

Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership 30 November 2021 7.00-9.00pm, a ZOOM Meeting.

Chair

Chair Bill Axon (BA) – joined meeting at Item 6.

Quorum

11

Members and substitute members present:

Debbie Middlemass, Vice Chair (DM)
Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member, ELC (FD)
Ian Pryde, Macmerry & Gladsmuir Action Group/ Chair of FAT (IP),
Donald Grant (DG), Co-opted member (DG)
Alan Bell, Recharge (AB)
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)
Rosanne Woods, (RW)
Isobel Berry, Elphinstone Community Association, Fa'side TRA (IB)
Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council (PS)
Cllr Colin McGinn, Elected Member, ELC (CM),
Neil Ellis, Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council (NE)
Carol Finneron, Pencaitland Community Council (CF)

Others in attendance

Simon Davie, Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side, ELC (SD)
Stevie McKinlay, Connected Communities team – Fa'side (SM)
Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)
Liz Nicol, Depute Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian - Fa'side area (LN)

Apologies

Cllr John McMillan, Provost, ELC (JM),
Cllr Kenny McLeod, Elected Member, ELC (KM),
Grace Stirton, OWTRA (GS)
Paul McGregor, Tranent and District Community Sports Club (PM)
Tracey Redpath, VCEL (TR)
Heather Boyle, Ross High Parents Council (HB)
Mike Falconer, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (MF)
Katherine Jane James, Support from the Start (KJJ)

There were 11 members present, up to Item 5 and beyond on this 12 members.

		Key discussion points	
1.	Welcome	DM welcomed everyone to the meeting of Fa'side Area Partnership and noted that BA would be late. In the interim she would chair the meeting. As there were 2 new members present and we had a guest, she asked everyone them to introduce themselves. PS introduced CF as the new Pencaitland CC representative. DM thanked PS for his support and service over a number of years to the AP. SD welcomed NE to the meeting as the new Tranent and Elphinstone CC representative. All papers for the meeting have been circulated.	All
2.	Apologies	Apologies are noted above.	
3.	Declarations of interest for agenda items	DM asked members to declare any interests for items on the agenda or as we progress through the Agenda. <i>DG declared an interest as a trustee of VCEL for item 6 and Ian Pryde as Chair Macmerry and Gladsmuir CC for item 12.</i>	
4.	Queens Green Canopy (QGC)	DM introduced LN to members. LN referred to the previously circulated summary paper for the QGC. LN advised that either individuals or groups could apply to take part in the initiative. LN asked community groups to consider promoting the initiative through their local groups, communities and networks. If community groups wanted to plant either an individual tree or a number of trees she would link in with them, and Mike Foy from ELC. At present a number of local schools have agreed to take part in the initiative including some from the Fa'side Area (LN to provide specific school details.). LN asked members to ensure that any trees are added to the planting register which can be found at https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map or if members wanted to contact LN directly that would also be appreciated. LN advised that the information sheet can be shared with any groups or individuals who want to know more about the initiative. IP thanked LN for informative update. He was present in Butterdean last week when they were planting trees. IP noted that there was significant amounts of space in and around Ormiston and Macmerry to consider the initiative. He will raise with MGCC. SD thanked LN for enlightening update and summary. LN is asking members to share the summary paper with their groups and networks and anyone with an interest or seeking more information should contact LN directly. LN agreed and added any community groups undertaking an event to plant trees should also contact her. As either she or	All All All IP All All

		<p>the Lieutenancy would try to attend. SD asked if we could share LNs contact details. LN agreed.</p> <p>Post minute note: - LN emails details are liz@setonhill.co.uk and mobile number 07900890521.</p> <p><i>LN asked for the newly launched Lieutenancy website be shared with you. If you have additional questions you may find the answers on the site, if not please contact LN</i></p> <p>www.eastlothianlieutenancy.co.uk.</p> <p>LN asked SD if the Area Partnership had set aside budget to support the initiative. SD advised that the partnership had not however, if community groups were interested they could contact him for a discussion.</p> <p>SD also confirmed that there were a new funding stream available to community groups relating to trees planting. He advised that he would share in the minutes.</p> <p>Post minute notes:- please find attached link (Grants for the Planting of Trees, Hedges & Orchards to Enhance Wildlife & Biodiversity (UK))</p> <p><i>Schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK can apply for grants of between £300 and £1,500 to get children and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting trees, hedges and orchards to enhance wildlife and biodiversity. The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 17th December 2021, but early applications are encouraged to ensure stock availability.</i></p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
5.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes were checked and agreed as an accurate record. Approved by SA and Seconded by AB.</p>	ALL
6.	Matters Arising	<p>BA joined the meeting.</p> <p>Page 2 Item 2 SD asked if there would be an opportunity for the Fa'side Young Defenders to see the recycling process at Kinwegar. JL will send details to SD as to how this could be achieved bearing in mind the COVID restrictions. Post Minute Note: - JL has made contact with Stuart Wood to ask if a visit to Kinwegar could be arranged. <i>Matter still outstanding.</i></p> <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> <p>Page 3 Item 6 notes 27/10/20 – SIMD report. Awaiting new update being issued. Once issued SD will share with members. Please find attached two electoral ward profile snapshots for the two electoral areas in which our Area Partnership operates – namely Tranent, Macmerry and Wallyford and Haddington and Lammermuir. It is important to note that in the Tranent Macmerry and Wallyford snapshot this has data from Wallyford which is not relevant to our Area Partnership geographic. In Haddington and Lammermuir it is</p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD/MF</p>

		<p>the same, we have information in there from Pencaitland and Ormiston. <u>Matter Completed.</u></p> <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. SD/LM will complete before next meeting. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p> <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 outstanding.</i></p> <p>Page 9, Item 7a – SD to meet with MA and discuss evaluation of the Lighthouse project. <i>Matter outstanding</i></p> <p>Page 6 item 9a – Area Plan – SD to complete the amendments agreed at previous meeting. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p> <p>Page 6 item 9b – Annual Report 19/20 – SD/SM/LM will arrange to distribute the Annual Report as part of our communications strategy. <i>Matter outstanding.</i></p> <p>Page 5 Item 7c – 1 June 2021 – SD/LM confirmed that we not managed to progress the video reel any further forward. MA asked if the music could be changed. FD suggested that we could place these on the screen in the George Johnstone centre. <i>Matter Outstanding.</i></p> <p>Page 5 Item 8ai – 1 June 2021 - IP advised members that AB had suggested using some of this funding to provide local residents with free bus transport from some of our outlining villages. IP will seek a response from the Sub group members on this point. AB noted that it was very much a general proposal and the detail would need to be considered further. <i>Matter Outstanding.</i></p> <p>Page 5 Item 8aii – 1 June 2021 – Cairns at Church Street – SD reminded members that he had previously circulated a proposal with the plan showing a possible new site for the cairns to be located as we were no quorate at the last meeting SD member if they were supportive of the proposal given that we are quorate at this meeting. Vote was unanimous (13 members in favour of moving the Cairns to their proposed position). SD will now arrange for Cairns to be moved and interpretation boards to be prepared alongside those previously involved in their design. <i>Matter ongoing.</i></p> <p>Page 5 Item 8a v 1 June 2021 - IP confirmed that he, SD and Andrew Hogarth met last week to carry out site visits to potential new cycle racks locations in each of the villages. AH will create a proposed plan with photos for each possible location, which we will initially share with council colleagues seeking clarity on whether there are any issues with the</p>	<p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD/MA</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>IP/AB</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD</p>
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<p>7. New Member request</p>	<p>A. Vote on Volunteer Centre East Lothian becoming a full member</p> <p>SD advised members that VCEL had applied to become a co-opted member of the Partnership. There was a lengthy discussion following a range of questions from AP Members. AB declared an interest and as a result SD advised we were no longer quorate. Due to this it was agreed that we should create and urgent email vote.</p> <p>Post Minutes note: - LM circulated an urgent request to members seeking a response to the request. There were 10 votes supporting VCEL to have membership and 2 Declaration of Interest. Totalling 12 votes altogether.</p>	
<p>8. Connected Communities Team Update</p>	<p>A. COVID 19 update – SD gave verbal update. Report attached.</p> <p>SD highlighted the new Omicron variant and noted that ELC awaiting more information regarding possible impact. We will circulate more information once know.</p> <p>A general discussion took place. NE asked SD if the total number of staff unable to work solely to COVID? SD confirmed that it was a mixture of illness, COVID, and Brexit related vacancies.</p> <p>B. Manager Report – SD provided a verbal summary. Report is attached to the meeting. SD referred to his attached report and asked if anyone had any questions. SA thanked SD for his report noted large amount of work to support community facilities, groups around funding. This work was well received and much appreciated.</p> <p>C. Officers update – SM gave a verbal update. Report attached. SM highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Huge amount of time spent on engaging with community groups and ELC colleagues on the reopening of village halls and community centres. Majority of building are as COVID update report are still closed because of the various staff pressures ELC face. II. FD asked SM if it was possible to deliver Cool Calm and Connected programme to the current S2? SM advised that he and AB were currently working on Recharge undertaking this task for a targeted number of S2's. III. SM advised members that he had been successful in securing the Connected Communities Manager post with Dunbar & East Linton. This is a 3 days per week post as a result SM will still undertake CDO/Fa'side 2 days per week. BA thanked SM for the positive impact that he had made in our local area. BA noted that both SM and SD had delivered on a number priority projects on behalf of the Area Partnership this past year. BA advised members that it was evident to see how much work both SD and SM undertook on our behalf and a huge note of thanks on behalf of the partnership should go to both. AB stated that the last 2 report had highlighted the amount of work 	<p>LM/SD</p>

		done locally within the community and thanked SM and SD. It was an eye opener to read both of these reports and see how much had been achieved even during these challenging times.	
9.	Consultation hub	SD advised all members that the link below would be provided on each agenda to highlight live consultations for all members and their associated networks. SD highlighted a proposed roads amendment in the Tranent Area. SD highlighted this ME to ensure that T&ECC were aware. Link to live consultations: https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/	ALL
10.	Sub Group updates and Community Groups	<p>A. Fa'side Active Travel – IP gave a verbal update. This is attached to the minutes. SD reminded members that we still require a new community chairperson for this sub-group. IP agreed to stay as Chair but only on the following conditions. IP asked that support was provided to the subgroup and a note taker to be appointed. SD reminded IP that ELC were able to fulfil that request. IP understood this point. IP was looking for someone to fund this role or for a community member to volunteer to take on this roll. As and FD asked to join the group but know other members came forward at this time. DM wondered if having a mixture of times for the meetings to take place might encourage new members. IP agreed to review that dates and times of the meetings. SF asked if there was any information that she could circulated to her community council. SD advised that he would send a copy of the group's role and remit papers to her. <i>Could everyone speak to their groups and network; and with people who have an interest in Active Travel, please get in touch with SD or LM.</i></p> <p>B. Fa'side Health and Wellbeing – RW referred the previously circulated report and asked members if they had any questions. SD thanked RW for a comprehensive report on their activities. He highlighted to members the request to secure a devolved budget of £10k per annum. AB asked how the group came up with the figure of £10k. SM advice AB that the group have over 40 members, from a broad spectrum of interests across our communities. As a result of this and the varied nature of priorities being expressed by our sub group members we felt that this was a reasonable sum. SM noted that all proposed applications would be scrutinised and evaluated along the same lines as existing projects. BA asked members to vote on this request. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed i.e. 12 members voted for the request for the subgroup to be given £10k annually starting new financial year. Matter Closed.</p> <p>C. Young Defenders – AB referred the previously circulated report and he noted that a young person has agreed to represent Ormiston area. He asked members if they had any questions. SA thanked AB for his report and said that she would be interested in having a separate conversation</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SA/AB</p>

		<p>about the issues that young people were raising in Pencaitland.</p> <p>D. Support from the Start (SftS) – DM referred the attached report and highlighted that they have started the mental health first aid training. So far 10 people have completed the first face of the training. DM advised this had already been successful as two people had been sign posted on to other services/assistance. SA flagged the new funding available through VCEL for Mental Health. DM advised the TR attends their network and they have shared the link with their members for the new funding. FD asked if DM had more information about the Good Start group? DM will seek to obtain this information to pass onto SD. Matter Closed</p> <p>E. Scrutiny and Monitoring Sub Groups (SMSG) – SD referred to the previous email vote for the 5 applications that had been received. A quorate vote was obtained and all projects were approved. LM will add a confirmation voting. SD advised members that both he and LM were concerned regarding the total amount of funding still to be commented this financial year as a result SD suggested suspending the SMSG until the beginning of the financial year. This would mean that he would review applications in line with the area plan and then send on applications as they were received and looked at by SD to Area Partnership members. SD asked if there was an initial questions around the proposal? FD was supportive of the request given the amount to time it takes the process takes. BA asked members to vote on the proposal that SD had put forward. Member’s unanimously to vote for the request. 12 members voting for this request.</p> <p>Please note:-- all members to look out for emails with the heading with ***FA’S DIE AREA PARTNERSHIP – DECISION MAKING REQUIRED***</p>	ALL
11.	Budget updates	<p>A. Financial year 2021/2022 position LM will update and attach to minutes. Matter Closed.</p>	
12.	AOCB	<p>*MUST BE AGREED THROUGH CHAIR PRIOR TO MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD referred to the previously circulated referral form. He advised members that the Connected Community team will be working alongside our key partnership Pennypit Development Trust and a range of other local partners to deliver the provisions this year. We hope to deliver Jingle Bags on 23rd December and New Year bags 30th December and as yet the Cash for Kids delivery date is not yet known. FCK have volunteers delivering Christmas meals on the 25th December for socially isolated and elderly residents. SD asked if there were any members willing to volunteers? BA and LM volunteered as drivers. SD advised that we are working alongside VCEL to register any volunteer on the Taskforce. SD confirmed the provision will be based in the Tranent Town Hall and encouraged member to look out for updates and any request via social media. BA advised 	ALL

		members that Enjoy Leisure were holding 'Donation Day' on Saturday 4 th and Sunday 5 th December, where free swims will be given for a donation of a toy or food.	
14.	Dates of area partnership meeting	<p>LM highlighted the attached list of approved dates for 2022 and did they clash with any other meetings. No comments were received. LM asked members to double check with their group and get back to her as soon as possible about the proposed dates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Tuesday 1st February 2022 Tuesday 5th April 2022 Tuesday 31st May 2022 Tuesday 6th September 2022 Tuesday 8th November 2022 </p> <p>SD highlighted that need to arrange another AGM to review our post holder's and update membership. BA agreed and asked SD/LM to arrange an additional meeting in January 2022.</p>	ALL

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Item 4. Queens Green Canopy

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY: 'PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE' OCTOBER 2021- MARCH 2023



**Celebrate The Queen's
Jubilee 2022**



Platinum

by being part of The Queen's Green Canopy.

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'.

The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built.

This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted benefitting people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

Get involved in East Lothian!

The East Lothian Lieutenancy and East Lothian Council are making plans to enable everyone interested to be part of this landscape enriching project. Whether you're joining neighbours or a community group, planting as a school or organisation, or even just planting in your own garden, every tree makes a difference.

There are two planting seasons: from October '21-March '22 and October '22 – March '23, spanning the Jubilee year. By planting during the two winter planting seasons when the roots are dormant, the newly planted trees, whether saplings or standard trees, will have the best chance of flourishing. Every tree planted during both planting seasons can be part of the QGC.

Everyone planting a tree is encouraged to add their tree to the QGC map, a digital record of the Jubilee tree planting projects across the United Kingdom. This page features helpful information on how you can add your Jubilee tree to our map, enabling you to celebrate your contribution and inspire others to start planting.. .

Join The Queen's Green Canopy

For more information on the aims and objectives of the initiative and how you can get involved, visit the website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

To add your tree to the QGC map, go to <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map>

You can request a free tree pack for your community group from the Woodland Trust.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/tree-pack-application/?sc=E21QGC001>

Please remember that it is important to plant **'the right tree in the right place'** and consider the ongoing maintenance and management of any trees you plan to plant. It is also important if you wish to plant a tree on land you do not own that you get permission from the owner before planting. This includes East Lothian Council parks and open spaces. Further information is on the QGC website.

Donate to the East Lothian QGC initiative

You can also give a donation to plant more trees in East Lothian. The Lieutenancy of East Lothian are seeking to raise funds to support specific QGC tree planting projects across the county.

Please support East Lothian's Queen's Green Canopy by donating through Tree time, run by local charity, Edinburgh and Lothian's Greenspace Trust. For more information go to <https://www.tree-time.com/queens-canopy-east-lothian/>

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Additional Funding for the above.

We thought this might be of interest to you and or your networks in Education / Connected Communities

[Grants for the Planting of Trees, Hedges & Orchards to Enhance Wildlife & Biodiversity \(UK\)](#)

Schools, community groups, parish and town councils, and tree warden networks within the UK can apply for grants of between £300 and £1,500 to get children and young people up to the age of 21 involved in planting trees, hedges and orchards to enhance wildlife and biodiversity. The Tree Council's Trees and Hedgerows for Wildlife & Biodiversity Fund will support projects which benefit local animals and insects, or are situated in a location where animals are cared for, such as charitable rescue centres and city farms. The fund will cover the costs of trees, hedges and fruit trees, reasonable costs of non-plastic protection and supports and other aids to establishment, such as peat-free compost and/or soil improvers.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 17th December 2021, but early applications are encouraged to ensure stock availability.

Steve Wands

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Item 8a Covid update

1. Encouragement from senior Council staff that we still meet online and if meeting face to face, meet outside.
2. Some COVID updates, sadly figures rising again in East Lothian – 348 is the 7 day case rate (compared to 320 Scottish national figures). Figures taken from w/c 25/10/21.
3. Stevie and I have been off work following contracting the virus and this has significantly impacted on our ability to deliver our service over the last month – working at 50% capacity.
4. Council preparing Recovery and Renewal plan which will be shared with AP's and CC's and community groups ASAP.
5. You will, I hope, have seen the public statement issued by the Depute Council Leader, Norman Hampshire, on 22 October 2021, providing more detail on these specific pressures (Link: [Pressure on services with vacancies and absence taking their toll – council keen to fill current vacancies | East Lothian Council](#)).
 - a. Staff absences, recruitment challenges and other pressures resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic are still having a massive impact on the delivery of public services, East Lothian Council's Depute Leader said today.

Councillor Norman Hampshire highlighted the pressing need to fill key roles – including relief caretaking and cleaning positions.

As of 18th October, there were 250 council employees unable to work. In recent weeks, the number of employees unable to work for COVID-related reasons has been higher than at earlier stages of the pandemic. Combined with other absence and annual leave, this puts huge pressure on service delivery and employees.

The council's Facilities Management service - which has responsibilities for the cleaning of public buildings and cleaning, catering and janitorial support in schools - currently has around 70 vacancies which are at various stages of recruitment, with an additional 50 of its employees off work due to COVID-related absence, annual leave or sickness. This combined unfilled vacancy level and staff absence level equates to around 23% of the Facilities Management workforce. It's important to note that our colleagues in Facilities Management provide the janitorial and cleaning support to all Fa'side based buildings.

The impact locally for our Connected Communities service in Fa'side is as follows:

- a) Ormiston Community Centre – currently closed to the public.
- b) Macmerry Village Hall – currently closed to the public.
- c) Tranent Town Hall – currently closed to the public.
- d) Elphinstone Community Centre – currently closed to the public but being used by the primary school.
- e) Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland – currently opened on a reduced programme of activity.

With enhanced cleaning requirements in schools having increased by 20%, resources have to be diverted from elsewhere – meaning some services and buildings cannot open to their full operating hours and, in some cases, cannot open at all.

This results in some employees having to be re-deployed on a daily basis in a bid to keep facilities open. In addition to ensuring all schools are being maintained in line with current enhanced cleaning requirements, all libraries and public toilets are open. However, there is no capacity at present to reopen all community buildings.

Adverts for vacant posts are being advertised widely to encourage recruitment to help improve this situation.

Simon Davie

Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side

27th October 2021

Item 8b

Connected Communities Managers update as at 29th October 2021

1. Our team's activities have been severely impacted upon after I contracted COVID and was off for a couple of weeks. Stevie also contracted COVID, as a result we have worked at a reduced 50% capacity since our last meeting. I apologise if this has negatively impacted upon community groups and or Area Partnership projects. As I am conscious that I have not been as responsive as normal.
2. Sub groups of area partnerships. Individual updates included on this agenda. As No 1, I was not able to set aside some time and work with the Active Travel sub group. I know that Ian's capacity is also impacted upon by his new role as Chair of Macmerry and Gladsmuir CC. **It is now crucial that we secure a community member to take on the role as Sub group chair, or the work and projects that have had such a positive impact across our communities will need to cease. Ongoing.**
3. Review of FCK is ongoing. Seeking to formalise new Trustees in a matter of weeks and work with them on taking on roles within the charity. Still working through our period of review with regards to outstanding governance. Fundamental foods are still providing the day to day support and supervision for the volunteers. FCK developing their relationship with ELCO and local community groups. Significant support being received from a range of prominent local residents, huge thanks to all involved. Providing lunches at ELCO on a Tuesday and Thursday and also supporting Macmerry Men's shed on a Wednesday – who are attending the club. Finally FCK supporting a range of local events to raise funds for the charity. *Matter ongoing.*
4. Get into Summer activities has been completed. Some positive responses being received from Scottish Government on the scheme and possibility that they may run this initiative again next year. Watch this space and as soon as I know more I will share with members. Matter closed.
5. 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. I am waiting for colleagues in Economic Development to come back to me to see if we can explore this further. *Matter ongoing.*

6. 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. *Matter ongoing.*
7. New Community Council elections have taken place. New guidance has been created for Community Councils and Handbook is nearly completed. My support and guidance is almost at an end. Always on hand to engage and support the CC is needed. Matter closed.
8. Ongoing engagement with Macmerry Men's shed 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. *Matter ongoing.*
9. Working alongside colleagues on Improving the Cancer Journey in East Lothian on behalf of the Connected Communities Team in East Lothian. *Matter ongoing.*
10. Some conversations around Community Facilities across Fa'side. Significant press shared recently about staff shortages within ELC and particularly our Facilities Management team. This is having a significant impact on our Connected Communities team, as we rely on their staff to open, close and clean our facilities. As a result, a number of community buildings remain closed or indeed operating reduced hours.
 - a. Significant amount of my time has been spent on engaging with community groups due to this matter, seeking to secure alternative arrangements so groups and activities can continue, temporarily in other facilities.
 - b. Discussions with Faith groups and Sporting clubs about access to other community facilities are ongoing. *Matter ongoing.*
11. The community conversations have led to various discussions with colleagues within ELC around its Corporate Asset Management strategy. Requests have been received as part of our phased re-opening plans for more information and clarity on buildings and let holder's usage of the space. Stevie is working closely with let holders to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for their return. *Matter ongoing*
12. Engaged with Tranent Skate Park 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. *Matter ongoing.*
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422021105447215/?ref=share>
13. Friends of Ormiston Park. There is an ongoing conversation around the creation of some additional parking which could assist the park and local residents. Roads, Sports, Countryside and Leisure, Amenity Services, Housing, myself and the local community are all involved in the matter. Please note that the group have submitted an application to our partnership for support. Excellent event organised by the group for the opening of the Pump track on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 3pm in the park. Matter closed.

14. 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. *Matter ongoing.*
15. 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. *Matter ongoing.*
16. Some conversations ongoing with applicants about possible funding applications they would like to make to Fa'side AP. *Matters ongoing.*
17. New discussions with Alison Cameron, Head Teacher at Elphinstone Primary school about the Included and Engaged post. See Item 8 a. Awaiting feedback corporately on the proposal which could see the post holder's contract extended. *Matters ongoing.*
18. Meeting with Roads colleagues on Area Partnership devolved funded projects. Updates to proposed projects this financial year are as follows:
 - a. Footway – Pearlstone Steading, Near Elphinstone. Work programmed to begin on 2nd August and conclude on 10th September. Work completed and positive feedback received from local residents and ECA. Matter closed.
19. Met with local representatives from a Muslim prayer group who are interested in securing a venue in Tranent to be used as a local Mosque. *Matters ongoing.*
20. Meeting with Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership (MELDAP) Manager to discuss gaps in provision for those living with Drug and Alcohol conditions in our communities. I have passed on his details to Stevie and the Health and Well-being sub group for further discussions. *Matters ongoing.*
21. Meeting with PCDT staff to discuss lessons learned from last year's Festive Provision and starting to draft proposals and engage with key stakeholders for this year's provision. *Matters ongoing.*
22. Dementia Friendly Tranent (DFT) – Garden of Reflection, Polson Park. Alan Bell from Recharge had been carrying out some outreach in the park and young people had asked for an update. I contacted DFT regarding the project and can confirm the following update.
 - a. DFT are in dispute with their previous contractor, who they have ceased working with. This is a legal matter and therefore one they can say no further on. The project has been paused recently to allow some due diligence regarding this legal matter and clarity on how the project can progress. As many local residents will know foundations and part of the wall structure had been completed as part of the ongoing works. DFT have arranged a meeting with Andrew Hogarth and myself on 11th November to provide an update on their proposals going forward. Following this meeting, I will update members of the partnership.'
23. Volunteer Centre East Lothian are hosting a 3rd Sector conference at the Royal Musselburgh on 18th November. Please use the attached link to book online if you are

interested in attending. <https://www.volunteereastlothian.org.uk/latest-news/third-sector-annual-conference>

24. Working with community groups to access Social Isolation Fund in East Lothian. Fund open now and closed on 28th November. If interested please click on the attached link to find out more. <https://www.volunteereastlothian.org.uk/latest-news/social-isolation-fund-opportunity>
25. Working with Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL) to explore their new 'Communities Mental Health and Well Being fund' to clarify what opportunities this may provide to our local 3rd sector organisations. **PLEASE NOTE THAT VCEL ARE RUNNING A PRESENTATION ON THE FUND on Thursday 4th November 10-12noon.**
26. Please see the attached latest update from VCEL for 3rd Sector members – dated 14th October 2021. <https://www.volunteereastlothian.org.uk/latest-news/covid-19-amp-3rd-sector-update-14102021>

Simon Davie

Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side

29th October 21

Item 8c Area Partnership Update - Community Development Officer

Context – Since our last meeting there has been significant disruption to our service due to both members of the Connected Community Team contracting COVID -19. We have endeavoured to maintain services as best we can, however we recognise this has been challenging. Further to this there has been significant work flow related to the reopening of our public buildings, which has impacted our ability to advance some of our community based project work.

- Reopening of Community Building – Ongoing discussions with community groups / phased reopening of centres on going. Working with ELC corporate bookings team and health and safety colleagues to ensure safe re-opening. Supporting Facilities Management colleagues with direct support to their staff based in our area.
- Working with Elphinstone Primary School, ELC property colleagues and Connected Communities to resolve ongoing dispute with local resident.
- Youth Work Programme in Elphinstone / Youth club has restarted and we have now split the group depending on age group to help facilitate learning opportunities. Drama taster sessions concluded, musical theatre taster sessions have begun.
- Planning and organising of the Cool, Calm & Connected programme is complete. Delivery of a bespoke four week wellbeing programme to be delivered to all 250 S1 pupils in Ross high in December. Joint working between, Connected Communities, Recharge, East Lothian Works & Ross High.

- Ongoing engagement with Recharge who are supporting a pilot to deliver our Outreach youth work sessions and other related senior youth work projects. Also working with Recharge to support and develop their OCPF objectives.
- Continued support to community groups. Macmerry Men's Sheds lunch activity at FCK / Pencaitland Lunch Club, The Bronx boxing club and Primrose Day Centre.
- Support to Youth Sub Group & H&W Sub group.
- Delivery of bespoke diversionary youth work project at St. Martins. Providing support to a number of P7 pupils. Joint work with Connected Communities Fa'side, St Martins, Outdoor Education, Safer Communities Team.
- Supporting Fa'side Festive provision and winter essentials, fund raising / family referral.
- Engaging with Volunteer Centre East Lothian and Health and Social Care partnership, investigating possible funding routes and streams to support local community groups to build capacity and assist them becoming more sustainable.

Stevie McKinlay
Community Development Officer – Fa'side
Oct '21

Item 10a FAT report

In Simon's report he says that without a new chairperson the Active Travel sub-group will most likely have to close. A lot of people, professional and volunteering, have committed many hours to projects, some remaining unfinished; chief among them is the paths audit. It is unthinkable that the group should close now. If it is acceptable to the Partnership, I am prepared to stay for a time in a housekeeping role. I ask that a notes/minute taker is employed to keep record of our meetings. If we can return to face-to-face meetings, that the meeting room be big enough to allow members to sit comfortably spaced. I ask too that the group name should be changed to reflect a widening interest and response to climate change. Possibilities are FaST, acronym for Fa'side Sustainable Travel, or FAST, acronym for Fa'side Active Sustainable Travel. I prefer the first.

I think it desirable that we investigate the possibility of becoming a constituted group working at close arms-length with Council Services. Maureen has offered too that our fund raising might be facilitated through the good offices of VCEL. Taking part in a short Future Learn course on 'How to Fundraise' is most helpful in giving direction.

Not all Fa'side communities are represented at our meetings, we should continue to encourage their participation and action. Valuable too in our sub-group will be members with interest based in our contribution to the climate change emergency.

In the meantime, we must select achievable in the short term 'bits and pieces' of our current projects and get on with them.

Item 10b Health and Wellbeing

Fa'side Health and Wellbeing Sub-group met on 23rd September 2021 and conducted a mapping exercise (which Connected Communities are working on) and to identify key

priorities for the coming year. There was a discussion on everyone's experience/concerns since COVID.

Summary

Pennypit Trust – Their service users were still experiencing significant challenges with accessing basic needs and worrying about loss of income. This then impacts on their mental health.

Carers of East Lothian - Prior to the pandemic, unpaid carers were finding conditions challenging and this has been exacerbated by COVID. Many services are still at pre-COVID levels and some not back. The situation is worsening and having a negative impact on people's wellbeing. Keen to see viable action from the sub-group.

Alzheimer's Scotland noted that with unpaid carers going back to work then they are expecting things to become more challenging.

Home Start East Lothian noted the need for mental health groups especially for mums in Fa'side

EL Foodbank – Family referral in Fa'side risen from 40% to 58% in the last year. 60% of food packages go to low income families. More strain with Universal Credit cuts and energy price increases. Perfect storm of decreasing income and raising costs.

ELHSCP – Outreach continuing to reduce social isolation. Offered support and help with communication and planning in relation to a strategic team within Fa'side H&W sub-group.

Cllr JM Provost – It is important these meetings continue to communicate the different well-being issues communities are facing

Connected Communities – Been helping young people through the pandemic. More information needed out there to better inform people on young people's mental health.

MacMillan Move More Co-ordinator – People living with cancer have been massively affected by the pandemic and have been given mental and physical support. It is important to continue to create more awareness for people living with cancer so they can find support within their community. Final year of the Move More funding.

- The Chairs of all the East Lothian H&W sub-groups had a meeting at the end of October and all groups are facing the same main problems – Isolation, Poverty, Mental Health, and an increase in suicides. We plan to all meet regularly to share ideas and provide support to each other.
- Funding will be required to meet the remit and the key objectives of the Fa'side Health and Well-being Sub Group. After discussion, Fa'side Health and Wellbeing would request a yearly amount of £10,000.
- Still looking for co-chair and secretary. Pamela McKinlay of Roots and Fruits has volunteered to be vice chair and I will meet to discuss what support she would need. Pamela would be an asset in the role.
- Been meeting with Stevie McKinlay (Connected Communities) whose help, and support has been invaluable.

Rosanne Woods

Co-chair Fa'side Health & Well-being Sub Group

Item 10c - Young Defenders Update November 2021

We have started a new group of first and second years who are affected by a variety of issues. They began meeting on the 20th of September and is made up of 7 young people from Tranent, Pencaitland and Humbie and an older young person who is in 5th year helping out with the group who was part of the previous group. The group are meeting up weekly. We are still establishing the group, but, so far, they have bought recycling bins for Recharge, planned out events and decided what we put on the walls and how to decorate Recharge. We are starting to look at their communities over the next few weeks and how they could improve their community. The group are getting on well together but are currently in the storming phase and getting to know each other. We hope to have them working well and moving into the next phase by the New Year.

Item 10d – Support from the Start

Here the main points from last month's Fa'side Support from the Start

1. Still have £5,000 still to allocate from the network.
2. Mental health training update – 11/15 people attended the first session of the course. Some positive feedback received.
3. Website is on hold at present until ELC finds a replacement for Charlotte Jordan.
4. Morven Ross (new SFtS co-ordinator for East Lothian) shared several new contacts with us, to help widen our network. Debbie and Alison following these contacts up, to either invite them to future meetings or raise awareness of the network and its work.
5. Lisa Kerr (The Pennypit Community Development Trust) is now running face to face weaning sessions for young mums at Fa'side Community Kitchen in East Lothian Co-operative Bowling Club. Information shared with Midlothian Surestart, who are running the Good Start training in Fa'side. Also starting a cooking group in the next few weeks, a couple of families from Tranent will take part however, does not have the interest or space to run a group in Tranent.
6. Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL) are experiencing an increased footfall for the pantry. Some concerns expressed around the impact for families who are struggling in our area due to ending increase of Universal credit top up, ending of furlough scheme and increase in costs, not the least the utility costs. East Lothian Foodbank also reporting an increase in referrals in the Fa'side area. Morven Ross reported an almost 19% increase the uptake of Free School Meals in the area as well.
7. There are a variety of winter hardship payments available for families at present. Please see the attached link

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210557/schools_and_learning/11899/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/3

Fuel poverty - through the Scottish Welfare fund. Information is available by following this link:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210559/council_tax_and_benefits/12369/the_scottish_welfare_fund

Fa'side Festive Provisions – referral forms sent out with these minutes and have been shared widely with partners, trying to ensure that no families in need miss out this year. Copy of referral form attached. East Lothian Food Friendly Network (co-ordinated by Ruth Davie) are currently pulling together information on 'What's Available' across the area this festive season.

8. Homestart East Lothian are running a face to face closed peer support group, called the Good Start group. Running in Tranent at present and hoping to run a group in Ormiston in the New Year. Two workers trained to deliver the programme and seeking to raise awareness of the programme and its benefits.
9. Survey Monkey has been sent around members to gauge how the bursary scheme should be administered going forward and what the referral process should look like.
10. General discussion about the impact not having a FSW in Fa'side is having on families and other services.

Debbie Middlemass and Kathryn Jane James
Support from the Start – Fa'side
Nov 21

Item 10E – 9th November 2021

Funding Proposals for Fa’side Area Partnership - Summary paper: SMSG Meeting date: 7th October 2021

Organisation		Project	Amount	Summary
<p>Application 1: Friends of Ormiston Park (FoOP)</p>		<p>Additional Parking</p>	<p>Requested £ 10,911.11</p> <p><i>General element</i></p> <p>Total of Proposal £ 13,911.11</p>	<p>Since the creation of FoOP in 2014, the group have carried out extensive consultations and online and paper surveys within and around Ormiston to seek the views of as many local people and organisations as possible regarding proposed plans for Ormiston Park. The collated information strongly demonstrated a desire amongst local people of all ages to see improved facilities in the park. We hope to create a much more attractive park to visit and one which would offer a variety of different activities for people of all ages, providing opportunities for healthier lifestyles and increasing opportunities to socialise and build stronger relationships with others in the community. The general feeling was that Ormiston Park had long been neglected and had vast unfulfilled potential and, with that in mind, FoOP created a master plan for the regeneration and redevelopment of the park which incorporated as many of the expressed aspirations as possible.</p> <p>The main elements of the master plan included new play park equipment, a new sports pavilion and football pitch, tennis courts, trim trail, skate park, bike track, landscaped areas, peaceful seating areas, development of a wetland/woodland area and path linkage to the nearby Railway Line Walk. The additional benefits of this work included improved disabled access into the park, improved accessible pathways within the park and the demolition of a run down, almost derelict pavilion which had been a magnet for anti-social behaviour. Since then, FoOP (in partnership with East Lothian Council) have been successful in securing funding and installation of many of these facilities, leading to the recent successful construction of a pump track in the park which can be used for a variety of wheeled sports - bikes, skateboards, scooters, inline skates etc. by all age and all abilities.</p>

				<p>In order to specifically seek the level of support for a pump track in the local community, FoOP held a Pump Track Open Day in June 2019 in the Ormiston Sports Pavilion (with an accompanying display in the local library for the following fortnight to maximise the spread of information).</p> <p>This showcased what the facility would look like, who it would serve and again a paper and online survey was carried out to gather feedback and suggestions for the best use of a pump track. A huge amount of interest was generated, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and very encouraging with 98% of respondents stating it would be a good addition to the park (please see attached results). Just over 50% of those surveyed were from the village of Ormiston and the rest from a variety of nearby towns and villages, showing the widespread popular appeal the facility would have. Much of the positive feedback focussed on the aspects of fun, socialising, health and wellbeing and the appeal to children and teenagers to get out and be active and the respondents covered the full age range, reflecting the potential for multi-generational use.</p> <p>Various community bodies, included the Area Partnership have been supportive of our efforts to improve the park facilities. With the opening of the pump track and increased use of the park, there has been an increase in the number of local families and visitors who travel to the park by car. We are working to try and encourage as many families and visitors to actively travel as possible however, for some (including those local residents) there is a need to bring their cars.</p> <p>Evidence has been provided to the extensive level of work that will be carried out as a result of the pump track which meet the objectives of the East Lothian Plan and Area Plan. As a result the level of parking space will have to be increased to help manage this increase in a safe manner. Our proposals to extend the parking space have been developed as a result of working in partnership with East Lothian Council Landscape & Countryside, Roads Department and Active Sports. The proposals are to extent the current parking space using flex grass protection mesh which is the best option in the space. This extension of the parking space will benefit all park users as well as groups using the Pavilion such as the Football Group.</p>
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			<p>All the costings for these proposals have been provided by the East Lothian Council Amenities Team.</p> <p>Outcome from SMSG meeting: <i>group not quorate.</i></p> <p>Members supportive of the project. Some discussion about young children walking from proposed parking to play area at other end of park. SD noted that the proposals includes new signage to guide visitors for the pump track to park at this new proposed parking area.</p> <p><i>Supported by:</i> Isabel Berry (ECA), Sam Renton (Recharge) and Debbie Middlemass.</p> <p><i>No abstentions or refusal to support.</i></p>
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Organisation	Project	Amount	Summary
<p>Application 2: Pencaitland Community Council</p>	<p>Wester & Easter Pencaitland Defibrillator Projects</p>	<p>Requested £2185.26</p> <p><i>General element</i></p>	<p>With an ageing and growing population it is critical that we improve local self-sufficiency in the event of a medical emergency. The village receives a high number of visitors whether cyclists and those walking through it (mainly using Railway Walk, however some increase in visitors to Glenkinchie distillery). In addition our village hall hosts a lunch club and the hall itself does not have a Defib. This equipment will ensure that we are well prepared should an incident occur and expert medical assistance is not immediately available from the authorities.</p> <p>Following the Euros (football competition) community feedback on the requirement for defibs became apparent. Currently we have no provision. This would form part of a plan to roll out two units at either end of Pencaitland -- one inside Pencaitland Park in Easter Pencaitland, the other in Wester Pencaitland at the Spar shop and petrol station.</p> <p>Saving a life during the lifetime of this equipment - it's to be hoped that the equipment will never be needed in practice. However, not having it to hand, yet knowing that if we had a defibrillator someone's life could have been saved, would be a tragedy we want to avoid by developing resilience in this area.</p> <p>The community council will maintain the Defibs going forward with regards to maintenance and ongoing costs.</p> <p>Outcome from SMSG meeting: <i>group not quorate.</i></p> <p>Members supportive of the project. Sam noted this was a good idea. Debbie agreed especially given the increase in number of visitors to the village and increased housing. Group asked how many people were expected to be trained and how the success of the project will be evaluated?</p>

Organisation	Project	Amount	Summary
			<p>SD noted that feedback will be gathered from the training sessions and then from community groups who use the park and village.</p> <p>Supported by: Isabel Berry (ECA), Sam Renton (Recharge) and Debbie Middlemass.</p> <p>No abstentions or refusal to support.</p>

Organisation	Project	Amount	Summary
<p>Application 3: Fundamental Food / FCK</p>	<p>Fa'side Community Kitchen (FCK) Development Worker and Fa'side Food Provision</p>	<p>Required £10,710</p> <p>Scottish Govt. Funding</p> <p>Full cost £14,710</p>	<p>Fundamental foods have been instrumental as a lead agency in Fa'side tackling food inequalities during COVID. Most of our provisions are focused on food and wellbeing supports to target the most vulnerable people.</p> <p>Fa'side Community Kitchen is a legacy project that is a direct outcome from COVID. Fundamental Foods/Fa'side Food provision undertook an evaluation that has shown the impact of this local food provision that is accessible to residents of Fa'side. The evaluation summary highlights the need for community-based food provision that offers direct contact to reduce social isolation.</p> <p>One of the primary aims is to reduce social isolation and provide face to face contact – we do this by offering twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) hot meals at a local social club, we offer transport if the need is required.</p> <p>A hot meals and wheels service continues to focus on delivering hot meals twice weekly to the most vulnerable people who are unable to attend for a various number of health reasons. We aim to remove barriers for everyone to participate and use a rights-based approach to represent residents and listen to what is important to them. FCK Tackles inequalities and connects the community in a fair and represented way.</p>

The development worker will aim to develop a working food strategy and will aim to work in partnership with Fundamental foods and Fa'side food provision to implement a sustainable food provision that will lead the way in Fa'side. The development worker will also increase capacity by seeking funding opportunities to sustain this project.

Funding will be used to support staffing costs of a development worker. We also require a separate contribution for the continuation of services delivered on behalf of Fa'side Food Provision. The costs will support staffing, volunteer and resource based costs for PCDT – who currently support FCK and VCEL – who support the Community Pantry. Both are well used by a range of local residents which are highlighted in the attached evaluation report.

****Please note the costs of this proposal would come from the Additional Scottish Government funding****

Outcome from SMSG meeting: group not quorate.

Declaration of interest: *Although not involved in the application, Debbie does work for the Pennypit Community Development Trust (PCDT) for their lunch club projects. SD thanked DM for her declaration however, noted that as she was not involved in the preparation of the application and given that it was not for lunch club provision, she would not be excluded from any discussions.*

Members were generally supportive of the project. Sam noted that the form was a bit confusing, as following the format change of the application form there is less space to insert content and wondered if this had attributed to lots of information on the development worker but not so much on the Fa'side Food Provision aspect. SD agreed with the comments and agreed to take this back to the applicant.

PMN – Feedback given and accepted by applicant. Struggled to insert a lesser amount of relevant information on the development worker. In future when making applications will do so on a project by project basis and hopefully this will be clearer for members to consider.

Isabel noted this was a really good application. Isabel felt that any work focused on supporting elderly people in our communities needed to be applauded. Isabel

		<p>also commented that the work of FCK was important during the pandemic and the Fa'side Food provision had helped and supported many local groups and residents. Debbie agreed that the work of the Pennypit was now integral to supporting children, young people and families in our community. Sadly things are getting worse for many local residents in our communities, due to the rise in the cost of living and charities such as FCK and indeed the Fa'side Food Provision are much needed. Debbie noted that PCDT have been guiding FCK during a challenging period and there was recognition that once FCK had resolved their governance challenges (such as opening a bank account) that they would make their own applications in the future.</p> <p>Group asked how many people were expected to be trained and how the success of the project will be evaluated? SD noted that feedback will be gathered from the training sessions and then from community groups who use the park and village.</p> <p>Supported by: Isabel Berry (ECA) and Debbie Middlemass.</p> <p>Sam Renton refused to support the project not because he did not see its merits however, felt that the application form was confusing and unclear. If two applications were to be submitted and the content was clearer Sam recorded that he would be prepared to support the projects, as he was clear in the need for both.</p> <p>No abstentions.</p>
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Organisation	Project	Amount	Summary
<p>Application 4: Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council</p>	<p>Defibrillator project serving the village hall and community park.</p>	<p>Requested £1674.2</p> <p>General element</p>	<p>Priorities - health and safety. We are not of ourselves equipped to address inequalities in health and safety. Our proposal will provide an element of self-reliance in one particular medical emergency for local residents and or visitors to our village.</p> <p>Reaction to the COVID emergency demonstrated that we have a good number of actively caring resourceful community members. Should we experience further variants of COVID and as the climate emergency deepens, as we see elsewhere, we can rely on our folk to demonstrate the same resilience. We already have one defibrillator, although not generally accessible, a second going through planning for location at the village shop. A third located where people pass and congregate will equip us to deal with this life ending event when qualified medical assistance is not immediately at hand. I hope that provision of this facility will be the first step in equipping ourselves to deal with emergency situations social and environmental.</p> <p>The installation will be appropriately and prominently located. Any familiarisation training will be offered. The defibrillator will be registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service.</p> <p>Word of mouth, noticeboards, community newsletter distribution, social media.</p> <p>Costs of sustaining the equipment over its lifetime will be modest but will be met by the Community Council. We should monitor advances in the technology and obsolescence of our current model.</p> <p>Equipment purchase. Architect and planning fees. Reserve replacement pads and batteries.</p> <p>We are making this application in support of the Macmerry Men's Shed who have the possibility of a gifted defibrillator. The status of that "gift" remains unclear today. If the gift is realised the equipment purchase component of this</p>

			<p>application will disappear. Other components will remain. The defibrillator will be gifted in turn for use within the community at large.</p> <p><i>Whilst we have applied to St Johns for funding we do not know the outcome. If successful we can return the sum provided by FAP or discuss with how the sum could be re-used in the local area.</i></p> <p>Outcome from SMSG meeting: group not quorate.</p> <p>Members supportive of the project. Isabel noted this was a good idea. Debbie agreed especially given the increase in housing. Group asked how many people were expected to be trained and how the success of the project will be evaluated? SD noted that feedback will be gathered from the training sessions and then from community groups who use the park and village.</p> <p>Supported by: Isabel Berry (ECA), Sam Renton (Recharge) and Debbie Middlemass.</p> <p>No abstentions or refusal to support.</p>
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Notes

Contained within the summary.

Actions

Contained within the summary and concluded i.e. discussion took place with PCDT and they will take on board for future applications.

SD will issue email vote based on this paper and seeking a decision.

Recommendations

1. Recommended by all SMSG members – meeting not quorate.
2. Recommended by all SMSG members – meeting not quorate.

3. Recommended by 2 of the 3 SMSG members present – meeting not quorate.

4. Recommended by all SMSG members – meeting not quorate.

Simon Davie
Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side
29th October 2021

Item 12b Budget Sheet

Fa'side		Budget Allocation 2020/21							
			A	R	G	£ 26,400.00	£ 6,600.00	£ 5,500.00	o
			Amenity Services	Roads	General	SG funding	Holiday Hunger	Scot Gov IT	outside funding
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£100,000	£50,000	£50,000				
	Recharge	Fa'side Young Defenders			1,000.00				
	FAT	Various Projects			5,000.00				
	The Pennypit Community Development Trust – Fundamental Foods	Fa'side Summer Lunch Club				15,690.00	4,000.00		
	The Pennypit Community Development Trust – Fundamental Foods	Fa'side October Lunch Club provision			2,267.50				
	Pencaitland Community Council	Defibrillator for East and West Saltoun			2,185.26				
	Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council	Defibrillator for Macmerry area			1,674.20				
	Friends of Ormiston Park	additional car parking spaces			10,911.11				
	The Pennypit Community Development Trust – Fundamental Foods	Fa'side Community Kitchen (FCK) Development Worker and Fa'side Food Provision				10,710.00			
		Total Spend	£ -	£-	£23,038.07	£26,400.00	£4,000	£ -	£ -
		Balance	100,000	£50,000	£26,961.93		£2,600.00	£ 5,500.00	£ -
			A	R	G				

