

**Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7.00-9.00pm, a ZOOM Meeting.**

**Chair**

Chair Bill Axon (BA)

Quorum

12

**Members and substitute members present:**

Debbie Middlemass, Vice Chair (DM)

Ian Pryde, Macmerry & Gladsmuir Action Group/ Chair of FAT (IP)

Donald Grant (DG), Co-opted member (DG)

Isobel Berry, Elphinstone Community Association, Fa'side TRA (IB)

Neil Ellis, Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council (NE)

Mike Falconer, Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council (MF)

Alan Lauder, Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council (AL)

Tracey Redpath, VCEL (TR)

Katheryn Jane James, Support from the Start (KJJ)

Alan Bell, Recharge/Poverty Champion (AB)

Rosanne Woods, Chair of the (RW)

Phil Summerfield, Pencaitland Community Council (PS)

**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)

Marilyn McNeill, IJB

Robert McNeill, Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council (Member of public)

Christine Schaffer, Levenhall TRA (visiting)

**Apologies**

Cllr John McMillan, Provost, ELC (JM)

Cllr Kenny McLeod, Elected Member, ELC (KM)

Grace Stirton, OWTRA (GS)

Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member, ELC (FD)

Carol Finneron, Pencaitland Community Council (CF)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)

Elaine Morrision, East Lothian Food Bank (EM)

Cllr Colin McGinn, Elected Member, ELC (CM)

*Voting members in attendance – 14 present*

		<b>Key discussion points</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<p>BA welcomed everyone to the meeting of Fa'side Area Partnership.</p> <p>All papers for the meeting have been circulated. The meeting is quorate so decisions can be made during the meeting.</p> <p>BA welcomed Christine Schaffer who is a member of Musselburgh AP who is observing our meeting tonight.</p>	All
	<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies are noted above. SD advised that no one was available from ELC's corporate development and Economic Development team to talk about wider regeneration issues.	
<b>2.</b>		<p><b>A. Update on Tranent Town Centre/Fa'side – ELC Housing Strategy &amp; Development</b></p> <p>BA introduced David Ogilvie, Service Manager for Housing Strategy &amp; Development in ELC and thanked him for attending. DO provided a comprehensive update which is attached as Appendix 1. Please see answers to some questions as <b>Post Minute Notes</b> in the paper – highlighted in red.</p> <p>Following on from the update and on behalf of FAP, SD thanked DO for attending our meeting and providing a detailed update on ELC's current social housing programme. SD said that it was positive to hear that there will be a community consultation on possible options for redeveloping Civic Square. DO thanked members for their contributions and advised that he would happily return in the future to provide the partnership with an update.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of interest for agenda items</b>	<p>BA asked members to declare any interests for items on the agenda or as we progress through the Agenda.</p> <p><i>DM declared a declaration of interest in the Pennypit, Easter programme application on Item 10,b,ii,d. <sup>1</sup></i></p>	ALL
<b>4.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes were checked and agreed as an accurate record. Approved by DM and Seconded by DG	ALL
<b>5.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>AL noted that there was significant amounts of space in and around Macmerry and Gladsmuir to consider the initiative. He will raise with MGCC. AL is having ongoing discussion with Mike Foy about the potential of planting a tree in Macmerry. AL will progress through MGCC. <b><u>Matter closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 2 Item 2</b> - 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. <b><u>Post Minute Note:</u></b> - SD/LM have made contact with Stuart Wood awaiting a response. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 2 of draft notes 27/10/20 – Headed 'Page 2 item 5'</b> – Tranent &amp; Elphinstone Community Action Plan and Coalfield Regeneration Fund. SD and MF to discuss this matter. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 9 of Draft notes from 27/10/20</b> – Handbook to be reviewed. SD/LM will complete and circulate to all members for comment. SD/LM will complete before next meeting. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD/MF</p> <p>SD/LM</p>

	<p><b>Page 7 item 8.3</b> – 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. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 9, Item 7a</b> – SD to meet with MA and discuss evaluation of the Lighthouse project. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 item 9a</b> – Area Plan – SD to complete the amendments agreed at previous meeting. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 item 9b</b> – Annual Report 19/20 – SD/SM/LM will arrange to distribute the Annual Report as part of our communications strategy. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 7c</b> – 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. <b><u>Matter Outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 8ai</b> -- IP advised members that AB had suggested using some of this funding to provide local residents with free bus transport from some of our outlying 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. SD will transfer this matter to the Fa’side Active travel group for consideration. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 8aii</b> – Cairns at Church Street –SD will now arrange for Cairns to be moved and interpretation boards to be prepared alongside those previously involved in their design. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 8a v</b> - SD has the plan and proposed sites. Will circulate email to Community Councils and groups to discuss. SD will transfer to Fa’side Active travel sub group. <b><u>Matter closed.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 Item 8a vii</b> - SA asked if primary schools could be considered as possible locations for bike racks. SD will transfer this item to Fa’side Active Travel. <b><u>Matter closed.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 7 Item 9b – Lunch Club Funding</b> - SD also confirmed that he has been working with BA and DM on the creation of a lunch club procurement brief. This has potential to appoint a preferred partner who would facilitate our lunch club provision in Fa’side. SD will share with members once draft is complete. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 7 item 9b</b> - MA raised a concern around the procurement process with regards this negative impact on locally based third sector organisations. VCEL currently seeking a compact agree between ELC and the local third sector. SD to speak to MA off line with regards the back group to this proposal. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SD/MA</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/SM/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/IP</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD/IP</p> <p>SD/IP</p> <p>SD</p> <p>MA/SD</p>
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	<p><b>Page 8 Item 11</b> – Ciara Webb and Malcom Paul postponed their attendance at our meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and seek to attend a meeting early in 2022. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 7 Item 10c – Young Defender</b> – SD will check with SA and AB that they have had their conversation about youth related matters in Pencaitland. <b><u>Matter outstanding.</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 5 Item 5a – Zoom licence</b> – SD has renewed the AP’s ZOOM licence from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 for another year. This means that our full AP meeting will be held online and the same option is available for subgroups. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 item 5,b,f,</b> - NE asked if we could purchase additional bins for Polston Park as there was only one bin. SD to contact Andrew Hogarth. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 item 5,b,f</b> – DG asked if the plans has changed significantly? SD would check and get back to him.  <b><u>Post minute note – SD has provided DG with a copy of the amended plan. Matter completed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 6 Item 5,c,a</b> – SM and AB are working on a draft report following the outreach pilot. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 7 Item 5cc</b> – SM and AB are working on an evaluation of the ‘Get into summer’. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 8 item 7ab</b> - SD and IP were to meet and arrange a date for the Active Travel sub group to meet. SD and IP have arranged a date. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 8 item 7ac</b> – Any members interested in the QGC to contact SD or IP for some advice and guidance. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 8 Item 7ad</b> – IP will ask community members about changing the subgroups name. This will be covered at the next Active Travel Sub group meeting. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 8 Item 7aq</b> – SD arranged for Active travel funds to be returned to the general budget. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 8 Item 7b</b> – RW and SR were to meet and consider an application process. Please see Health and Wellbeing Report circulated with these papers. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 9 Item 7c</b> – AB advised that he would update members on SR replacement. Will cover under his update at this meeting. <b><u>Matter Closed</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 9 Item 7e</b> – SD still has to circulate the photos of the community pantry following the AP’s award of funding and the completion of the project. <b><u>Matter outstanding</u></b></p> <p><b>Page 10 Item 8ai</b> – Amenity Element SD has provided an update and this has been circulated with the papers. <b><u>Matter Closed.</u></b></p>	<p>SD</p> <p>SA/AB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SD</p> <p></p> <p>SM/AB</p> <p>SM/AB</p> <p></p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p></p> <p>RW/SM</p> <p></p> <p>SD</p>
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		<p>b.) <b>i Manager Report (Cont.)</b>  SD referred to the attached update from Dementia Friendly Tranent (DFT) update. He also advised that between RW from DFT and himself that they should be able to answer any questions. NE stated that he felt it would be helpful if the updated plans could be shared with the wider community. Lots of people are interested in the garden however there seems to be a lack of information about it. NE stated that he would be happy to print of a plan and attach it to the Herras fencing as what people don't know they might try and make up. SD confirmed that the stones on site at present will be re-used to assist forming the stone planters in the garden. RW said that all of the updated plans are on their facebook page with the only real change being the wall being replaced with Hedging. SD will send on a copy of the plan to NE to share with TECC members and happy for this to be photocopied and placed on the Herras fencing. SD advised that Hedging should be arriving in a few weeks. Weather dependent progress should be seen on site in the coming weeks.</p> <p>c) <b>Officers update</b> – SM referred to the attached report. SM highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of work with Recharge  SM talked about his work with Recharge and the young people over the past year, around the Service Level Agreement. He noted that</li> </ul> <p>SM asked if anyone had any questions. None were tabled. BA thanked SM for his report.</p>	SD All
7.	<b>Consultation hub</b>	Link to live consultations: <a href="https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/">https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/</a> <p>A. There will be other consultations ongoing, which will close prior to our meeting. Please check the link in A above to see if there are any that are of interest to members.</p> <p>B. <a href="https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/housing-environment/short-term-let-control-areas/">https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/housing-environment/short-term-let-control-areas/</a> <u>closes 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u></p> <p>C. <a href="https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/communications/community-hospitals-and-care-homes-provision/">https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/communications/community-hospitals-and-care-homes-provision/</a> – <u>closes 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u></p>	ALL
8.	<b>Sub Group updates and Community Groups</b>	<p>A. <b>Fa'side Active Travel</b> – BA asked IP to talk to this item. The report had been circulated with the papers. IP noted due to family issues he needed to stand down from this role however, happy to support a potential new community chair transition into the role. IP stated that the report was more an expression of his hopes for the group for the coming year. The next meeting is the <u>25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5pm.</u></p> <p><i>TR flagged the timing of the meeting clashes with the Third Sector Election Hustings that VCEL are organising. SD/IP to cancel the meeting to avoid the clash and will send out a new date.</i></p>	SD/IP

		<p>IP highlighted the electric bikes being taken forward by Pencaitland CC (PCC) and hoped that this is something that each community in our area could explore. PS advised that PCC have applied for planning permission for a bike shelter to hold the bikes. Friends of Pencaitland Park are leading on the project. IP would be interested in finding out more. PS will contact RA and ask him to contact IP.</p> <p>Paths for all have announced a new £1.5m fund for local communities to access, where they are seeking to develop their path networks. The fund opens in the Summer. IP notes that he hoped we could make an application to the fund.</p> <p><b>B. Fa’side Health and Wellbeing</b> – BA invited RW to talk to this matter. The paper is attached to the minutes. No questions were tabled. RW noted that the group have not met since our last AP meeting however, she had met SR from Recharge and they have a proposed process to share with members around possible funding requests. SD noted that if we can progress the ‘low threshold recovery café’ that it would be appropriate for the sub group to consider any proposals.</p> <p><b>C. Young Defenders</b> – BA asked AB to talk to this matter. The paper is attached. No questions were tabled, although MF indicated that he would like to arrange a visit. AB/MF will arrange. AB noted that they have been welcoming young people back to their facility in the High Street in Tranent. Provided over 250 meals to young people since the last meeting. SR’s post has been split amongst existing staff and they will not be recruiting.</p> <p><b>D. Support from the Start (SftS)</b> – BA asked KJJ to speak to this matter. This was a verbal report but has been put into a report and is attached.</p> <p><b>E. Scrutiny and Monitoring Sub group (SMSG)</b> – BA asked SD to provide an update. SD noted that applications had been circulated asking members to urgently respond to these requests given the year-end deadline. SD thanked members for their prompt replies. An update paper has been circulated and advised members that 16 had responded. Our quorate response is 12 and therefore we were able to reach decisions on all 3 applications. All of the applications: Pencaitland CC, The Bronx Boxing Club and Centre Stage were all successful with their applications.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>IP/All</p> <p>RW/SM</p> <p>AB/MF</p> <p>NOTE</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Third Sector update</b></p>	<p>BA asked TR if she would provide the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Update. TR highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>New locality workers in post</u> - TR will now be concentrating on supporting Fa’side and PSG.</li> <li>• <u>Training</u> – funding for free First Aid courses, will be rolled out in May. TR also available to run a Trustee’s roles &amp; responsibilities training session and would be keen to bring 2/3 groups together at a time. Also offering Cyber resilience training for local groups. If anyone is interested please contact TR.</li> </ul>	



- **3<sup>RD</sup> Sector Election Hustings – 26<sup>th</sup> April at The Fraser Centre** all staff, volunteers and trustees from across the Third Sector, Social Enterprises, Community Councils and Community Development Trusts are welcome to attend. Candidates from the five main Political Parties will be providing representation in advance of the upcoming May council election. As you may be aware, a Hustings is a meeting where election candidates’ debate policies and answer questions from an invited audience.
- The purpose of this event is to allow each Party to lay out their vision and commitments to East Lothian’s Third Sector, should they either form an Administration or gain a position of influence in the new Administration. The event will give each candidate a few minutes to outline their intentions, which will be followed by questions, from the audience. If you are interested in attending please find out more here:

[Local Election Hustings Event with Third Sector – Volunteer Centre East Lothian \(volunteereastlothian.org.uk\)](http://volunteereastlothian.org.uk)

- **Investing In Volunteers Awards** – TR advised that VCEL are hosting their annual Volunteer Awards. The categories for the awards are as follows:

1. **Community Volunteer of the Year**
2. **Health and Wellbeing Volunteer of the Year**
3. **Environmental and Education Volunteer of the Year**
4. **Volunteer Team of the Year**
5. **Young Volunteer of the Year (Under 25)**
6. **Outstanding Trustee of the Year**
7. **Lifelong Commitment to Volunteering**

**Inspiring Volunteering Awards 2022:** Volunteers’ Week is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK, and it’s taking place from the 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Nominations are open **now** until **Thursday 21st April at 5pm**, so spread the word and get your thinking caps on as to who you might want to put forward for an award.

**Event will be held in The Fraser Centre on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

- **Fa’side Community Pantry** – sharp rise in usage. Last week alone we served 97 adults, 59 kids and 16 dogs/cats, this does not include the members of the community who take produce from outside the pantry which is not recorded. We have had to start making more referrals to East Lothian Foodbank. Unison continue to support us with £200 per month but this food is only lasting just over 1 week.

		<p>SD noted that EL Foodbank was seeing increase usage and requests for support, as we start to see significant issues affecting our communities and especially those who might not be aware of how to 'navigate' existing systems, access support or have never had to do this before. A general discussion took place and the following was agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. AB (as Poverty Champion) will co-ordinate a small working group of the AP to investigate this matter.</li> <li>II. SD will contact colleagues in Scottish Welfare Fund, PCDT, VCEL and Elaine Morrison at EL Food bank and invite to the meeting.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA will contact Ruth Davie, who led our Emergency Food response during the pandemic to discuss the matter. He will also consider contacting the other AP chairs, to see if they can create a joint statement which would be sent to ELC seeking support and possible discussion on the matter, as whilst the AP response defines the excellent community spirit in Fa'side, we cannot tackle this matter on our own.</li> </ul>	
10	Budget updates	<p><b>A. Financial year 2021/2022 position</b></p> <p>BA asked SD to provide an update on this matter. SD referred to the previous circulated budget update and noted that by supporting the 3 applications that we had allocated our General element of our budget. There was a slight overspend in this element which will be covered through existing arrangements. Roads budget had already been covered previously and fully allocated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Amenity element:</b> SD highlighted the report and asked if there were any questions. PS noted that he still felt that this budget was challenging. SD noted that it was not a 'cash' budget and more of a resource allocation similar to the roads devolved element. PS about the open spaces in Fa'side. SD confirmed that these were all of the green spaces, play parks and areas such as grass verges in our communities that ELC was responsible for. All of these were maintained throughout the past year, albeit with some delays due to COVID related issues. So the projects noted were work that the AP or community groups, connecting in with the AP were able to take forward using the resource allocation. This support totalled £18,250 last financial year. SD also noted the £10k worth of additional support from the Amenity budget which supported local priorities and projects in our areas. PS noted that the drainage work in Pencaitland Park had not been completed yet. SD advised that this work was programmed to be delivered this financial year, along with additional improvements for the park.</li> <li>ii. <b>Connected Communities Fa'side – Youth work budget:</b> SD referred to the previously circulated paper which defined our teams Youth Work spend. Two components, one our traditional youth work budget and the second covering the additional youth work money we received from the Scottish Government. SD highlighted the range of activities across</li> </ol>	

		<p>Fa'side being supported through our traditional youth work budget. There was a slight underspend on this budget. No questions were tabled. SD highlighted that the Outreach pilot with Recharge had been supported through the additional Youth Work support we had received from the Scottish Government. The allocation of funding had been fully committed. No questions were tabled.</p> <p><b>B. Financial year 2022/2023 position</b></p> <p>i. BA asked SD to provide an update on this matter. SD referred to the previous circulated budget update paper. All core budgets elements have remained the same. SD asked if there were any questions. None tabled.</p> <p>ii. SD highlighted to members that previously we have agreed to fund our sub groups, with £1,000 to Fa'side Young Defenders, £5,000 to Fa'side Active Travel and recently we agreed £10,000 to Fa'side Health and Well Being Sub group. SD noted that we needed to make a decision on devolving our general budget element to support these sub groups. BA noted the proposal and our previous position, which supported our Sub groups to deliver projects within the role and remit of each group. He asked members if anyone had any objections to support our sub groups. No objections received, as a result:</p> <p>a) <u>Fa'side Young Defenders</u> – 14 members agreed to support £1,000 being provided to Recharge.</p> <p>b) <u>Fa'side Active Travel (FAT)</u> - 14 members agreed to support £5,000 being provided to FAT.</p> <p>c) <u>Fa'side Health and Well Being (FHWB)</u> - 14 members agreed to support £10,000 being provided to FHWB.</p> <p>d) <u>Application for Easter Lunch Club</u> – PCDT <sup>1</sup>. Application had been circulated to members. SD highlighted that it was being discussed due to the timescales involved i.e. Easter holidays starts next week. Application discussed, minus the Declaration of Interest from our Vice Chair, 13 members agreed to support the application.</p>	<p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/SM/LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>*MUST BE AGREED THROUGH CHAIR PRIOR TO MEETING*</b></p> <p>I. AB noted that he has received a questionnaire on ELC's 'Youth Vision' and will circulate it to all members.</p> <p>II. BA thanked CS for attending the meeting and hoped she had some insight to how our meeting was run. CS thanked the partnership for allowing her to attend.</p> <p>III. BA thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. It is inspirational to see communities coming together and there is lots of good projects/work being achieved within the community. All this good work is very much appreciated.</p> <p>IV. BA stated that he would see everyone online on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>ALL</p>

<b>12.</b>	<b>Dates of area partnership meeting</b>	<p>The following are our meeting dates for the rest of this year. All of these meetings will be on Zoom as per</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022  Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022  Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the near future.</p>	ALL
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## **Appendix 1      Housing Strategy and development within the Fa'side Area Partnership.**

BA introduced David Ogilvie, Service Manager for Housing Strategy & Development in ELC and thanked him for attending. DO advised that ELC is currently consulting on their Housing Strategy between now and the autumn. All comments and suggestions would be warmly welcomed. A Housing Strategy Officer has been assigned to each of the 6 Area Partnerships and they will be contacting the relevant Connected Communities Manager in May. DO advised that he would provide an update on ELC's current housing development programme, and would be happy to take any questions at the end.

1. Church Street, Tranent – (old Co-op building/Thomson's)

20 units of 1 & 2 bedroom flats. Working with Hillcrest Housing Association (HA). Currently awaiting building warrant and hoping to tender early in the summer and complete within the 22/23 financial year.

2. Civic Square, Tranent – Identified as part of the Charrette in 2015.

Kevin Murray Associates (who delivered our charrette report) have been appointed to carry out a feasibility study on the site. ELC has acquired some of the buildings on the site to allow future development. KMA will refer to the previous Charrette report to develop 5/6 high level options which will be full consulted on. The process is at a very early stage and, in time (and after the Council elections are behind us), there will be a FULL consultation process with the community. The proposal is to look at commercial units on the ground floor alongside some amenity units and social rented flats above.

3. Fa'side Lodge, Tranent

28 units of 1 & 2 bedroom cottage flats (4 in a block). There will be 4 wheelchair accessible bungalows. Also other lower flats for people with mobility issues. Grouting works start this month and tenders will follow shortly. We hope to be on site by the end of the calendar year. Any trees that were removed recently were done so after consulting Planning and with their full consent.

4. Windygoul South Tranent – Walker Site.

60 units of cottage flats, 3 of which will be wheelchair units and a number of amenity units. Work commenced on this site mid-March with foundations planned for around June and we are looking at first handovers in February 2023 with site completion around September/October 2023.

5. Macmerry North – Taylor Wimpey site

26 units – a mix of cottage flats and terraced houses including amenity and 2 wheelchair. 1st Phase (12 units) started in July 2021 and Phase 2 (14 units) started in December 2021, with handovers scheduled for May and June 2022.

6. Macmerry Main Road – Dunedin Canmore HA

36 units – 12 of which are cottage flats (one and two bedrooms) and 24 houses. Phase 1 due to start July 2023 with the following mix: 12 x 1 bed flats, 8 x 2 bed cottage flats, 8 x 2 bed houses, 7 x 3 bed houses, 1 x 4 bed house

7. Lempockwells Road, Pencaitland

30 units of mixed housing, due to start around September 2022 and due to go out to tender this summer, subject to review of projected construction costs.

8. Elphinstone – Bellway Homes (ELHA)

20 units of mixed housing. Site start due in March 2023 with a proposed completion around June 2024.

9. Blindwells

60 units of mixed 2 and 3 bedroom terraced houses and cottage flats for general needs (including 2 Amenity cottage flats) being delivered on Blindwells Area 1 (north-west corner of the Blindwells area, adjacent to the Meadowmill roundabout. Monthly handovers due from May 2022 onwards.

30 units of mixed 2,3 and 4 bedroom terraced and 2 bedroom cottage flats (2 with wet floor showers for amenity standard) being delivered at Area 3 by ELHA and Persimmon which will be on site by the end of this calendar year.

**Questions from members:-**

- a. IB asked if the units DO referred to in Elphinstone was all the housing in the development. DO advised that he was referring to the affordable housing element only. There could be other private housing being built.
- b. PS referred to the Lempockwells Road, Pencaitland site and asked DO if the social housing element was at risk of not being delivered? DO replied that ELC wanted to deliver these units however there was some concern about increasing costs. PS asked if this would have an impact of the quality of the units delivered. DO replied 'NO' as ELC had a range of quality standards which must be met. PS asked if there was any update on the Redmains or the field at the back of Beech Terrace. DO confirmed that neither of these sites were in our current programme. *[Post meeting note: DO confirmed that no planning application has been submitted in respect of either the Redmains or Beech Terrace sites].*
- c. MMc asked if ELC were considering housing for older people close to current care home/hospital provisions. She also wanted to know if the new housing being considered for older people would address the issues such as the creation of common areas for older people to come together. DO explained had no information on this point at this time and would seek a response from colleagues and send to SD. *[Post meeting note: DO said "We would encourage anyone with similar concerns to feed into our Local Housing Strategy consultation and engagement work over the coming months. We are exploring provision for older people through updating our needs assessment. As previously stated, it is worth noting that the Housing Strategy team will be engaging directly with area partnerships from May onwards."].*
- d. Robert McNeill (RM) advised DO that he was heavily involved in the 2015 Charrette report and welcomed this opportunity to hear more about the possible plans for Civic Square. RM asked if ELC had acquired all of the buildings on the Civic Square site? He also asked would ELC completely demolish the site and rebuild from scratch? How would the redevelopment be financed? And finally do the new options mean that the proposed one way system for the High Street was no longer a proposition? DO advised that KMA have only considered possible high level options which means there is no defined footprint for all of the land required. More information to follow once these option have been explored further. DO confirmed that demolition would be required for the site, but again the footprint of this is still to be determined relating to KMA's feasibility study. DO confirmed that as the options were still being considered, he was unable to confirm how the redevelopment would be financed. He did state that it was likely to be a mixture of Scottish Government grant and external funding. He would be more than happy to return to a future AP meeting to give an update on this matter. DO advised that it was not possible to verify either way with regards to the proposed one way system, as KMA were

still working on the developing their feasibility study. Whilst DO appreciated that this was a sensitive local matter, full consultation would take place with local residents, Community Council, TRA's and Area Partnership in due course.

- e. DG asked if there were any developments in the current programme for Ormiston and Gladsmuir. DO advised that there was nothing in the programme for this financial year. DG intimated that he thought land had been allocated for housing through the Local Development Plan? DO advised that Flora Place in Ormiston was the most recent social housing development completed in this part of East Lothian. DO would check to see if there was land allocated in either village and revert back through SD. [**Post meeting note:** Whilst we are aware of the land which is allocated in the LDP in both Ormiston and Gladsmuir, we are unaware of any current planning applications].
- f. NE asked how many units were allocated for social housing in areas 1 & 3 at Blindwells. And also what the total cost of the units? And finally was the development at Blindwells being developed in a manner which would negatively impact on building homeless units/accommodation? DO advised that he could not recall the specific numbers for area 1 & 3 but that he would revert back to SD with this information and the costs after the meeting. [**Post meeting note:** these numbers have now been added into the report above as 60 units on Area 1 and 30 units on Area 3] and while across the current Blindwells (BW1) area, it is expected we will deliver in the region of 435 affordable homes, the possibility exists via the future development of Greater Blindwells (BW2) to deliver a four figure sum of affordable housing over the full development phase at Blindwells. DO advised that the financing of homeless accommodation was completely separate to financing of other types of social housing accommodation. DO also advised members that the affordable housing requirement (under Section 75 powers) for Blindwells was 30% of all units built, rather than the normal 25%. He also confirmed that ELC would be taking on new social renting housing in Blindwells for the next 6/7 years.
- g. AB asked if the contribution from section 75 payments from Blindwells and all large scale housing developments was being used to fund new community facilities or upgrade existing community facilities within the Fa'side Area. DO advised that in order to increase ELC's revenue we needed to build more houses, which in turn increased ELC's council taxes. DO explained that he did not fully understand how financial contributions were split with regards to the section 75 payment and advised that he would find this out and revert back to SD.

## **Item 6 b – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Connected Communities Managers update as at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Covering period February 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1. Our team's position remains the same.

I can confirm that our new Senior Business Support Administrator for the Fa'side Connected Communities Team is Lynne Tragis. Lynne starts with us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

I still require to re-advertise Stevie's Community Development Officer post. This means we will not have an officer in position until possibly July 22 at the earliest.

I apologise if this has or is, negatively impacted/ing upon community groups and or Area Partnership projects. As I am conscious that we have not been as responsive as normal.

2. Sub groups of area partnerships. Individual updates included on this agenda.

Still seeking to identify a new Community Chair for our Fa'side Active Travel sub group. If anyone is interested in this position and wants to have a chat about it, Ian and I would only be too glad to meet up. *Matter ongoing.*

3. FCK update: As Interim chair of the FCK, we have been working hard to recruit new Trustees onto the board of the charity. Sorry to report that Mike Falconer has had to take a step back and is no longer a Trustee of the charity.

Happy to report that on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we appointed two new community trustees, Sonya Buczyn and James Pirie. Both Sonya and James have volunteered for our Festive provision over the last couple of years and we are delighted to welcome them onto our board. This means we have 4 community trustees guiding the charity: Margaret Tait, Mags Foster and Sonya and James.

We will be hosting an Annual General Meeting for FCK in the coming months and will update our AP members about the details.

Due to capacity based issues we held back from advertising the Community Development Workers posts for FCK. Delighted to announce that we secured additional funding from the Community Mental Health and Well-being fund. This will allow us to extend the hours of operation for the post. We will be advertising the Community Development worker for FCK in the coming weeks.

Still providing lunches at ELCO on a Tuesday and Thursdays, alongside meal deliveries with our partners from ELCAP to around 20 residents in our area who are either elderly or vulnerable. Macmerry Mensshed members are still with us and have moved to attending on a Thursday. Finally FCK supporting a range of local events to raise funds for the charity. *Matter ongoing.*

4. Get into Summer activities has been completed. We have received confirmation that the scheme will run this year and indeed there may be funding to run it in Easter. Still waiting on more details and will share this with members as soon as we get the details. *Matter ongoing.*
5. Tranent Traders Association. This work had been paused mainly 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. Have some content created and work in progress. *Matter ongoing.*
7. Ongoing engagement with Macmerry Mensshed on use of hall. Delighted to announce that Macmerry Village Hall is set to re-open in the middle of May (still waiting on specific date, as work ongoing relating to the cold water supply – so the date may move, depending on these works). *Matter ongoing.*
8. Working alongside colleagues on Improving the Cancer Journey in East Lothian on behalf of the Connected Communities Team in East Lothian. Not been able to take this matter forward as do not have the capacity. Matter closed.
9. Continuing conversations around Community Facilities across Fa'side. Recent decision to re-open community facilities in Fa'side. Please note the update below for the facilities that our team manages. These matters have and continue to take up a significant amount of time for

As highlighted previously, our Connected Communities team rely upon Facilities Management staff to open, close and clean our facilities. Given the challenge we have around budgets, we are restricted in terms of our provision of activities and the time and spaces we can offer due to the established hours we have for each facility. In addition, and as the situation remains uncertain, we may need to close facilities at short notice should other priority areas require support.

- A. Tranent Town Hall: The Council's Corporate Asset Group (CAG) have agreed to allow the Bronx Boxing Gym temporary access to Tranent Town Hall to operate club activity. This will facilitate the club to support Ross High School, the Sport Development team and young people in the Fa'side area by offering boxing facilities for young people and in particular some diversionary activities for vulnerable children and young people in the area who require a structured outlet for some of their emotional and physical needs. Our Sports Development team (Paul Huish has led the engagement with the club) have been working with the club around their Governance which has improved significantly over the last couple of years and will continue to build their capacity in order that they become a sustainable club. The club have been successfully using the hall over the past few months with positive feedback.

Update: Following a successful application to our Area Partnership, both our local Connected Communities Team in Fa'side and the AP will be working with the club in the coming weeks to develop the Youth work diversionary activity and resource alongside supporting their purchase of equipment to further develop the club and the offer to local residents.

CAG agreed in principle to the short term arrangement allowing access to the Bronx Boxing Gym whilst wider consideration is given to the Town Hall. Further information will be brought through corporate asset management group on future options for the building in due course.

- B. Elphinstone Community Centre: We have continued to support the Primary school by allowing full use of the Main Hall and Meeting room spaces in the centre during the day. We have been using the Main Hall to support some Youth Work activities which Stevie will update on in his report.

- C. Ormiston Community Centre: We are working with community groups to re-instate those groups who had extended bookings in the first instance in the centre. There is a significant amount of additional cleaning required to support the existing groups and we have been approached to support an after school club which will be located in the centre.

Update: Currently we have welcomed back the Toddlers group, a village art club and meeting provisions for the community council, friends of Ormiston park and Ormiston blooms. We are still seeking an update from the After school provision and there is still demand in the village to use the centre, although if we secure the use of the After school club we will have fully met our established facilities management support.

- D. Pencaitland Village Hall:

Update: We have secured a Senior Facilities Management Assistant to support the re-opening of the hall. Currently we have welcomed back the Lunch club and Stevie has been working extensively with them to reduce any funding gaps due to the pandemic. The Community Council have also returned to the hall and we are supporting their local election 'Hustings' in the hall at the end of April.

We have received interest from a local Toddlers group to use the space and are currently engaging with them, in the hope we can support their return in the very near future.

- E. Macmerry Village Hall:

Update: We have secured a Senior Facilities Management Assistant to support the re-opening of this hall. We hope the hall will re-open around the middle of May however, have caveated this; as there is maintenance work outstanding which needs to be completed prior to re-opening. We are currently engaging with existing let holders, giving them first open to return to the centre. These are: Macmerry Menshed, Merry Tots, Strathspey Reel group (highland dancing group) and the Community Council. We also have received interest from other community groups to use the space. We have acknowledged this interest however, will finalise our engagement with existing let holders and present a programme of activity as at the middle of May before engaging with the other let holders.

Macmerry Menshed are currently accessing FCK once per week as a stop gap measure to support their members.

- F. 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 closed

- G. We are working with colleagues in our Elections office, as most of the above facilities are registered polling stations. Local elections are due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May and we are in the process of supporting the team in ensuring stations are fit for purpose.

10. 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>

11. 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.

Update: Tranent & District Community Sports Club have confirmed that the community led pavilion project in Polson Park will not be taken forward by the group. The Council will now scope a project to deliver a new pavilion in Polson Park using the seed funding allocated in the Capital Plan as well as seeking external funding to support the costs. Further information will be shared when available. *Matter ongoing.*

12. 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. *Matter ongoing.*
13. Finalised the Area Partnership applications that were circulated in December 21 for processing and payment. Covered in this agenda by way of update. Some conversations ongoing with applicants about possible funding applications they would like to make to Fa'side AP. Matter closed.
14. Managed to secure temporary funding for the Included and Engaged post. Did not come from AP funding streams. Matter closed.
15. 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. As per 9 A. Facility now being used in short term by The Bronx Boxing Club. Have update prayer group and have asked if they are still interested in Town Hall, depending on outcome of options appraisal for the hall. Matter closed.
16. 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.

Update: MELDAP have confirmed that they are keen to find a venue in Tranent where they can support/host a 'low threshold Recovery Café'. Currently one running in Musselburgh for a number of years, which has been really successful – The Starfish Café. Keen to see if a similar model can work in Tranent. I am meeting with MELDAP reps to discuss and will feedback to Health and Well Being Sub group the outcome of the discussion. Matter closed and passed onto Health and Well Being Sub group.

17. 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.*
18. 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 arranged a meeting with Andrew Hogarth and myself on 11th November 21 to provide an update on their proposals going forward. I agreed to update following this meeting.

- b. Update: Please see the attached report (noted as Item 6 b i on the agenda) for Area Partnership members.

19. Supported Community groups securing access to Social Isolation Fund in East Lothian. Please see Stevie's update report for more information on the outcome. Matter closed.
20. Worked with Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL) and community groups on applying to the new 'Communities Mental Health and Well Being fund'. Decisions have been made and groups updated. Matter closed.
21. Tracey Redpath was confirmed as new co-opted member of the partnership, representing the Third Sector and we will place an agenda item each meeting to cover third sector updates for our members but also for the opportunity for local third sector groups to raise any issues.

Update: Tracey now has a regular update slot on our agenda. Matter closed.

22. Facilitated a community meeting with ELC's consultant for the proposed East Lothian Councils: Visitors Management Plan. The meeting and conversation focused on seeking information and proposed projects from local communities. We await an update from the consultant on the outcome of the meeting. We hope this input will enable us to signpost the plan for future funding bids and if successful could lead to 'pipeline' funding for our local communities. I have asked for an update on the feedback provided. Matter ongoing
23. Attended the Local Housing Partnership meeting. Agreed to support new play provision in Ormiston Park with some additional benches and also to close of the vennel in Lindores Drive, which is the final part of the Foresters Park – parking project.

Update: Foresters Park – parking project. The vennel has now been closed off to pedestrians (which formed part of the planning permission for the project) and has now been completed. Please see the photos of the work which has been completed.

Rear view of fencing from Foresters Park



Front view of new tenants parking



I have contacted Tranent Juniors and asked them if we can co-ordinate a 'ceremonial' opening of the parking and celebration of the supports that the facility has benefitted from over the last few years. Tranent Juniors have agreed to place signage of thanks to Fa'side Area Partnership and other funders, such as the Local Housing Partnership. *Matter ongoing.*

24. Reviewing our budget position and end of year spend for our general budget and seeking updates on our amenity resource allocation.

**Simon Davie**  
**Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 22**

**Item 6 B i (Fa'side AP meeting 5/4/22) – Additional update to be attached to CCM report:**  
**Report to Fa'side Area Partnership – Garden of Reflection**

**Purpose of Report**

To update Fa'side Area Partnership members in relation to the associated works currently underway at Polson Park Tranent.

Since March 2021 Dementia Friendly Tranent (DFT) have had to overcome some substantial challenges as we became aware of contractual and safety issues surrounding the build.

Whilst the Trustees of Dementia Friendly Tranent fully understand and have considered the Stonemason, the ongoing Pandemic, and his work schedule. It was agreed after several on site meetings that work was not progressing at the pace or to the agreed timescales.

As a result, DFT ended our agreement with the contractor and have taken steps to remedy this matter. This is a legal matter and we can say no further.

**Background**

We are advising that work commenced on or around 1 September 2020 and as noted, progress did not meet the conditions of our agreement. As noted we have ended our agreement with the previous Stonemason and sought to engage with our 'critical friends' in this project.

**Remedy**

DFT are fully aware of the obligations and expectations of the community and indeed other funders including Fa'side Area Partnership. In order to satisfy them we have engaged again with Amenities Operational Manager Andrew Hogarth and Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side, Simon Davie to seek support and remedy.

At a meeting held at the site in November 2021 it was agreed that in order to keep the project within our existing budget there would need to be some alterations to the plans. The alterations to the existing project plan is as follows:

- All the existing work would need to be demolished and restarted.
- Groundwork would need to be redone.
- Hedging would replace original stone boundary.
- Planters would still be stone.
- Seating would be dedicated to "The Fallen", Tranent "Miners & Lie Forrit", and Memories.
- Entrance will remain the same as all artwork is complete and ready for installation when the groundwork is ready.

We are keen to see this project finished and open to the public.

Kind regards

Dementia Friendly Tranent committee

March 2022

## **Item 6 c - Communities Development Officers update - Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Covering period February 2022 to April 2022*

**Context** – Since our last meeting we have not been able to recruit a new development officer to the 0.6 FTE post, as such the post is running at 40% capacity.

- Reopening of Community Buildings – Ongoing discussions with community groups / phased reopening of centres on going. Working with ELC corporate bookings team, facilities management and health and safety colleagues to ensure safe re-opening.
- Youth Work Programme in Elphinstone - Youth club continuing as is the arts taster sessions.
- Working closely with Recharge to identify report and evaluation year 1 of our service level agreement.
- Continued support to community groups. Pencaitland Lunch Club funding support for loss of earnings. The Bronx boxing club support for fundraising.
- Working with Spring Oscars to develop an after school provision in Ormiston
- Preparation of an induction and work plans for the new Connected Communities Fa'side Admin and Development officer.
- Head of Establishment duties for our five Fa'side buildings.
- Supporting the Connected Communities Fa'side recruitment campaigns

Stevie McKinlay  
Community Development Officer – Fa'side  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **Item 8 a – Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### Active Travel sub-group report for the Fa'side Area Partnership

1. As noted previously, my health and my capacity have severely impacted upon my ability to take forward Active Travel matters over the last year.
2. Our lack of activity meant that we handed back our allocation of general funding last financial year, much to my frustration.
3. Simon and I met on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss how we could move the group forward, taking on board some feedback that we should organise a meeting and start to make progress from there.
4. **The next meeting of Fa'side Active Travel will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 3-5pm on Zoom.**
  - a. I propose to alternate our meetings from day time to evening meetings, in order to try and maximise opportunities for community representatives to participate.
  - b. Simon has agreed to use the AP Zoom licence to support this activity and when we meet on 26<sup>th</sup> April we can discuss what members think of the frequency, alternating the meetings and whether these remain face to face or online.
5. I would like to propose we change the name of the Sub group to 'Fa'side Active and Sustainable Travel' to include the climate change agenda and also biodiversity initiatives and priority being given by our local communities. This will be considered at our meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April. This could have financial implications for the group such as our pop up banners and other promotional material etc.
6. I will raise the matter of my willingness to stand down and or work with a prospective Community chair candidate for the sub group.
7. We have bike racks to install across our communities and Simon has plans and photos of the areas we would like to consider in different communities. This will be circulated for consideration to sub group members.
8. We will have updates from Alan Bell on: the proposed sub group website and drone licence and possible prioritisation of filming some core path or green infrastructure paths, which we could then promote to local residents and visitors.
9. We have mapped more than 60 finger-post signs, where we feel the destinations/distance information on many is inadequate. How much relevant direction to put on any one sign has been a subject of long discussion but one which I feel provides an opportunity alongside using drone footage, to promote our excellent core path network.
10. Last year saw the possibility of adding to our Sub group budget, as 'The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' funding stream was re-introduced for our use. This totalled £3,000 last year and requires our Area Partnership to make the same commitment in order to access the funding stream. We will invite Chris Milne from ELC to our next meeting so clarify if this fund is available again this coming financial year.
11. I will contact Ralph Averbuch to obtain an update on Pencaitland Community Council's excellent plan to install E-bikes into their community and clarify if this is a project we could consider going forward.

12. I want to explore the idea of hiring an admin to support the work of the group, as note taking and corresponding on behalf of the group takes up a considerable amount of my time. We will discuss this at our next meeting to see how to take this forward. If any community groups have any information or suggestions on how we could support this activity please contact me for an initial discussion which we can take the group at our meeting on 26<sup>TH</sup> April.
13. There are still opportunities for community groups to get involved in the Queens Platinum Jubilee and or consider community led tree planting, through the Area Partnership or other funding routes.

Ian Pryde

**Fa'side Active (and Sustainable) Travel Sub group**  
**March 2022**



## **Item 8 b – Health & Wellbeing Sub Group (5/4/22)**

### Summary

The sub group has not met since the last Area Partnership meeting.

After help from Sam Renton at Recharge a Funding Form has been drafted. This has been sent to everyone in the Fa'side Health & Wellbeing Sub-group for discussion and hopefully agreement and sign off at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Rosanne Woods  
Health and Well Being Sub group Chair  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **Item 8c Faside Young defenders (Youth Forum) - April 2022**

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www.recharge-tranent.org.uk Tranent Youth & Community Facility | Company No. SC287166 | Charity  
No. SC036626

### Fa'side Area Partnership April 2022 Youth Forums Update

The Group have continued to meet weekly and the lead youth workers for the group are Charley Clelland and Alan Bell. The main focus for the group has been looking at the key priorities for them but whilst this is ongoing, they have highlighted children and young people living in poverty and how they can be better supported and also how to remove barriers that young people are faced with. We are also introducing new members to the group over the next month to help increase representation from groups who are currently underrepresented at the moment. The forum has been designing a Easter and summer activities programme for young people in the Fa'side area which will be free to attend. Whilst exploring other trip options during current school holidays. They are also linking into local consultations the most recent one being the Your Police Consultation.

### Some of the Key achievements for the group so far is as follows:

- Bringing back free hot food at all Recharge sessions after consultation with other young people
- Redesigning how sanitary products are more easily accessible to young people • Creating additional supports for young people in poverty
- Identifying a demand from young people who want to access Recharge services but can't access transport due to living in rural villages (successful funding applications made)

### Future Plans

- Continue to develop priorities
- Young people to decide a name for the group
- Look to integrating the YouthBank as part of the Group
- Development of a poverty related fund for young people
- Explore a possible residential for the group

## **Item 8d Support from the Start, update notes for Fa'side Area Partnership 05/04/22**

### **Budget:**

- All funds have been allocated from this financial year.
- Bursary amount has been decided/locked in Carefree Kidz
- £1303.40 bursary
- £1000 breakfast clubs

This can be discussed and distributed where needed going forward.

Awaiting to hear with regards to next year's funding.

Ali Cameron and Ruth from Pennypit meeting and discussing a focus for Primary/Nursery breakfast provision needed for breakfast clubs within schools. Looking at supporting funding due to concerns and general cost increases, impacting on vulnerable families, working poverty.

We have continued **Foodshare at Windygoul School/Nursery** everyday now with the introduction of 1140 hours and recently added a uniform bank where families can take what they need and recycle old uniform. This has proved successful – going to look at funding for to continue with this for “new” uniform items to be included.

Period products are also now available. On researching sourcing sanitary products in the Fa'side Area none were showing up on the “Pick Up My Period” App. Windygoul School has now signed up to be part of this.

Due to changes coming within COVID restrictions within our Schools and Nurseries we are looking at our **Father Friendly Schools** approach but due to COVID impact we are looking at a more Family Friendly approach to send a message out inviting all family but still engaging with agencies such as “Dad's Work” to support returning to full capacity.

### **Lisa Kerr –**

We are seeing more face to face groups with monthly weaning classes at ELCO

Cooking Clubs at Fraser Centre – we are looking at the barriers to families as this club does not have a crèche.

Lunch Club is running over Easter School holidays at Sanderson's Wynd and referrals can be submitted for this.

### **Nicole Osborne-**

Home Start been running “Good Start” programme focussing on Early Intervention, weaning, sleep, massage and weaning.

Looking for to recruit volunteers to enable more sessions to be held/carried out.

“Enjoy Your Baby” is starting in Ormiston library late April.

### **Sfs next meeting-**

Looking to discuss Toddler Groups in the area focussing on individual children/families who need support/funding to access toddler groups across the Fa'side Area – as groups are beginning to reform and develop after COVID restrictions

### **Kathryn-Jane James**

Support from the Start – Fa'side rep

**Item 8 e – Meeting paper for 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

	<b>Pencaitland Community Council</b>	<b>The Bronx Boxing Club</b>	<b>Centre Stage</b>
	<b>Digital Inclusion project (all CC areas) *</b>	<b>Boxing Equipment for new Gym *</b>	<b>Lighting and Audio System *</b>
	<b>£5,500</b>	<b>£2,768</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
Yes	14	16	16
No	0	0	0
DofI	0	0	0
Abstain	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Need a quorate vote from members/substitutes of Fa'side AP**

Total number of members = 27

Quorum is 40% + 1 = 11+1 = 12

***\* Decision was reached to approve all 3 applications that were sent to members for an email vote.***

**The Digital inclusion project** is being supported by the additional Scottish Government funding we obtained.

**Simon Davie**  
**Connected Communities Manager - Fa'side**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Item 10 A - Meeting 5/4/22**

<b>Fa'side</b>								
Budget Allocation 2021/22								
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>External funding</b>	
			<b>Amenity Services *1</b>	<b>Roads *2</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>SG funding</b>		
<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>			<b>Paid</b>
01/04/21	ELC - Roads	Admin fee		2,500.00				y
01/04/21	ELC - Roads	Speed Table - Caponhall Road/Elphinstone Road, Tranent		20,000.00				y
01/04/21	ELC - Roads	Contribution to footway - Pearlstance, Elphinstone		27,500.00				y
19/04/2021	Recharge	Fa'side Young Defenders - devolved sub group sum			1,000.00			y
19/04/21	Connected Communities - Fa'side	Fa'side Active Travel - devolved sub group sum			5,000.00			n
17/06/21	PCDT	Fa'side Summer Lunch Club				15,690.00	4,000.00	y
25/11/21	Friends of Ormiston Park	Car parking			10,911.11			y
25/11/21	Pencaitland CC	De fibrillators			2,185.26			y
25/11/21	PCDT	FCK & Fa'side Food Provision				10,710.00		y
25/11/21	Macmerry and Gladsmuir CC	De fibrillators			1,674.20			y
25/11/21	PCDT	Oct lunch club			2,267.50			y
12/01/22	VCEL	Upgrade community pantry			4,900.00			y
12/01/22	PCDT	February Lunch Club			1,987.50		2,600.00	y
12/01/22	PCDT	Fa'side Festive Provision			2,000.00			y
12/01/22	ELPA	Play park sparks - creative play events in Tranent			3,950.00			y
12/01/22	Macmerry Mens shed	Additional support from FCK			1,360.00			y

22/03/22	Pencaitland CC	SG - Digital inclusion project				5,500.00		y
22/03/22	The Bronx Boxing Club	Boxing equipment			2,768.00			
22/03/22	Centre Stage	Lighting and audio equipment			15,000.00			y
22/03/22	FAP	Return of FAT award			-5,000.00			y
		<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,003.57</b>	<b>£31,900.00</b>	<b>£6,600</b>	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-£3.57</b>		<b>£ (6,600)</b>	
			<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>			
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>			

## Fa'side Area Partnership

### Item 10 A I - for 5th April 2022

Area	Works	Resources	Labour	Materials
Macmerry Village Hall	Clear up car park area	Street Sweeping skip	£ 2,150.00	£ 267.00
Heugh Community Garden	Lay grass create	Grass create	£ 4,000.00	
Hedges Community Garden				
Glasmuir	Install no notice boards	Cement	£ 450.00	£ 12.00
Macmerry	Install no notice boards	Cement	£ 450.00	£ 12.00
Ormiston Park football Area Parking	Install Birds Mouth fence	Fence rails, plates and concrete	£ 3,500.00	£ 2,700.00
Ormiston Park football Area Parking	Install grass matting	Grass road matting and metal pins	£ 3,500.00	£ 7,296.75
Ormiston Park	Assist with Bulb Planting		£ 350.00	
Ormiston park	New bases for recycled park Benches	Concrete	£ 1,750.00	£ 800.00
Church street tranent	Move Stone carvings			
Tranent Town Hall	Clear weeds and remove rubbish		£ 500.00	
Polson Garden of reflection	Remove walling		£ 1,200.00	
Polson Garden of reflection	Fill in holes with soil		£ 400.00	
Total resource allocation for Fa'side AP projects			<b>£ 18,250.00</b>	

Delivery of Amenity services open space programme in Fa'side

£100,000

Overall Amenity support to Fa'side area from Amenity Services

**£ 118,250.00**

**Item 10 a ii (Meeting paper 5/4/22) – Connected Communities Fa’side – Youth work spend: Financial year 2021 -2022**

**Traditional Youth Work Budget**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
<b>No Oncosts</b>	£12,000.00	Outreach	3176.28	April - August	Sessional
		Bike ability Windy	949.77	April - June	Sessional
		Bike ability Elphy	404.82	April - June	Sessional
		Bike ability Pencaitland	108.99	June	Sessional
		Bike ability Ormiston	295.83	June	Sessional
		Bike ability Sanderson's Wynd	809.64	March	Sessional
		Cycle Leader Training	412.605	April - March	Sessional
		Bike ability St Martins	439.8525	April - March	Sessional
		Fun Fridays Youth Club	373.68	August - December	Sessional
		Elphinstone Youth Club	3051.72	September - March	Sessional
		Cool Calm Connected	256.905	October to March	Sessional
		Drama Youth Worker	249.12	August	Sessional
		Youth Worker Training & S&S	661.725	April - March	Sessional
		Elphy Summer YW Project	646.155	April - March	Sessional
<b>Budget</b>	<b>£12,000.00</b>	<b>TYD Spend</b>	<b>£11,837.09</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£162.91</b>				



<b>Additional SG Funding On Costs</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
	£16,500.00	Outreach (August - March)	-5211.36	August to March	Recharge
		Pencaitland Young People Survey	-1200	April - March	Recharge
		Drama, Dance Musical Theatre (24 Sessions)	-2456	September to March	Arts
		Recharge Outreach 22/23	-5200	April - March	Recharge
		Bronx Youth Work 22/23	-2432.64	April - March	Recharge
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,500.00</b>		<b>-£16,500.00</b>		
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£0.00</b>				

**Stevie McKinlay**  
**Community Development Officer – Fa’side**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

<b>Fa'side</b>	<b>Item 10 B - Meeting 5/4/22</b>							
Budget Allocation	2021/22							
	<b>FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY</b>							
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>		<b>ExF</b>	
			<b>Amenity Services *1</b>	<b>Roads *2</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>SG funding</b>	<b>External funding</b>	
<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>			<b>Paid</b>
01/04/21	ELC - Roads	Admin fee		2,500.00				y
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Recharge</b>	<b>Fa'side Young Defenders (Youth sub group)</b>			<b>1,000.00</b>			
<b>TBC</b>	<b>ELC - Connected Communities Fa'side</b>	<b>Fa'side Active Travel Sub group</b>			<b>5,000.00</b>			
<b>TBC</b>	<b>ELC - Connected Communities Fa'side</b>	<b>Fa'side Health and Well being Sub group</b>			<b>10,000.00</b>			
		<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£16,000.00</b>	<b>£-</b>	<b>£-</b>	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£47,500</b>	<b>£34,000.00</b>		<b>£ -</b>	
			<b>Amenity Services</b>	<b>Roads</b>	<b>General</b>			
			<b>A</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>G</b>			