

**Minutes of the meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership
31 May 2022 7.00-9.00pm, a ZOOM Meeting.**

Chair

Chair Bill Axon (BA)

Quorum

12

Members and substitute members present:

Ian Pryde, Macmerry & Gladsmuir Action Group/ Chair of FAT (IP)
Isobel Berry, Elphinstone Community Association, Fa'side TRA (IB)
Alan Lauder, Macmerry and Gladsmuir Community Council (AL)
Tracey Redpath, VCEL (TR)
Alan Bell, Recharge/Poverty Champion (AB)
Rosanne Woods, Chair of the (RW)
Cllr Kenny McLeod, Elected Member, ELC (KM)
Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member, ELC (FD)
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)
Margo McDonald, Elphinstone Community Association (MM)

Others in attendance

Simon Davie, Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side, ELC (SD)
Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)
Marilyn McNeill, IJB
Kirsty McIntosh (Scottish Tech Army)
Emma Luna Borrás, Community Engagement Specialist for Fa'side
Michael Campbell, Active Schools (MC)

Apologies

Cllr John McMillan, Provost, ELC (JM)
Cllr Colin McGinn, Elected Member, ELC (CM)
Debbie Middlemass, Vice Chair (DM)
Donald Grant (DG), Co-opted member (DG)
Neil Ellis, Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council (NE)
Katheryn Jane James, Support from the Start (KJJ)
Stevie McKinlay, Connected Communities team – Fa'side (SM)
Donna Montgomery, Community Warden
Cllr Leann Menzie, Elected Member, ELC (LMe)

Voting members in attendance – 11 present

		Key discussion points	
1.	Welcome	<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
	Apologies	Apologies are noted above.	
2.		<p>BA welcomed Kirsty and Emma from the Scottish Tech Army. BA referred to the previously circulated papers on this item (noted below). BA invited Kirsty and Emma to provide members with an update on the SOLE Tranent project. Kirsty and Emma provided an update on the project and a discussion around the matter.</p> <p>A. Summary of pilot in Dunbar, lessons learned and up to date position</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SOLE Prospectus – please read in advance of the meeting b. SOLE e-booklet - please read in advance of the meeting c. SOLE Tranent site – please visit the attached link in advance of the meeting <p>B. TR thanked Kirsty and Emma for their interesting presentation. She asked how they would engage with the 3rd Sector. Kirsty advised that they would be interested in speaking to TR. Contact details were shared and Emma will contact TR.</p> <p>FD thanked Emma and Kirsty for their presentation and asked how she could contact Emma – Emma@sole.scot – Emma provided this email address for any members to contact.</p> <p>SD thanked Kirsty and Emma for their presentation. He advised Kirsty that he would provide contact details for the local community policing team.</p> <p>Post Minute Note: - SD emailed Stg Dougie Wardell and introduced Kirsty as per her request.</p> <p>SD advised Emma that he would email his local business contacts and introduced Emma and make businesses aware that she will be carrying a drop in next week.</p> <p>Post Minutes Note: - SD has emailed a large number of local businesses about the SOLE project and Emma's role. He has copied Emma into the email and encouraged businesses to get in contact with her.</p> <p>BA thanked Kirsty and Emma for their informative presentation. With his work hat on, he will get a member of his team to contact Kirsty to discuss how enjoyleisure can be part of this project.</p>	FD
3.	Declarations of interest for agenda items	BA asked members to declare any interests for items on the agenda or as we progress through the Agenda.	ALL

4.	Approval of Minutes	Minutes were checked and agreed as an accurate record. Approved by RW and Seconded by TR.	ALL
5.	Matters Arising	<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. SD/LM have made contact with Stuart Wood and AB. Awaiting a response. <u>Matter ongoing</u></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. <u>Matter ongoing.</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. <u>Matter ongoing.</u></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. Ruth Davie will attend our next meeting in September to present her report to members. Various issues within the report are still current today. <u>Matter ongoing.</u></p> <p>Page 9, Item 7a – SD to meet with MA and discuss evaluation of the Lighthouse project. <u>Matter outstanding</u></p> <p>Page 6 item 9a – Area Plan – SD to complete the amendments agreed at previous meeting. <u>Matter outstanding.</u></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. <u>Matter outstanding.</u></p> <p>Page 5 Item 7c – 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. <u>Matter Outstanding.</u></p> <p>Page 5 Item 8a ii – 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. SD met with Andrew Hogarth and work to move the Cairns will take place this winter. SD will engage with community groups on the creation of interpretation boards. <u>Matter ongoing.</u></p> <p>Page 7 Item 9b – Lunch Club Funding - 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. <u>Matter outstanding.</u></p> <p>Page 7 item 9b - MA raised a concern around the procurement process with regards this negative impact on locally based third</p>	<p>SD/LM/ AB</p> <p>SD/MF</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD/MA</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD/SM/ LM</p> <p>SD/LM</p> <p>SD</p> <p>SD</p> <p>MA/SD</p>

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. **Matter outstanding.**

Page 7 Item 10c – Young Defender – SD will check with SA and AB that they have had their conversation about youth related matters in Pencaitland. AB and SA confirmed matter has been discussed. **Matter Closed.**

SD

Page 6 item 5,b,f, - NE asked if we could purchase additional bins for Polston Park as there was only one bin. SD to contact Andrew Hogarth. SD confirmed with NE that there is more than one bin in the park. SD has put NE and Andrew Hogarth in contact with each other. **Matter Closed.**

Page 6 Item 5,c,a_– SM and AB are working on a draft report following the outreach pilot. AB confirmed that draft report has been completed. Awaiting addition information from SM. **Matter ongoing.**

Page 7 Item 5cc – SM and AB are working on an evaluation of the 'Get into summer'. LM will contact SM for the final report. **Matter ongoing**

SM/AB

Page 9 Item 7e – SD still has to circulate the photos of the community pantry following the AP's award of funding and the completion of the project. **Matter ongoing**

LM

Page 6i Item 6b - BA asked SD why there has been a delay in recruiting to the CDO post and hoped that it was not linked to the service review? SD stated that he would take this to his 1 to 1 meeting on Thursday with his Manager, seek clarity and revert back to BA. SD will update under SM report. **Matter Closed**

SD/LM

Page 6i Item 6b - Polson Park, Tranent

Noting that the Sports Hub are not taking forward the project. They are passing the matter onto ELC. DM enquired what had happened to the funding that the Sports Hub had received. SD advised that the Sports Scotland funding had been returned, our funding had been used to demolish the old Pavilion. DM asked what had happened to the other funding such a 'Buy a Brick etc.' SD will check and get back to all members. SD will update under his report. **Matter Closed.**

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Page 6i Item 6b - Low Threshold Recovery Café.

Been approached by MELDAP to try and secure a location to run a café in Tranent. We have a priority in our Area Plan linked to this matter and it's also been raised by our Health and Wellbeing sub group. Currently investigating local venues and will update members. DM noted that the Tranent Parish Church might be able to offer their hall as a venue. SD will bear this in mind if we are unable to secure the other venues for café use. SD will update on his report.

Matters Closed.

Page 6i Item 6b - Foresters Park, Tranent.

Noted that the vennel has now been closed off. This was the last element of the parking project at Foresters. As the work has been

completed SD has contacted Tranent Juniors to discuss a 'ceremonial' opening of the parking and recognition of the input from various funders (including the AP and Local Housing Partnership etc.). SD will update all members following a response from Tranent Juniors. SD will cover an update under his report. **Matter Closed.**

Page 7 Item 6b - 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. SD will cover under his report. **Matter Closed.**

Page 7 Item 8a - *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.* **Matter Closed.**

Page 8 ITEM 8a - 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. SA confirmed project completed. **Matter Closed**

Page 8 ITEM 8a - 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. This will be picked up by the Active Travel Subgroup at their next meeting. **Matter Closed.**

Page 8 Item8b - BA invited RW to talk to this matter. The paper is attached to the minutes. No questions we 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. **Matter outstanding.**

		<p>Page 11 Item 11biia - Fa'side Young Defenders – 14 members agreed to support £1,000 being provided to Recharge. <u>Matter Closed</u></p> <p>Page 11 Item 11biid - Application for Easter Lunch Club – PCDT ¹. 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. <u>Matter Closed.</u></p> <p>Page 11 Item 11i - AB noted that he has received a questionnaire on ELC's 'Youth Vision' and will circulate it to all members. <u>Matter Outstanding.</u></p>	
6.	Connected Communities Team Update	<p>a) COVID update – this report is attached. SD hoped this would be the last update on COVID to the partnership. SA asked members to share and/or advertise any local vacancies for ELC staff based in local facilities such as schools, libraries, and/or community centres/village halls as there is a difficulty in recruiting. BA agreed with this point noting that enjoyleisure have the same challenge. SA noted that in some instances local community groups have used their social media platforms to raise awareness of vacancies and any support would be gratefully appreciated.</p> <p>b) Manager Report – SD referred to his previously circulated report and asked if there were any questions. None were tabled. SD highlighted the following 4 matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Polson Pavilion – PM confirmed they have £12K in their account. £5k is ring fenced for another project, leaving around £7k to be transferred to the new project which includes support from the community relating to 'buy a brick' initiative. b. Garden of Reflection – the hedging is now installed and work has commenced on the foundations. Project is progressing. c. Foresters Park – PM will arrange an invite to our partnership and others involved in the project this will take place next season. d. Low Threshold Recovery Café – SD in discussion around securing a venue. Fa'side H & w sub group will discuss the matter once we have a venue. <p>Tranent Juniors – SD asked BA and members if we should write to Tranent Juniors to congratulate them on their promotion to the lowland league. All members agreed.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Note:- SD emailed PM on behalf of Fa'side AP. His email and response is attached as Appendix 6 b – Correspondence with TJ</i></p> <p>c) Community Development Officer update – attached. SD referred to SM previously circulated report and asked for any questions. None were tabled. SD confirmed that we are interviewing for a full time replacement for SM's vacant post. SD will update members once we are in a position to do so. BA thanked SD for the update and was pleased to see that this matter will get resolved shortly. SD advised members that SM has emailed a note of thanks to partnership members for all their</p>	ALL

		support over the last 2 years. SM particularly wanted to thank AB and all the team at Recharge for the positive way of which they have engaged over the last 2 years, leading to the creation of the service level agreement. BA thanks SM for his hard work and endeavours.	
7.	Consultation hub	<p>Link to live consultations: https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/</p> <p>SD referred to the previously circulated consultations hub links. He flagged the consultations which are still live and suggested if groups were interested in these, to provide direct feedback using the link.</p> <p>TR raised a general concern about the volume of consultation ongoing presently. There was general agreement from members about the short timescales involved in some of the consultations. SA encouraged TR and others to feed this back to ELC as we needed to listen to our local residents/groups/orgnaisaiton. TR also commented that VCEL are being invited to some of these consultations however feels that community groups should also be invited. BA asked SD to feed this concern back to ELC.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SD</p>
8.	Sub Group updates and Community Groups	<p>A. Fa'side Active Travel – attached. IP referred to his previously circulated report. He asked if there were any questions. None were tabled. IP noted that Chris Milne and RA were working on new route map boards for the local area and he would like to be involved in this project. IP reiterated that he is resigning as Chair of the Fa'side Active Travel group following this meeting. He confirmed that he intends to still be a member of the sub group but not as chair. FD gave him a huge thanks. SA commented that IP had given his heart and soul to the sub group and he will be greatly missed as chair. BA echoed these sentiments and thanked IP for his commitment to our subgroup and the excellent work he undertook on our behalf.</p> <p>B. Fa'side Health and Well Being – attached. BA asked RW to provide an update on the previous circulated update paper. RW confirmed that they met on 20th May and although 4 people turned up they had a really good meeting. They are attending the Ageing Well event at Fraser Centre on the 9th June 2022 from 1-3pm. RW said if anyone was interested in attending should send on the flyer. Ab has asked to host a small meeting on the impacts of poverty in Fa'side. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th June 2022. RW advised they are waiting to hear from SD on the proposals for their application process. RW has confirmed that they have received their first funding application request from Recharge.</p> <p>C. Fa'side Young Defenders – Recharge – attached. AB referred to his previously circulated report and asked if anyone had any questions. There was none tabled. AB confirmed that they had taken the young people away on a residential to review the groups progress. The young people have decided to change their sub group name to Fa'side Young Former. The young people will be present at the Gala Parade on Saturday night and will have a stall at the Gala on Sunday. All are welcome to come along and say hello to the Young Fa'side Young Former.</p>	<p>SD</p>

		<p>D. Support from the Start -<i>update</i> – SD advised members that he had verbal report which is now attached to the minutes. SD highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SfS are unsure of their budget for this financial year. • TR had advised them off a fund to support fuel top-ups. • Update from Homestart • SfS network are in conversation to see how they can work better with Area Partnership. <p>E. Scrutiny and monitoring group – <i>attached</i>. SD referred to previously circulated report, no questions were tabled. He confirmed update spend. LM has drafted some proposed dates and SD will review on his return from leave.</p>	
9.	Third Sector update (VCEL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR referred to the previously circulated bulletin and flyer. She asked if there were any questions. None were tabled. TR confirmed that the mental health first aid course on the 9th June is fully booked. These session are all fully funded and are free to attend. The existing dates are all daytime courses and they hope to secure additional funding to run some evening/night/weekend course later in the year. TR advised that that the fuel top ups previously referred too through the support from the start update are no longer available. Unfortunately this fund is closed. TR advised that she is in discussions with The Fuel Bank Foundation. If successful this will enable residents to obtain a £30 top up in the summer and £49 for the winter months. This will be advertised when everything is confirmed. <p>TR advised that they have seen a significant increase January in the use of the community pantry. TR advised that they are in discussion with the local NHS Unison regarding £200 support that they currently receive. There is a possibility that this funding may come to an end. Which concerns TR. BA asked if there was a real possibility the funding will cease? TR advised that she is unsure, however discussions are ongoing. She will update members at the next meeting. Ba thanked TR for the comprehensive update.</p>	
10	Budget updates	<p>A. Financial year 2022/2023</p> <p>SD confirmed that he had not yet checked all emails due to current capacity issues, so uncertain if there are outstanding application to be considered. SD will review on his return from leave and update members. SD referred to the roads element of the budget. Cllr KM has identified the need for a crossing island outside the main gates at Polston Park, Tranent. This has come to light following requests from local residents. SD advised that the approximate costs for delivering is £7k. KM advised that a request had been made previously however there was a disabled badge holder who lived close by and as a result it was not possible to complete the project. This resident has moved away and the project is now possible. A general discussion was had and as we were quorate a unanimous decision was taken (11 members for the project). A decision was taken to support the project. SD/LM will update roads and seek a proposed start. SD advised that SA had contacted him on behave of Pencaitland community council. They are seeking two speed tables for the village and have discussed this matter with road colleagues. SD advised that depending on the size required the last speed table (Caponhall/Elphistone Road) cost approx. £27k. SA confirmed that speeding has been reported for a number of years in the village and</p>	

		local residents have requested speeding reducing measure are installed. A general discussion took place and a general discussion was had and as we were quorate a unanimous decision was taken (11 members for the project). A decision was taken to support the project. SD advised that there would not be enough budget to deliver 2 speed table and a pedestrian crossing point this financial year. There is an opportunity to commence one speed table towards the end of the financial year and the other at the beginning of next financial year. SD/LM will take this matter forward will road colleagues.	
11.	AOCB	<p>*MUST BE AGREED THROUGH CHAIR PRIOR TO MEETING*</p> <p>SD stated that he had received an email from the local Police about a missing person Danny Brunton, who is extremely vulnerable. It is believed that Danny was seen in the Tranent area. Can you please chare with your networks help us find this young male. The incident number is 0994, if you have any information please contact 101. SD/LM will send out information in the morning. Post minute note – delighted to report that Danny was found safe and well. Thanks to members who circulated the information.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>BA thanked everyone for their attendance and great that we were quorate, especially on a Tranent Junior match night. The next meeting is 6th September so see everyone then. BA told SD to have a good holiday.</p> <p>TR reminded everyone VCEL awards night on Thursday 2nd June in the Fraser Centre.</p> <p>There was a vote of thanks to the Chair.</p>	
12.	Dates of area partnership meeting	<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 6th September 2022 Tuesday 8th November 2022</p>	ALL

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Item 2AI Sole Prospectus (Attached) (PDF)

Item 2AII [SOLE e-booklet](#)

Item 2AIII Sole [Tranent](#) site

Item 6 A - COVID 19 update

While COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, it is clear that the virus has not gone away. That's why people in Scotland are being asked to use 'Covid sense', to help protect themselves and others.

Keeping everyone safe

East Lothian Council's over-riding priority remains the health, wellbeing and safety of its communities.

Heads of Establishment (for ELC buildings) will need to use this to review and communicate key points from the risk assessment for their building.

A number of measures will remain in place to help keep everyone safe:

- **Face coverings** – in line with Scottish Government guidance, it is strongly recommended that face coverings continue to be worn where appropriate. We have asked council employees continue to wear face coverings when moving around buildings or where distance can't be maintained. Members of the public visiting our premises will be encouraged to also wear face coverings. Supplies of face coverings will be available as necessary.
- **Ventilation** – make sure windows are kept open as much as possible whilst retaining a reasonable temperature. In buildings where windows don't open ventilation systems have been adjusted to run at maximum.
- **Avoid crowding** – our staff have been asked to stay at least a minimum of 1m away from others. It also means being mindful of others in shared areas such as kitchens, toilets, corridors, meeting rooms etc. You may need to wait your turn or use an alternative facility. Take a step back when you are with others, for example queueing.
- **Hand hygiene** – in addition to normal handwashing facilities, hand sanitiser will still be available in buildings.
- **Cleaning** – enhanced cleaning by Facilities Management will be maintained.
- **Self-isolating and testing** – the requirements are changing – see the latest info: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): staying at home - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/health/coronavirus/covid-19/staying-at-home)

This is the final update I will provide on COVID 19 related matters, unless members specifically ask for additional information or an update.

Simon Davie
Connected Communities Fa'side – Manager
May 2022

Item 6 B – 31ST May 2022

Connected Communities Managers update as at TBC 2022

Covering period March 2022 to 17th May 2022

1. Our team's position is improving! ☺ :

Lynne Tragis our new Senior Business Support Administrator for the Fa'side Connected Communities Team has been in post for over a month now. Induction is going well and we are working on digitising our buildings documentation.

We are currently advertising for a five day per week Community Development Officer post. At present, we have Stevie providing some temporary cover to enable some tasks to be completed. Please note that this will continue to impact on our delivery until well into the autumn, as long as we are able to secure a new officer in this round of recruitment.

Again, 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.

Given Ian Pryde's update we urgently need to fill the soon to be vacant Community Chair's position 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:

FCK are currently re-advertising a Community Development Workers post for the charity. We are hoping for a good response to the advert, as the post will be pivotal in the charity moving forward.

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. *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. Works are ongoing and almost complete. Have a meeting set with the Sheddars to re-open their group and have been in contact with the other key users. *Matter ongoing.*

8. Community Facilities across 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 me, given the lack of resources we have as a team.***

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:

Update: The Council's Corporate Asset Group (CAG) have agreed to extend the agreement in place with The Bronx for a year. This will allow the group to continue to deliver their ongoing

sessions and commence on the diversionary work which we funded. During this time period CAG will consider the future options for the building.

- 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.

Update: Education have indicated that they no longer require the use of the Community Centre. Further conversations required in order to bottom out this change in position. Will update members once more information is known.

- C. Ormiston Community Centre:

Update: Still trying to rebuild the programme of activities in the Centre. Waiting on information relating to the After School Club which has proven challenging - as it could potentially block other community groups accessing the space. Various colleagues and community partners involved. Will provide an update to members once more information is known.

- D. Pencaitland Village Hall:

Update: Working with the local Toddlers group to support them getting back into the hall and using the space. Community Council and Lunch club have been accessing the hall for some months now, successfully.

- E. Macmerry Village Hall:

Update: We are working with various local users on their return. We hope that the Mensshed will return week commencing 16th May and the Strathspey Reel group sometime in August. We have contacted the local Toddlers group however, our main contact in the group has a range of other priorities at present and cannot engage with us at this time. We have sent out an email and have asked our contact to share this with interested other parents/carers etc. In addition and if required, we have offered to work with the group to secure funding etc.

- F. Elections: Elections took place last week, with a number in our buildings. We are awaiting feedback however, our understanding that those taking place in our buildings went off without any incident/s. We will be seeking a new Polling station to cover the loss of Tranent Town Hall.

9. 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>

10. Pavilion at Polson:

Update: I caught up with Paul McGregor, the Chair of Tranent and District Sports Hub. Paul has confirmed that the group has around £12,000 which they collected during their campaign to demolish and rebuild the pavilion. Part of this sum includes money collected from the community relating to their 'Buy a Brick' initiative. All of these funds will be ring fenced and passed onto ELC once the new iteration of the project comes to fruition. *Matter ongoing.*

11. One Council Partnership Funding (OCPF): Awaiting an update to clarify if there is an additional ask of our team with regards to local groups and their applications. *Matter ongoing.*

12. Festive Provision: Starting to draft proposals and engage with key stakeholders for this year's provision. *Matters ongoing.*

13. 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.

14. 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
15. Local Housing Partnership (LHP): 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: Spoke to Tranent Juniors, there is only one more home game this season and as a result, they will discuss a date for next season when to invite the LHP, FAP members and other ELC colleagues who were involved in the project to say a massive thank you. Once the signage is ready to be drafted, PM will share this with SD to ensure members approve the decision. PM will lead this from Tranent Juniors perspective. *Matter ongoing.*
16. Mid and East Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership (MELDAP):
- Update: I was approached by MELDAP about trying to find a venue for a 'Low threshold Recovery Café' located in Tranent. I have had an initial conversation with one venue however, that was unsuccessful. Now progressing with another venue holder. Once we have secured a venue, I will pass the matter onto the Health and Well Being Sub group to take forward. Matter ongoing.
17. Blindwells – new school discussion: Was invited to a meeting about the new primary school in Blindwells. Had some input the design around community access and ensuring that this was on the 'envelope' or as external as possible to facilitate access for community groups.
18. Supporting Our Local Economy (SOLE): Received contact from Kirsty McIntosh from Scottish Tech Army who is leading on the SOLE project. Kirsty wanted to come along to our AP meeting to provide an update on the project and also see if members can suggest how they secure a Community Engagement Officer for the Tranent area to support their project in our area. Following a discussion Bill and Debbie have asked me to invite Kirsty to our next meeting and she is on the agenda. Matter closed.

Simon Davie
Connected Communities Manager – Fa'side
17th May 22

Appendix – 6 b - Correspondence with Tranent Juniors following Fa'side AP meeting on 31st May

Post meeting: SD email to Tranent Juniors

Hi Paul,

I wonder if you could please share this email with the other committee members of Tranent Juniors?

At Fa'side Area Partnerships meeting tonight, our members asked me on their behalf to write to you. We would like to congratulate, Callum Elliot, your players and all involved at the club on your amazing achievement of securing a place in next season's Lowland League. Your achievement has created a fantastic feel good factor in our community, especially in these challenging times and we wanted to acknowledge your efforts and commitment to our local town of Tranent. We believe your result is excellent for the club, all involved and indeed for our local community in Fa'side but also across East Lothian. We have been delighted to support you previously in regenerating the club and ground and are very proud partners of Tranent Juniors.

You are a credit to our local community and we wish you continued success in the final part of this season and indeed into the next. Lie Forrit.

Kind regards

Simon

PM response:

Simon,

Thank you for your and the Area Partnerships kind words. Everything that Tranent Juniors have achieved has been because of the support we have received from the Area Partnership, East Lothian Council, the local community, and sponsors; and off course our tremendous supporters. As I am sure you will agree the road has not been without its difficulties but last weekend's achievement makes it all worthwhile.

One of our main goals when the current committee got involved was to make the football team part of the community and a team that the community could be proud off. Everyone at Tranent Juniors is humbled by the support and the backing we have had over the last 5 years.

Again please thank your members for their support and good wishes

Can we now dream of Scottish Football League Division Two???

Regards,

Paul Macgregor ICIOB

Tranent Juniors FC

Item 6 C - Community Development Officer update as at May 2022

Covering period April 2022 to May 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. Re-opening of Macmerry Village Hall a significant achievement
- Youth Work Programme in Elphinstone - Youth club restarts after Easter, arts taster sessions completed. Review of youth work services across Fa'side underway, awaiting final budget allocation for 22/23.
- Continued support to community groups in Fa'side. Pencaitland toddlers group looking to re-establish provision at Trevelyan Hall.
- Working with Spring Oscars to develop an after school provision in Ormiston. Waiting update from the Care Commission.
- Induction of the new Connected Communities Fa'side Admin assistant.
- Head of Establishment duties for our five Fa'side buildings. Including supporting election polling stations and hustings events.
- Supporting the Connected Communities Fa'side recruitment campaign (CDO / Specialist Youth Worker).
- Recharge – Continued partnership working with Recharge on their Service Level Agreement; which includes delivering the senior youth work provision for Fa'side. Stevie and Alan have been working on the Year One update report for the evaluation of the Service Level Agreement.

Message from Stevie

Thank you very much for all the help and support the partnership has provided over the last 2 years.

I was made to feel really welcome right from the start, Fa'side is a great place to work, mainly because of the people that live and work here.

I've tried my best to support the community and I feel that despite difficult circumstances the Connected Communities team have made a difference.

Our goals have been achieved in partnership with you all, which makes it all the more valuable.

We have not always been able to deliver what people want or need, however we have done our best to make things happen. We have done this in a fair and transparent manner. That is something I am proud of. Special thank you to Simon, Lorna, Alice and Lynne for all his help and support within our team. To Recharge and Alan Bell for moving on from the old CLD service and making our new approach work for all our young people. Finally, to all the members of the partnership for caring enough to give up your time and energy to make this community work for everyone. I have worked with most of you over the last two years and I will miss being part of this team. Although, I will be helping out over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition. So I may see some of you for a while yet. I know you will make the new community development officer feel as welcome and appreciate, as you made feel.

Thanks you once again, and if you are ever down in Dunbar Area, please give me a shout.

Best Wishes to you all Stevie

Stevie McKinlay
Community Development Officer – Fa'side
2022

16th May

Item 8 A – Fa’side Active Travel

Meeting on 31st May 2022 The Active Travel Group report for the Fa’side Area Partnership meeting on the 31st of May 2022. Our meeting carefully arranged for the 26th of April did not take place as it clashed with the VCEL hustings. We did plan to re-arrangement however, due to other priorities we have been unable to do so. I attended the hustings, with a view to asking the candidates a question around Active Travel. Unfortunately, the hustings overran and I had to leave. Together with some others, the question (below) I submitted was not asked on the day but in a follow-up. ‘A record level of funding is now available for Scotland’s local authorities to spend on walking cycling and wheeling. It is time for councils to step up, be bold, carefully plan and speedily deliver the high-quality safe cycling infrastructure needed to enable everyone to cycle.’ The question was taken from ‘A manifesto for cycling.’ Cycling UK, in Scotland. If elected/re-elected, how will you influence the provision of this manifesto? In the follow-up only the Alba party gave an answer. This disappointed me given the emphasis the Scottish Government has placed on Active Travel with supporting investment to promote sustainable / active travel and the impressive range of benefits they bring. I would have hoped all parties would take an interest in this matter. On 4th May I attended an online meeting initiated by Philippa Barber of PSG to look at how active travel groups could support East Lothian Council in its schemes for active travel, sustainable planet, Covid recovery (Attendees from Fa’side, Musselburgh and PSG). Follow up; arrange discussions with Connected Communities Managers, Council Officers and active travel local representatives. It is over a year since our last active travel group meeting. Pressing family issues make it necessary that I resign from the group at this meeting of the Area Partnership. There are some highlights from our April 2021 meeting. Following a range discussion over a long period of time, the ‘Fa’side Castle’ path (168) which links to Wallyford should be progressing. Previously the path was to be upgraded through the developers however this has now been transferred, (responsibility and funds), to the Countryside Service of ELC. Restoration to a readily accessible way is still a huge job and we will monitor the upgrade. The Fa’side Core paths map is reprinted (8000). Copies are readily accepted by visitors, some visiting from quite a distance, enjoying the rural and quiet countryside on ‘our doorsteps’. This morning a couple in transit from southern England to Carnoustie stopped for lunch and a dog walk at Butterdean. How our reputation has spread! Should our role and remit be reviewed to include a climate change, sustainability component and possibly a new name reflecting the added emphasis? This is a matter for the group to consider. The ‘Walk Back Better Manifesto’ introduced by Living Streets, Paths For All, and The Ramblers is a bit past its sell by date for the 2021 Scottish Election, but the content is not. Prof. Nanette Mutrie a public health expert from Edinburgh University following in Hippocrates ethic says that ‘Walking is the best buy for public health’. The Ramblers have published their recording of the 26th of January 2021, it should be compulsory homework for anyone with serious interest in health, fitness, and mental wellbeing. (Search ‘Walk Back Better’ and go to the Ramblers site to watch the presentation). Ranger Leigh McCrum asked that we revisit the paths audit. After some wide-ranging discussion, we proposed a cut down audit looking at a specific smaller area, to include signage, audit, drone footage, key paths improvement. Focus our budget there and possibly double up from Smarter Choices Smarter Places. I hope that this limited ambition has sufficient resource and can be achieved in 2022/23.

Ian Pryde
15.05.22

Item 9B – Health & Wellbeing Sub Group (Fa’side Area Partnership 31/5/22)

Summary

Meeting arranged for 7th April to discuss primarily the funding form. Only four ‘groups’ attended and not enough to discuss and sign off the form.

Meeting rescheduled to **Friday 20th May.**

Roseanne Woods

Community Chair, Fa’side Health and Well Being Sub group

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Item 8 C - Fa'side Area Partnership May 2022 Young Defenders 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 which so far is tackling poverty and young people's mental health. They have also been doing trips in the Easter to start to look at how the Fa'side could be improved by looking at other areas in East Lothian

Some of the Key achievements since the last meeting are:

- Developing an Easter and summer programme which seen the restart of general trips with recharge (summer programme pending funding being secured)
- working with recharge staff to develop the new Recharge covid 19 policy moving into the new stage of the pandemic
- Visiting a variety of parks in East Lothian to see what would be beneficial to the area
- planning activities for a residential in May (this will be the first time many of the group have left home due to cancellation of school camps etc)

Future Plans

- Continue to develop priorities and summer programme
- 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
- Delivery of residential on last weekend of May

If you have any questions, then feel free to contact Alan Bell on alan@rechargeyouthcentre.org or 07483 453 875

Item 8D - Support from Start Fa'side

Meeting notes from Kathryn Jane James

- Unsure of budget as yet – awaiting more information.
- Support from Start website still to be decided and future development considered. Tracey Redpath looking into linking website with a member of her team see if can help us out.
- On-line until July for meetings, face to face, blended after this to enable everyone to still attend. Looking to invite include other people from the community.
- Scott Rintoul – new coordinator for Support from the Start networks.
- VCL referral - (referring agent) can top up your key/pre-paid meter – within 24hrs. A code can be sent to your phone then can go to Post Office get £49 credit for help with Gas and Electric. Need to provide proof of key fob/pre-paid meter. For more information please contact Tracey Redpath at VCEL. Dianne Mackenzie to put in school newsletter to reach all Windygoul parents.
- Energy address scheme: <https://energyvoucheradvice.scot/>
- If possible disconnection issues raised by families and they have child health conditions/ mental health challenges ensure to add into the referral form.
- Tracey Redpath seeing a 40% increase in families needing food supplies. Food Bank referrals more and more needed each day becoming difficult to sustain to ensure all families are provided for.
- Mental Health & Well-being fund 3 week course (flyer coming out from Debbie) level 5, funding available.
- Evelyn (Homestart East Lothian):
- Matching volunteers to families – more families being referred after pandemic. New volunteers are being trained starting from 10/05/22
- Summer activities over holidays being put in place.
- Early Daze (Later Daze – messy play)
- Baby massage
- Healthy Minds, Happy Babies – closed group support mental health within the group (crèche within this group).
- Dad's not attending – how we to get around this going forward.
- Reminder Active Schools – Michael can refer/funding to support families.
- Library are recruiting for staff at this time. Reading challenge will be on over the summer.
- Free book for every child that completes reading challenge.
- Katy Pollock Home Start – Looking at parent sessions such as Raising Children with Confidence.
- Windygoul (update from KJJ)
- Coop food share still being well used and with Nursery being open nearly all year round lots of families accessing and children for breakfast on-route to school.
- We have recycled uniform outside the nursely to help yourself we have also stated setting up in school playground end of the month to ensure we reach parents not passing Nursely entrance.
- Period products available to help yourself.
- Over the Non Term Time summer break Aaron Waugh Child Healthy Lifestyle Coordinator for East Lothian Council (Start Well) will be coming into Windygoul to provide free sessions for all our Nursery children.
- Alison Cameron would like this contact – email Ali details.
- Windy in talks with Dianne & Ruth to start up Breakfast Club

Area Partnership

What is our vision for Fa'side Support from the Start?

What does the community want from Support from the Start? How do we empower parents to join our group going forward?

Continue to share Support from the Start FB/social media posts at this time.

Next meeting Tuesday 7th June 3:45pm

KJJ

DRAFT

Fa'side			Item 8 E - Meeting 31/5/22			Budget Allocation 2022/23			
FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY									
			A	R	G		ExF		
			Amenity Services *1	Roads *2	General	SG funding	External funding		Notes
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£100,000	£50,000	£50,000			Paid	
01/04/22	ELC - Roads	Admin fee		2,500.00				y	Admin fee for supporting and designing project
05/04/22	Recharge	Fa'side Young Defenders (Youth sub group)			1,000.00			?	Approved by members at AP meeting
05/04/22	ELC - Connected Communities Fa'side	Fa'side Active Travel Sub group			5,000.00			n	Approved by members at AP meeting
05/04/22	ELC - Connected Communities Fa'side	Fa'side Health and Wellbeing Sub group			10,000.00			n	Approved by members at AP meeting
05/04/22	PCDT	Easter Lunch Club					3,916.00	y	Approved by members at AP meeting - from Education fund for holiday hunger
		Total Spend	£ -	£2,500	£16,000.00	£ -	£ 3,916		
		Balance	£100,000	£47,500	£34,000.00		£ (3,916)		
			Amenity Services	Roads	General				
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