

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 30th January 2023, 7pm – 9pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
Cllr. Cher Cassini, Elected Member (CC)
Cllr. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Cllr. Shona McIntosh, Elected Member (SM)
Cllr Leanne Menzies, Elected Member (LM)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
Fiona O'Donnell, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (FO)
Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)
Shona Blakeley, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council(SKB)
Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
Pauline Crerar, Sustainability sub group (PC)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)
Pamela Martin, ELC Community Development Officer (PM)
Ashley Gray, C.A.B.
Emma Scarcliffe, CEO Bridges Project (ES)
Andy Duncan, Fisherrow Trust (AD)
Conor Price, Project Manager, Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme(CP)
Rachael Warrington, Stakeholder Manager - Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme (RW)

Apologies:

Cllr. Ruairh Bennett, Elected Member (RB)
Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (CMc)
Alister Hadden, formerly Wallyford Community Council (AH)
attendance not required.
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches Together (ES)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SBr)
Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	GA welcomed everyone to the meeting including our Guests from Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme and ES from Bridges Project who have all come along tonight. Introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2. Guest Speaker – Conor Price – Musselburgh Flood Protection/Defence Scheme		
	SMK explained and apologised due to a late change of rooms, presentations were not possible. CP gave an update on the current Flood Protection position and planned engagement, and agreed to share the planned presentation with the MAP members. 'June 2023 is when it is planned to share a scheme design and digital 3d model. CP trying to contact the TRA's. LF agreed to check. CP also happy to come back to any meeting to give an update if members wish.	
3. Conflict of Interest		
	This is a standing item on the agenda. GA asked members to declare any conflict of interest when projects are being discussed or when voting on funding applications.	
4. Approval of Minutes		
	Minutes from meeting 28.11.2022 were approved by JM and seconded by IT.	
5. Matters Arising		
	GA advised any matters arising would be covered during the rest of the agenda. GA advised members of the two funding applications that were being considered tonight. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers of East Lothian – Men Who Care - £1,345 A good discussion took place and members voted unanimously to support this application. There were no objections. • Bridges Project – Community Project - £14,500 GA advised members this application was made originally through the Poverty initiative and scored very highly by the assessment group but was ineligible due to falling out with the funding period. MAP members discussed the application, ES not present during this discussion. Members voted unanimously to support this application. There were no objections. MAP members agreed that this application would be part funded this financial year, and the remainder funded 23/24, the only caveat being that the budget for next financial year had not been set at the time of the meeting. 	
6. Sub Group Update		
	Health & Well-being Subgroup (H&W) – JM confirmed the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sub group would like drop 50+ from the name • Focussing on the Dementia Friendly Musselburgh • Looking into the SOLE app • Looking to increase membership 	

Children & Youth Network Subgroup – JM reported that a meeting is scheduled for 1st February 2023 to look at the following:-

- Cost of the school day
- Intergenerational work
- Youth provision in Musselburgh
- Parent Councils involvement
- back confirmed the following:-

Active Travel Subgroup – BT gave the following update:-

The group met on 6th December 2022. It considered a long list of possible actions that would complement and supplement more strategic proposals under consideration. A localised projects lists had been drawn up by council officer Liz Hunter following a brain storming meeting with the group on 21.7.2022. Action on the projects is being pursued by Liz, funding being available primarily from the Scottish Government's Safer Scotland initiative this financial year and next. It was agreed at the meeting that I would circulate to members of the group my paper on how the 20 minute neighbourhood concept might be pursued on Musselburgh. It was also agreed that I should investigate how membership of the group might be expanded. I have already contacted FD about this but I need from MS an email contact for Ann Hoffman at Musselburgh Grammar School.

We identified a couple of volunteers to do survey work related to JM Dementia Friendly Musselburgh initiative.

We received an update from Liz Hunter on the Active Toun proposals and I have asked that regular updates on this major project be given at Area Partnership meetings.

We heard from council officer Chris Milne that the use of cargo bikes in Musselburgh is being investigated for short haul deliveries.

The next meeting will be on March 7th 2023 at 6pm in this building and members of the Area Partnership are invited to attend. The agenda will include how to make Musselburgh more pedestrian friendly and issues at Old Craighall, both items suggested by members at the meeting.

MS agreed to send contact details to BT for Ann Hoffman.

SKB suggested contacting the MGS regarding maybe getting S5/S6 pupils involved through wider access and BT will speak to AH. SM advised Musselburgh will be getting a few electric cargo bikes for people to hire. These will be stored securely.

Communications Subgroup

This subgroup was established to deal with the Communities Day, but GA thinks it should be widened and the AP should do more communicating and look to getting a website and a facebook page.

Sustainability Subgroup – PC gave the following update:-

Esk River Improvements Group – This group is chaired by Colin Beattie. The main discussions are around a site in Woodburn where the Coal Board are about to start work on a filtration system to remove Iron from old mineworks.

SEPA and Scottish Water also attend and update us on any events that have been reported over the period and also progress on the cleaning of the Eastfield Pumping Station. They plan to ensure the pipework

around the wet wells are clean and any issues sorted out before the start of the bathing season. We will be updated on the progress at the next meeting.

Riverfly on the Esk – This is a citizen science project lead by Rebecca Lewis from Buglife, with around 6 Musselburgh volunteers at 2 site in Musselburgh. One under Olive Bank road bridge and the other further up near cowpits. Rebecca overseas 16 sites along the Esk and has 51 volunteers checking the river over the past 3 and half years.

Rebecca is planning more training this year which will mean we can identify the flies at a species level, which will tell us even more about the pressures on the river.

Long term monitoring is important as it allows us to pull apart natural fluctuations from pollution event falls.

We are always looking for new volunteers so if anyone wants to help please get in touch.

The Forth Rivers Trust started a 3 year project last year called Citizen Esk. The have created a steering group to identify what people want from the River.

There has been a series of talks and guided walks and also an outfall safari. The safari was to look for any pipes and other outfalls that could potentially allow pollution into the river. Any outfalls found were recorded on an app, so now the project have a database which will be made public and can be used to identify any future pollution events. I believe the vast majority of the outfalls were not discharging anything when the survey was done, so nothing needed to be passed on to SEPA to look into.

The steering group will now plan events for 2023 which we should hear about soon.

Again if anyone is interested in volunteering or going to any of the events please let me know or look on the website.

GA added the following information:-
 Allotments/Community Garden – Becca Duncan looked at the space and plotted it out. GA advised the ambition would be to create a community space, accessed and supported by various partners. Amenities have cleared the space ready for us to go. £100 agreed for the plots. GA asked members if they would agree to £100 to secure a plot for Musselburgh Area partnership. Members voted unanimously. There were no objections.
 A good discussion and lots of ideas/suggestions raised.
 FD will forward GA contact details for Community Justice Team who may be able to help. JM suggested contacting Elaine Gayle Haddington Community Garden for advice. SG will forward EG contact details to GA. AF suggested contacting Dads Work who may be able to offer help.
 GA advised members that a meeting was taking place to look at a masterplan for the seafront at Fisherrow meeting.

	<p>GA advised members that Sustaining Musselburgh are looking to speak to various groups in the area to map what is happening and share ideas.</p> <p>GA advised members regarding the Community Orchard – they are looking at pear/plum and nut trees through the Queens Green Canopy and GA has been on a pruning course.</p> <p>BT added that the BBC Winter Watch Programme was filmed at the Lagoons and presenters were very enthusiastic about the Lagoons. GA added the Rangers are looking for funding for signage at the Lagoons.</p> <p>Budget, Priorities & Scrutiny Subgroup (BPSG) GA update members that discussions were being held with SMK to look at Governance. There is a meeting arranged with Connected Community Managers and Paolo and after that we can look at a new committee to see how we can move forward.</p>	
7. Chairs Report		
	<p>GA & SMcK met with CP for 3.5 hours talking about the Flood Protection Scheme. MAP has been identified as a key stakeholder. Due to the scale of the project it is important for everyone to engage with the information.</p> <p>CP directed anyone to use the protection schemes website and get in touch directly with the project team for any information or queries.</p> <p>GA advised the intention will be to have a sustainability focus within the Area Plan.</p>	
8. Connected Communities Managers Report		
	<p>SMcK gave an update and shared a hard copy of General Budget position.</p> <p>Current Position £90,778.05 Leaving £9,221.95</p> <p>Amenities - Full spend Roads - Full spend</p> <p>Community Benefits ELC developing a new process around community benefits. All community groups can submit requests via Connected Communities.</p> <p>Staffing up date – A new CDO joining Musselburgh Connected Communities Team</p> <p>Forestry Squad – Update this team due to current priorities has entered the Business Continuity.</p>	
9. Vacancy Vice Chair		
	<p>GA advised members that the position of Vice Chair has been vacant for some time but we have 3 applications to consider tonight. TP, JM, AH have all submitted applications. JM/TP both advised that in light of AH having put himself forward they felt he was the best person for the role and therefore withdrew their applications. Members voted unanimously to appoint AH as Vice Chair of Musselburgh Area Partnership. There were no objections or abstains.</p>	
10. Consultations		

	<p>GA informed members of the current consultations on the East Lothian Councils Consultations Hub.</p> <p>48 Week – February Attendance https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/february-attendance-2023/</p> <p>East Lothian Carers Strategy 2022-25 - https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/communications/east-lothian-carers-strategy-2022-25/</p> <p>East Lothian Council (Wallyford Industrial Estate) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2022 https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/infrastructure/east-lothian-council-wallyford-industrial-estate-o/</p> <p>Community Payback https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/adult-wellbeing/community-payback/</p>	
11. A.O.C.B		
	<p>GA advised members that she had received an application from Andy from Fisherrow Trust who would like to become members of the Musselburgh Area Partnership. Members voted unanimously for them to join the MAP.</p> <p>BT had asked for the work of Musselburgh Twinning Association to be placed on the agenda. BT outlined the various advantages and opportunities including heritage and culture.</p> <p>GA mentioned information relating to Esk Green Care Home closure and general concerns. General discussion amongst members regarding concerns about level of engagement and support for the transition of the residents. FO mentioned this was discussed at the H&W sub group and outlined there had been consultation with residents and there were options to where they would be rehomed. GA agreed to make enquires to have someone do an update for MAP.</p> <p>IT wanted to note that the Care Home including the land was of great value to Musselburgh and that she hoped the land could be used for the benefit of the community in the future. She also requested that whatever purpose was looked at the community would be involved in the decision making and that information sharing oversights would not be repeated.</p>	
2023 Meeting Dates		
13.03.2023, 12.06.2023, 21.08.2023 APM, 02.10.2023, 27.11.2023		Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk