

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 22nd August 2022, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Pre meeting before moving into main hall for AGM presentation
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Iain Clark, Chair (IC)
 Cllr. Cher Cassini, Elected Member (CC)
 Cllr. Ruairh Bennett, Elected Member (RB)
 Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
 Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
 Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
 Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT)
 Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
 Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
 Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches Together (ES)
 Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
 Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
 Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)
 Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
 Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
 Shona Blakeley, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council(SKB)
 Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
 Fiona O'Donnell, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (FO)
 Gaynor Allen, Chair Sustainability sub group (GA)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Connected Communities Manager (SB)
 Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
 Jade Hall, Active School coordinator (JH)
 Anna Potter, Active School coordinator (AP)
 Pamela Martin, ELC (PM)

Apologies:

Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
 Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SB)
 Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (FD)
 Lesley Milton, Musselburgh Churches Together

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone to our first face to face Annual General meeting in 3 years and thanked everyone for attending at the earlier time of 6.30pm. He reminded members that following this short meeting there would be an AGM presentation in the main hall. Apologies were noted.	
2. Conflict of Interest		

	This is a standing item on the agenda. IC asked members to declare any conflict of interest when projects are being discussed or when voting on funding applications.	
3. Approval of Minutes		
	Minutes from meeting 13.6.22 were approved by MS and seconded by IT.	
4. Confirm Membership Organisations for the Coming Year		
	IC/SG asked members to confirm who would represent their organisations for the coming year and checked that the information held was accurate. SG will email all members who were unable to attend this APM.	SG
5. Election of Chairperson/Vice Chair Person		
	<p>IC informed members that one nomination for Chair had been received, from Gaynor Allen. IC invited GA to speak to members and invited members to ask any questions of GA they thought was appropriate. GA outlined to members why she wanted to be considered for Chair, her experience that she could bring to the role and what she considered to be the main challenges for the coming year including the need to address poverty and the financial crisis. Members asked a number of questions from GA including the need to address poverty, address financial issues and climate change. Following this GA application for the role of Chair person was considered by members and a secret ballot was undertaken. The results were 16 YES - 0 NO - and 1 Abstention. GA was duly elected Chair of the Musselburgh Area Partnership for the following two years. IC congratulated GA and wished her every success in her new role. GA thanked IC for his kind words and added that he was a hard act to follow.</p> <p>IC confirmed that no nominations had been received for the role of Vice Chair. He added that this role was not onerous and encouraged anyone interested to get in touch.</p>	
6. Approval of Projects		
	IC advised that members had considered the Musselburgh Grammar Parent Council Application, however the result was inconclusive with an equal number both for and against. He also added that various comments and suggestions had been made in reference to the application. IC suggested this application should now go to the Health & Wellbeing sub group for consideration. The sub group could then contact the applicant to raise any concerns and consider the feedback received on their application. CS suggested that the Budget & Scrutiny group may be better suited to look at this. A discussion then followed and members agreed that the application should be considered by the H&W sub group and that members examine the possibility of introducing a scoring matrix to assess applications. SKB stated that she was happy to attend the sub group meeting regarding the application. It was also discussed that the membership should consider and agree the process in the future for consideration of applications by sub groups. IC/SB/SG to pass the application to H&W sub group.	
7. Chairs Report		
	IC made members aware that along with SB they had visited the new Educational suite, Get Connected at the Bridge's Project in Musselburgh. He added that it had been great to see the new facility,	

	<p>to meet the staff and to learn of the difference they were making to the lives of young people.</p> <p>IC updated members on the Musselburgh Communities Day on Saturday 10th September 2022. He added that a lot had been undertaken by the sub group and both SB/SG. Around 50 organisations were expected to attend and entertainment had been arranged also posters/leaflets/banners were all complete. IC agreed to send members an electronic copy of the poster and requested that members share this as widely as possible both within their organisations and externally through social media. IC added that work was still ongoing regarding food and refreshments and that East Coast FM had agreed to carry out live interviews throughout the day to help raise awareness of the organisations in attendance and of the great work these organisations were carrying out in the community. IC thanked SB/SG for the huge amount of extra work carried out on behalf of this event and added that it had been a pleasure for him to work with such a dedicated and committed team.</p>	
8. A.O.C.B		
	<p>ES made members aware that the Cook Club is up and running at St Peters Church, High St, Musselburgh on Wednesdays between 4:00 and 5:30pm and encouraged members to attend. She added that work was still ongoing to encourage greater numbers to attend and leaflets had been distributed through foodbanks and other organisations.</p> <p>SB suggested making housing, CAB, VCEL and Brunton Hall customer services aware so they can promote the cook club.</p> <p>AH wanted to express his thanks to IC for all his hard work and commitment during the 8 years in the MAP and 6 years as Chair of the partnership. He added it had been a great achievement.</p> <p>SB made members aware that current and proposed Area Partnership priorities were being displayed as part of the presentation in the big hall. Both members and non-members would be given the opportunity to vote and comment on the priorities and to suggest any other priorities the Area Partnership should consider.</p> <p>IC wanted to thank everyone for their help and contribution in the 8 years he has been with the MAP. IC added that he had gained lots of experience and the partnership had achieved so much for the Musselburgh and surrounding areas. He added that the partnership will continue to evolve with the new chair and wanted to take the opportunity to wish GA success in her new role and to express his gratitude to all members and sub group members for the huge amount of support they had given him during his tenure.</p> <p>IC mentioned SB would be moving to work in the Haddington area from November. SB explained to members that this was part of a staged retirement and although he was not sure of the exact date he would move he agreed to keep members informed.</p>	
2022 Meeting Dates		
	<p>Area Partnership meetings for 2022 are as follows:</p> <p>03-Oct 2022 Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre 7pm till 9pm</p> <p>28-Nov 2022 Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre 7pm till 9pm</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>

