

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 14th June 2021, 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

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)
 Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
 Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
 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)
 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)
 Terri Buzzeo, Campie Primary School Chair (TB)
 Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
 Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
 Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
 Pamela Martin, ELC (PM)

Apologies:

Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
 Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
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 applications. KM declared a conflict of interest in the application from Sketch & Wander sessions. AF declared a conflict of interest in the application from Hope Church.	
3. Minutes previous meeting		
	Minutes from meeting 15.3.2021 were approved by CS and seconded by JM.	
4. Matters Arising		

	All will be covered later in the meeting.	
5. Sub Groups		
	<p>Active Travel – BT advised that he had attended a meeting 8th June 2021 for Musselburgh Active Toun (MAT) hosted by Design Consultants AECOM on behalf of East Lothian Council. This was a very good presentation and provided an opportunity to ask questions. MAT are in the middle of a consultation just now and BT encouraged everyone to engage in this consultation. BT asked if Musselburgh Area Partnership (MAP) would submit a joint representation. IC explained that this could be done if members wished but suggested that each individual or each organisation make representation. SB suggested that a representation from MAP may only count as one response and encouraged everyone to have a look at the 3D model and give their own individual response on the consultation. SC added that in his experience a response from MAP would be given more weight than an individual response. IC asked BT if he could draft some comments and forward them to him which BT agreed to do.</p> <p>BT advised that a few signs have recently gone up on the promenade regarding share with care warning everyone to be careful and mindful of each other when cycling/walking etc. BT would like to see more of these signs and added that he would check to see if there were any of these signs at the Grove.</p> <p>No other meeting has been scheduled yet but BT can arrange this if required.</p> <p>BT advised he had not seen any evidence of the electric bikes but IC/SB confirmed the electric bikes were at the Brunton Hall and are being used. IC suggested contacting Ian Reid who will advise of a web site or an app that will have statistics on the usage of these bikes. BT will follow this up and investigate how a sampler session can be arranged.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing (H&W) –JM confirmed the group have been focussing on the needs of the over 50s. They met in March and discussed Resilience work, the needs of the elderly, social isolation, advice on benefits and budgeting and cooking activities. PM/JC met with Sue Northrop. The next meeting is of H&W sub group is tomorrow 15th June 2021 and the group will feed back any updates from this meeting. JM added that the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) social care strategic committee are looking at the possibility of a dementia meeting centre within the Musselburgh area. JM stated that this was very positive but added that she will have more information after the meeting.</p> <p>JM reminded members that the H&W sub group were asked to look at the application for Sketch & Wander sessions. There were a number of concerns, these will be listed in the Connected Communities Managers report however, the consensus of the group was that they would not recommend this proposal.</p> <p>JM advised that a link worker will be provided for each of the two surgeries in the Musselburgh area. JM would work to ensure good links are formed and information shared with both these link workers.</p>	<p>BT</p> <p>BT</p>

	<p>The H&W sub group are looking to establish links with the schools in August/September 2021.</p> <p>Budget & Priorities (B&P) – IC advised the B&P group met last week 7th June 2021. There were 6 members at the meeting. They discussed the application from the Hope Church and an application which was expected from Musselburgh Grammar School (MGS) although this had not yet been received. GA advised the application from MGS was for additional picnic benches as pupils are spending more time outside. IC added that hopefully the application will arrive soon.</p> <p>IC advised they were looking at priorities for the forthcoming year including key needs of young people, mental health needs, social isolation, a meeting centre, sustainability and reducing poverty and inequalities.</p> <p>IC informed members that he is keen to have more young people involved in the work of the MAP and will be getting in touch with the new Head Teacher for MGS when she takes up the role in August/September 2021.</p> <p>IC added he would also like to see more representation from minority groups and asked members for any ideas on how this could be best achieved.</p> <p>IC stated that Communities Day will not be held this year but added that planning should start for holding a Communities Day from 2022.</p> <p>IC mentioned Participatory Budgeting (PB) which has been very successful in Musselburgh the past few years. Last year we worked with schools on an Eco project but due to COVID this initiative has been put on hold but hopefully can start moving forward after the schools return in August.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding future PB events during the current restrictions. This concluded with SB agreeing to contact Callum Redpath to look at the possibility of a Roads project for this year but suggestions for next year could involve climate change and sustainability.</p> <p>IC asked members to give some thought to future PB projects that would make a difference in the community.</p> <p>Sustainable Musselburgh (SB) – GA provided an update to members. Jason Rose is SMs rep on the Musselburgh Active Toun Group and went to a meeting as part of the ongoing consultation.</p> <p>GA advised that two of the trees planted at the Community Orchard have been removed. SB will contact Amenity services for advice. IC advised there has been great feedback on social media regarding the Community Orchard. JW mentioned trees that were planted 6 or 7 years ago and wondered if there had been any fruit from them. GA said she will follow this up with Andrew Hogarth.</p> <p>GA discussed the Climate Beacon in support of COP26 in Glasgow in November. SM is working with environmental and arts groups in</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>All</p> <p>SB</p> <p>GA</p>
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	<p>Dunbar to secure funding to put on various events around COP26. Lesley Smith had contacted the Sustainable Musselburgh sub group to see if they wished to get involved in this initiative. SM and LS will work together on a programme of events even if no funding is forthcoming.</p> <p>GA advised members that Tom Bird from Musselburgh Grammar School had been really helpful regarding the Eco School project and taking the lead on the Climate Summit temperature work in Musselburgh Grammar School.</p> <p>GA highlighted that a Community Sustainable Hub is still being investigated however, this involves a lot of work and a lot needs to happen before the group can look to apply for funding.</p> <p>GA added that a range of sustainability projects were being delivered in the Musselburgh area including street sweeping and beach cleaning. A lot of effort was currently being made to keep Musselburgh beautiful.</p> <p>River Esk Group (REG) PC gave members an update on the work of the REG as part of SM. She highlighted there is signage advising people regarding the water quality in Musselburgh however, the group would like to see additional signage. SEPA however were advising that current signage is sufficient and PC added no more meetings were currently scheduled with SEPA.</p> <p>A discussion then took place regarding the potential location of a sustainability hub. JW mentioned the common good consultation that was currently taking place and suggested this was worth looking into. Link below. Common Good Consultation - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)</p>	
6. Chair Report		
	<p>IC congratulated AF for fund raising for ELCAP by jumping out of a plane. Very well done.</p> <p>IC advised he had participated in a working group looking at various digital voting platforms by the Democratic Society (DS). SC stated it was great to have young people involved in Participatory Budgeting and has had experience of a few organisations who have handed over an entire agenda for one meeting a year to young people which was very successful.</p> <p>IC advised that the AGM is set for 23rd August 2022 and would advise anyone wishing to be considered for Chair/Vice Chair to please contact SB/SG for application form.</p> <p>IC is looking for members input regarding the AGM and how best to hold this virtually. Normally there is a half hour formal meeting first followed by presentations and displays, where we gather information to assist in the development of our area plan. He asked members for their opinion on the form the AGM should take this year. He also asked how we can attract more people to get involved. A discussion took place covering various options. It was agreed that a normal</p>	

	<p>virtual meeting would be held and this would be followed by a presentation available on social media. This could be emailed out to groups and contacts that were not on social media.</p> <p>IC confirmed it is important to look at the chair and vice chair position and again encouraged anyone interested to please contact SB/SG.</p> <p>IC made members aware that he had emailed a response to the appeal to build a McDonalds restaurant in Musselburgh. IC had written to all 8 MSP representing Musselburgh and had received responses from all 8. The dates have been changed a few times but IC has currently heard no more but will inform members on any update he receives. JW mentioned the up to date information on the website saying awaiting further correspondence from Police Scotland. A discussion took place on the issues surrounding this application.</p>	
7. 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>Expenditure on this Year's General Budget Musselburgh Rugby Club - £8,000 Summer Planters £1,000</p> <p>JW advised the planters outside the Citizens Advice had never been planted. SB has raised this with Amenities and has been informed this area has been planted several times but is continually being vandalised. SB will raise this matter again and will take photographs of this area next time it is planted.</p> <p>SB made members aware of the 2 Bids that were to be discussed tonight:</p> <p>1) Sketch and Wander application sent to members in March referred to Health and Wellbeing sub-group – recommendation from sub group was :</p> <p>While activities to reduce social isolation were welcomed in the area questions to be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where would the referrals come from / which organisations had Lynn made contact with? • Need had not be identified locally. • Were routes planned to take account of points for refreshments / rest identified • Cost of sessions and application gave the impression that participants would be offered only one session. The view of the group was that to form meaningful relationships a set of sessions would be required. • The cost of each session was £150.00 with 5 attending = £30.00 while this would include materials It was felt that the costs were in excess for the normal rates for this type of work. <p>There was a consensus at the meeting that the group could not recommend this application to the Musselburgh Area Partnership at this time.</p> <p>It was felt that the members could identify if this would be something in the future once a need had been identified locally and discuss with Lynn in the future.</p>	SB

	<p>Voting took place and it was unanimous rejected by MAP. It should be noted that KM declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>2) Hope Church for £2,000 SB made members aware that regarding this application, although MAP is not a funding body it will fund projects and initiatives that help achieve the goals and objectives within the Musselburgh Area Plan. The Hope Church newsletter while providing Community Information it would also appear to promote the Hope Church and religious activity. The completed application form also provides no information on how this proposal will address any of the objectives in the Area Plan. The only benefits highlighted are cheap advertising for businesses and a promotion opportunity for community groups, there is no details of how this would help reduce inequalities in the Musselburgh Area. The Musselburgh Area Partnership cannot fund a project with ongoing revenue implications and while the application provides information that the initiative will be self-funded in the long term through advertising, it is unclear how it will be sustainable to that point. There is also no details of the amount of funding that will be raised through advertising. The Area Partnership have agreed in the past that religious activity should not be funded, although applications can be accepted from faith groups if this is for community work. Voting took place and it was unanimous rejected by MAP. It should be noted that AF declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>IC will look at the clause that was brought in for Your Voice Your Choice and see if members feel this should be added to our Standing Orders</p> <p>Amenity Services SB made members aware that work was ongoing to identify projects for this year's funding. SB had agreed to renew the planting in the High Street / Bridge Street planters as previously discussed. SB also made members aware that the Local Housing Manager had raised the question of extending planters in North High Street on behalf of Beach Lane Tenants@Residents Association. SB had replied this was always the intention however he outlined the need for people willing to water and feed the planters prior to looking at possible locations. Unfortunately to date there has been no reply to this enquiry.</p> <p>SB highlighted to members due to the long summer that decisions may need to be made by email over this period.</p>	<p>IC</p>
<p>8. Consultations</p>		
	<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"> • Library Survey 2021 - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • East Lothian Council website survey 2021 - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museums Service Survey 2021 - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • THE EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS – PRESTONPANS) (PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING ETC), VARIATION ORDER No: 1 - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) • Covid 19 Tenants Survey - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) 	
9. A.O.B		
	<p>SC mentioned the footway near costa coffee and added that it looks bad and could be dangerous for people with physical disabilities. SC asked if there were any plans for Roads Services (RS) to look at this. SB advised nothing was planned but that he would raise this with RS. SB added that if the area was planned for improvements within the next few years the Area Partnership may have the potential to bring the work forward by contributing part of the partnerships roads budget.</p> <p>SC mentioned it would be good to get an idea of what was planned for the area by RS.</p> <p>SB asked anyone to contact him with any specific areas they were concerned about and photos if possible and he would raise concerns with RS.</p> <p>QMU are delighted to inform members that we have this week secured funding from STV People’s Fund to deliver a second year of the East Lothian Tutoring Initiative (ELTI). Since January 2021, a team of graduate tutors have delivered 1-2-1 and small group tutoring sessions to senior phase (S4-S6) pupils attending the six high schools in East Lothian. The initiative has reached 250 disadvantaged pupils each week to support lost learning as a result of the COVID pandemic with sessions delivered in a wide variety of subjects and levels from Nat 4 to Advanced Highers. Year 2 will commence in September 2021 and run until May 2022, with provision extended to senior phase pupils attending the six high schools in Midlothian enabling the project team to work with 12 schools across bother regions during the second year of the initiative.</p> <p>BT brought up the proposed Goshen farm development which has been refused on appeal. A discussion then took place with members suggesting ideas for the future use of this site for the benefit of the Musselburgh community. KM suggested the Scottish Government Land Unit may be able to help any group considering making an application for a Community Right to Buy. KM provided a link. https://dtascommunityownership.org.uk/community/other-community-rights/community-right-buy/community-right-buy</p> <p>IC agreed that if a group were interested in considering a Community Right to Buy for this area the MAP may be able to provide some additional support and advice.</p> <p>IC thanked everyone for coming along tonight and encouraged anyone interested in Chair or Vice Chair to contact SB/SC.</p>	SB
2021 Meeting Dates		

Area Partnership meetings for 2021 are as follows:

23rd August 2021,
4th October 2021,
29th November 2021

Apologies to be
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