this year. This matter has been paused until I return. Have some content created and work in progress. *This work is ongoing.*
9. Support, advice and guidance to Macmerry and Gladsmuir CC following changes in their committee. Glad to announce Ian Pryde has been elected chair of Macmerry and Gladsmuir CC. Attended their last CC meeting. *This work is ongoing.*
10. Ongoing engagement with Macmerry Menshed on use of hall. Trying to build capacity and understanding of the group, around their use of the facility and sustainability of the group. This is connected to the community conversation in Macmerry. *This work is ongoing.*
11. Working alongside colleagues on Improving the Cancer Journey in East Lothian on behalf of the Connected Communities Team in East Lothian. *This work is ongoing.*
12. Some conversations around Community Facilities across Fa'side. Conversations to take place on Macmerry and Pencaitland. Opportunity to consider the Centre in Elphinstone, which is on hold at present but will need to be picked up soon. Online survey completed and we need to organise small meeting of community to discuss possibilities. *This work is ongoing.*
13. Engaged with Tranent Skatepark Foundation – who have over a thousand members on their facebook page (please see the attached facebook link). Currently reviewing sites and engaging with Council teams to support our investigations. If we can secure a site in principle then we will seek to create a working group to support the project. *This work is ongoing.*
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422021105447215/?ref=share>
14. Provided Friends of Ormiston Park with a letter of support from Fa'side Area Partnership supporting their pump track applications which have gone to Sports Scotland and SUEZ trust. Lindsey and those involved will keep us updated on the outcomes. *Delighted to note that Friends of Ormiston Park have succeeded in securing funding for the creation of a Skate/pump track in Ormiston Park – this is excellent news and a huge congratulations to all involved. This matter is ongoing.*
15. Engaging with Sports Hub on the creation of the Pavilion at Polson. Possibility that we might support the social media around the project and some administrative tasks in order to get the project completed. *This matter is ongoing.*
16. Election – engaged with Hazel Boak on requirements and really positive feedback from Hazel on Stevie's role. Have updated Facilities Management and Andrew Hogarth's team has checked access and exits for us and will carry out a small amount of work to ensure these are safe for the public to use. *Matter completed.*
17. Waiting on outcome of One Council Partnership Funding to clarify if there is an additional ask of our team with regards to local groups and their applications. Especially keen to get an update on the Service Level Agreement request for Recharge. *This matter is ongoing.*
18. I have been off sick following a knee operation. Went off on 11th March and hoping to return early in April. Stevie has been covering in my absence.

Simon Davie
Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side

Item 6 c – Meeting 12th April 2021

Connected Communities Fa'side – Community Development Officer Update

Outreach team - January to March

I supervise the Outreach team in Fa'side. Due to Covid -19 restrictions our Outreach team have been unable to conduct their normal duties between 26th Dec 2020 and 12th March 2021. However they have used this time to develop their practice through training and self-evaluation. The team utilised the How Good is Our Learning and Development with the community Framework to consider the impact their role has on the community. The team also worked with Mypas to undertake Drugs and Alcohol training. The team resumed service on the 14th of March and have been conducting outreach work in Tranent. They are currently trialling shifts on Friday and Saturday afternoons as there are often lots of young people out and about at these times. The team have also created biographies and shared them on the Young Scot Local page for Fa'side to increase their visibility in the locality. I will share the link to this page following the meeting. All staff now have Outreach team jackets which provides an element of uniformity and visibility to the team.

Christmas Provision Fa'side - January

Supporting the Christmas provision via feedback sessions and planning groups for 2021 provision.

Service Legal Agreement with Recharge Youth Project - January to March

We await the result of the funding application for this agreement, however we have been working closely with recharge to map out provision in the locality. In particular mental health services. This is a major outcome in both the Charrette and the Area Plan.

Youth Work: Tranent - January to March

We have been able to establish the planned outdoor youth work project with the Heugh Community (Secret) Garden in Tranent. In line with identified needs we have agreed to target this intervention at primary age children who will transition to S1 in the summer. Project will begin at the end of April and run until June. We are still unable to provide indoor youth work sessions due to Covid -19 restrictions.

Head of Establishment Duties: January to March

Continue support to maintain our five community buildings including building audits and archiving of historical paperwork. We have managed to re-open Ormiston Village Hall for non- public use. Ormiston Day Centre will be using the office space to increase their capacity for outreach work. Supporting the reopening of council buildings for elections in May. A deep clean of Macmerry community centre has been undertaken in preparation for re-opening.

University of Edinburgh Student Placement: January – March

We have been hosting a 4th year undergraduate student from Edinburgh University. Providing opportunities for her to develop her professional practice. Her main piece of work is to update the East Lothian Young Scot Webpage, which provided local and national information, advice and guidance. This placement has now been successful completed.

Social Media: January – March

We are currently in the process of developing bespoke social media accounts for Connected Communities Fa'side and have conducted a soft launch of twitter and Instagram accounts. Presently linking with partner organisations with a full launch planned for April.

Covid -19 Mobile Testing Units – Loch Centre, Tranent

Connected Communities has been supporting this joint piece of work through promotion of testing and co-ordination of the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) on site. This has provided testing capacity for

asymptomatic members of the public and helped to identify levels of infection within the community. I have been the lead officer, liaising between SAS, the local organisations connected to the site and council departments. This has been a major piece of work for me during the month of March.

Community Learning & Development 3 Year Plan 2022 – 2025

Supporting the development of this three year plan. Currently assessing outcomes from the previous plan and identifying priorities for the years ahead. Led by Diann Govenlock, this is a broad plan that is informed by CLD partners as well Connected Communities staff. Partners have been feeding into the process via online meetings and written submissions. I have been representing the Fa'side area and inputting our needs to the plan.

Stevie McKinlay

CDO, Fa'side

Agenda Item 7a – Fa’side Active Travel

The sub group have not met since the lockdown in March 2020. Despite this various projects and or discussions have taken place around the following:

1. Priority project – to create a footway for the Secret Garden, at the Heugh in Tranent. Have agreed to provide Amenity resource to deliver the works with Natural Connections fund raising for the materials. Garden has been closed or supporting a reduced number of individuals due to COVID. Garden is starting to open up now as restrictions ease. Waiting on confirmation of external funding and will then agree a start date for the works. Matter ongoing.
2. Priority Project - Supported the creation of a link path in Ormiston Park alongside Friends of Ormiston Park. Works underway however these have stalled due to COVID. This project has been completed, please see photos (underneath this point) and job has been well received by Friends of Ormiston Park. Matter completed.

Photos of completed works around Ormiston Park



3. Meeting with Amenity colleagues to review the siting of the Cairns at the bottom of Church Street, Tranent. Met with colleagues now seeking to discuss the possible move with planning colleagues. Matter ongoing.
4. Still seeking to work with community groups on the placement of Cycle racks which were purchased last financial year however, due to COVID19 we have been unable to identify locations for these. Will commence site visits once lockdown measures ease. Matter ongoing.
5. Supported Dementia Friendly Tranent and Garden of Reflection project in Polson Park in Tranent with the preparation of the area where the garden will be located. Also provided letter of support for additional funding which has now been secured from ELC. Matter ongoing.
6. Engaging with Friends of Ormiston Park around a potential pump track in the park. Provided letter of support to FoOP in order to secure external funding. AMAZING NEWS, Friends of Ormiston Park have been successful in securing all of the funding required to build the pump track, which they hope will be delivered by August this year! Ongoing discussions with the group around parking and access to the park. Matter ongoing

7. Engaging with Ross High school over their aspirations to create a pump track close to the school. Will include the school in discussions with Tranent Skate park Foundation. *Matter ongoing*
8. Consideration had been given to skate park/pump track for Tranent, in discussion with AP and Recharge previously. This matter has also seen the creation of a new Facebook group in Tranent – connected to the 'Aldi Jumps' area of Tranent and conversations are ongoing. The group are known as Tranent Skate park Foundation and although their name suggests that what they are trying to achieve is a skate park, the facility they envisage is a multi-use facility which will hopefully include bike/cycling provision, alongside skating and scooting infrastructure. Please check out their website – link noted below. See CCM update. *Matter ongoing.*

<https://www.tranentskateparkfoundation.org/>

Future work

9. Raising awareness of our core path networks. Ongoing discussions through our Chair with Paths for all and Cycling Scotland to see if there are external funding streams we can access. In addition, ongoing discussions with ELC colleagues in Roads and Spaces for People programme around signage and possible data collection. *Matters ongoing.*
10. In discussions with ELC staff on how the S75 developer contributions will be used in Macmerry and Gladsmuir. *Matters ongoing.*
11. Recharge project – creation of an Active Travel website, where we can promote and raise awareness of Fa'side based Active Travel matters. Funding has only recently been transferred to Recharge, who are in the process of purchasing equipment. *Matter ongoing.*
12. At this meeting I would like to see a view from members on whether we should provide the full Area Partnerships support to the Walk-Back-Better Data 2021 manifesto – which is covered under Item 7a i.

Budget update

13. 2020/2021 - We fully allocated, at the Partnerships last meeting, our budget of £5,000 which is devolved to the group. With £1,000 being used to form the pathway in Ormiston Path – which is covered in more detail above (No 2). Recharge have started to purchase the equipment and will keep the group updated on progress of this matter.
14. 2021/2022 – At this meeting, we would like to seek our normal devolved sum from the Partnership in order to take forward Active Travel based priorities in the Area Plan. The devolved sum is £5,000. We have sought this sum through the budget update – Item 8 c.

General update

15. My key role this year has been one of discussion with Simon and others in ELC around active travel matters.

Standing down

16. As discussed, I intend to stand down at the end of this year, due to having a range of family commitments and taking on the role as Chair of Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council. I would re-iterate if there is anyone with a passion for Active Travel or an interest in this theme, then please contact me, as this there is an opportunity to work alongside me and to have an extended handover period.

Ian Pryde
FAT sub group chair

Agenda Item 7b – Fa’side Health and Well Being Group

The sub group is still in the same position as previously reported i.e. not met since March 2020.

1. Role and Remit paper for the sub group was approved by Fa’side Area Partnership at our last meeting on 9th February 2021. Matter closed.
2. Simon and Maureen still to email members out in the coming weeks to seek a date for the group to recommence online for this coming year. Matter ongoing.
3. We want to hold a conversation with the Single Points of Contact within each Community Council to see if there is merit to link them into the work of this sub group, even from an awareness perspective, so if the need arises we can quickly connect and support them in their role in our local communities. Matter ongoing.
4. Fa’side Community Kitchen continues to be developed. The organisation received charitable status on 9th February 2020 and currently the Pennypit are providing line management for the charity, whilst the Interim Trustees pull together all the necessary paperwork and seek to expand the Board of Trustees. FCK continue to support hot food provision and delivery 3 times per week. Matter ongoing.
5. Simon has been participating in the Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) operational working group and also engaging with Health and Social Care Partnership colleagues around the new Community Link workers (who will be due in post soon) and their connectivity with our sub group. Matter ongoing.
6. Organisations have been selected for the new GP link workers. Penumbra will employ the Link worker who will cover the Fa’side area. Community Link Workers use a social-prescribing approach to working with people aged 18 and over. They support individuals to look at what matters of them, and help support them to connect with their local community resources in way that will help them reach their identified health and well-being goals. Individuals are able to seek help for a broad range of needs, for example, if they are feeling lonely, or having money worries. Simon will arrange for the new worker to be invited to our next Sub group meeting, if in post. Matter ongoing.
7. Gemma Burns is the new Mental Health Support Worker based at Ross High School and employed by ELC. Will invite Gemma to future Sub group meetings and ensure they are connected to the work of the group. MYPAS (Midlothian Young People’s Advice Service) are also in the process of creating a new Mental Health Support Worker. Once this post has been filled, will also invite them along to our sub group meeting. Matter ongoing.
8. Advice and guidance is available from the Young Scot website. Connected Communities is supporting Ross High staff to deliver Cool Calm and Connected in the school. Partners are looking at increased provision to support good mental health for young people over the next 3 years. Stevie McKinlay and another member of the CC team attend the Health and Well Being collegiate meetings in Ross High. Will seek to ensure that the connectivity remains with the collegiate working group at the school and this sub group now that Adam Martin has secured another job. Matters ongoing.
9. Ongoing discussions with partners looking at the nutritional pathway journey for our residents. Fundamental Foods are leading on this. Matter ongoing.
10. Maureen announced at our last Area Partnership meeting that she would be standing down from her role as Sub group chair. Maureen asked members with an interest in Health and Well to arrange to speak to her or Simon. The role is supported and we normally have around 4 meetings per year. Matter ongoing.

Item 9 a i – for meeting on 12th April 2021

Statement for our Area Plan on Brexit and COVID19

I would suggest inserting content in the Background section of the Area Plan. My suggestion would be that we insert some content (please feel free to amend, delete or add as you see fit) between the last 2 para's.

My proposals for the content are as follows:

'Two major factors have occurred since we started to review our Area Plan, these are COVID 19 and Brexit. Whilst the long term impacts of both these matters are unknown to us, as members we feel they will have a significant impact in our communities in the years to come. With COVID 19 we have already seen a huge need for food related supports, with 11 projects receiving financial support (2020/2021) to tackle food insecurity based issues across our communities. These matters may require immediate attention and focus and as such, mean that some of our priorities are pointed towards activities that tackle the impact of both in our communities.'

Item 9 a ii – for meeting on 12th April 2021

Statement for our Area Plan on Volunteering

I would suggest inserting content is inserted into page 10 of the Area Plan – which defines our priorities.

My proposals for the content are as follows:

Aim:

We will work in partnership with Volunteer Centre East Lothian to raise awareness and promote the positive impact of volunteering across our communities.

We will recognise the importance of volunteering in tackling inequalities and the negative impacts of poverty.

Priorities:

1. Working with our community groups, members and Volunteer Centre East Lothian, we will seek to create a culture of valuing volunteers and volunteering across our communities.
2. We will work in partnership with Volunteer Centre East Lothian to create opportunities which develop individuals' skill sets and levels.
3. We will seek to acknowledge the positive impact that volunteering has in our communities.

Climate change statement and priorities for FAP

I am proposing we create a new priority in our Area Plan, page 9 and insert the following content:

Aim:

We will also work with our communities and partners towards making East Lothian a carbon neutral county, enabling the county to deliver its part of wider national and international commitments, and to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

This plan will embed the principles of Climate Justice into East Lothian Council's Climate Emergency response, to ensure that those most vulnerable in our society, including those in poverty who are already at a socio-economic disadvantage, will not be disproportionately adversely affected by the effects of climate change

Priorities:

1. Work in partnership with our communities to support our communities towards becoming Net Zero Carbon, including enabling community initiatives for carbon cuts, sequestration and adaptation, and delivering improvements to the public realm in towns.
2. Ensure that when supporting local projects/initiatives that where possible, there is evidence that there will be a positive impact on our Net Zero Carbon target.
3. Create a Climate Change Champion for Fa'side Area Partnership with full voting rights and focus on holding the partnership to account and ensuring that decision making considers the climate change impact in all of our deliberations.
4. Create a framework or mechanism to capture local needs around Climate Change and work in partnership with ELC in the development of an East Lothian Climate Change Charter and sign up to it.