

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting
Monday 13th March 2023, 7pm – 9pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
Alister Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)
Cllr. Cher Cassini, Elected Member (CC)
Cllr. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Cllr. Ruairh Bennett, Elected Member (RB)
Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (CMc)
Cllr Leanne Menzies, Elected Member (LM)
Cllr Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
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)
Pauline Crerar, Sustainability sub group (PC)
Andy Duncan, Fisherrow Trust (AD)
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)
Jane Cummings, ELC Community Development Officer (JC)
Lorraine Congalton, ELC Community Development Officer (LC)
Ian Gorman, Head of Operations, ELHSCP (IG)
Laura Kerr, General Manager Planning and Performance, ELHSCP (LK)
Claire Glenn, Public Health (CG)

Apologies:

Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches Together (ES)
Sharon Brown, Musselburgh Business Partnership (SBr)
Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
Fiona O'Donnell, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (FO)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Cllr. Shona McIntosh, Elected Member (SM)
Cllr. Kenny McLeod, Elected Member (KM)
Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Harbour & Sea Front Ass (VN)
Jade Hall, Active Schools Co-ordinator (JH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	GA welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies noted.	
2. Guest Speaker – ELC officers to speak about Eskgreen Care Home and the provision of care for the elderly in the town.		
	LK & IG gave a presentation to the Members regarding Eskgreen Care Home. Engaged discussion throughout the presentation. Points were raised around provision in Musselburgh current and future and the broader impact on the town. A strong desire to learn lessons from other areas and to prepare for future need. There was a discussion about communication and engagement and LK/IG recognised there were lessons to be learnt. <i>Please note subsequent to the meeting this presentation has been shared with members.</i>	
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 30.11.2023 were approved by MS and seconded by AF once amendments are made. CS wanted to note the following:- CP said he had been attempting to make contact with the TRA's. CS outlined an attempt had been made to make contact with CP and that the TRA's were still keen to hear from CP.	
5. Matters Arising		
	GA advised any matters arising would be covered during the rest of the agenda.	
6. Funding Application		
	GA advised members of the funding application for a Community Allotment. GA gave members the history behind the application and a good discussion took place. Some concerns were raised around governance. Members voted and agreed pending changes to the application they would support this application for £2,000 from Love Musselburgh CIC. No objections were raised. PC declared a conflict.	
7. Sub Group Reports		
	<p>Health & Well-being Subgroup (H&W) – JM confirmed the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sub group have dropped 50+ from the name • 1st meeting on 15/03/2023 at 2pm • Focussing on Eskgreen & The Hollies • Lots of conversations around our priorities and the aims of the Musselburgh Area Partnership • Looking to increase membership <p>Children & Youth Network Subgroup – JM reported they had had a fantastic meeting and thanks to the Bridge Centre they have spoken to lots of young people. Looking at the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at membership • Cost of the school day • Intergenerational work • Youth provision in Musselburgh • Parent Councils involvement 	

- Discussion around priorities, which meeting young people from the Grammar School and The Bridges Project has really helped.

SMK added he had received feedback from Mike Scott (Assistant Head MGS) who has also outlined some of the issues the school is facing and we can look at how best to try and support the young people and the school.

Active Travel Subgroup – BT gave the following update:-

The group met on 7th March 2023 but attendance was very disappointing and we need to review the attendee list.

We had an update of the local active travel projects from Council Officer Liz Hunter. A particular issue raised is the lack of an easy link for cyclists between the expanding St Clements Wells development at Wallyford and Musselburgh town centre. I think this is a gap in provision that needs investigated. Related to this, Richard Hunter, also a Council Official, reported that a transport plan for the new Wallyford Campus is being prepared and there will be an opportunity to comment on it. It may be that this will address the link into Musselburgh to some extent.

Liz Hunter also gave an update on the Active Toun project. She informed the group that funding has now been agreed for concept design for routes 4 and 6 and for detailed design for routes 1,2,3,5 and local connections.

It was noted that one of the members of the group had been in discussion with active travel reps in Faside and Prestonpans about cross boundary connectivity. CM asked BT to get in touch with him and he would be able to help.

The main item at the meeting as how to make Musselburgh more pedestrian friendly and we had a good brainstorming session on this which identified a number of broad actions. We now need to think about how to take these ideas forward. I can circulate the list to MAP members and ask for further ideas or comments on what we came up with. Some survey work would be required in line with what Janice proposed in respect of her work on dementia.

The next meeting will be 6th June at 6pm here at MECLA. All are invited and if anyone has items that they would like on the agenda please let SG know in good time.

Sustainability Subgroup – GA updated the members on the following:-

We have spoken about our hopes to introduce a community garden/allotment at the back of the Fisherrow Centre and the AP members agreed to pay the first year's rent of £100. Pauline and I called a meeting about this on Saturday and this was attended by about 30 people – the youngest was 18 months and the oldest in their 70s. This was a really enthusiastic meeting and a few people were interested in taking over and running the land themselves, the intention is to set this up and support community members to run it.

The council currently has a draft Allotment and Food Growing Strategy that has been developed in response to the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act](#) and these community allotments fall into the draft strategy.

At our last meeting, we decided to have a public meeting to showcase what is going on in Musselburgh, Wallyford and Whitecraig in terms of climate change and generally being cleaner and greener communities. If anyone would like to join us, our next meeting is on Friday, April 21,

	<p>venue tbc, when we will begin planning the public event. This event will be held at St Andrew's Church.</p> <p>We will be getting six more trees – pear, plum, cherry and nut – from the Queen's Green Canopy, for our community orchard at Lewisvale Park.</p> <p>Gaynor and Pauline have pruned the apple trees ready for the growing season.</p> <p>Budget, Priorities & Scrutiny Subgroup (BPSG)</p> <p>GA advised members that this group had been on hold just now till the council can speak to all the Chairs from all the area partnerships. There are members on this group but we need to check if they still wish to be part of the group and also look at new members who may wish to come forward. CS added we need to look at the remit of this group and hoped that meetings could be arranged quickly to set this up. GA advised the need to look at a new name for this group too.</p> <p>GA mentioned the possibility of a setting up a new Poverty sub group and asked if anyone interested in this to please get in touch.</p>	
8. Communities Day Venue 2023		
	<p>SMK advised that Communities Day is fast approaching and the need for discussion and planning this event. SMK added that a possible venue to be considered would be the new Wallyford Learning Campus. A good discussion took place and members decided that for the Communities Day for this year on 9th September 2023 would be best held at the Brunton Hall and look at next year as a possible venue at the Wallyford Campus. SMK/SG will confirm the booking with the Brunton Hall. SMK added that there would be a welcome day planned to celebrate the opening of the Wallyford Campus at a later date. MS added that the residential letter was very helpful.</p>	
9. Communications		
	<p>GA advised that this subgroup was established to deal with the Communities Day, but thinks this could be broadened and developed. GA confirmed the need to raise awareness of the Musselburgh Area Partnership. GA suggested a web site where people can go to get up to date information about the Community maybe worth looking at. The challenges of maintaining sites of this nature was discussed and SOLE platform was mentioned. GA is looking for membership for this group. AH mentioned Wallyford issues a welcome pack for the new builders to hand out to the new people buying houses so they had a basic knowledge of important numbers etc in their area.</p>	
10. Chairs Report		
	<p>GA updated members on the following:- Provision for a pantry in MECCA</p> <p>This is moving forward and we have food on the shelves. We will begin this project in a small way and build it up. We have received help from Fiona O'Donnell at VCEL, Elaine at the Food Bank, but I would like to say a huge thank you to Christine for helping to move this forward and to Andy Forrest for his role. It is important to establish a pantry in the town as app. 65% of referrals come from Musselburgh and we are the only sizeable town with no pantry provision.</p> <p>Fisherrow Prom and beach masterplan. Following on from a meeting with Eamon John before Christmas.</p> <p>SMK confirmed there will be a stakeholder's meeting arranged for key partners and council officers to engage on plans to improve the area.</p>	

GA introduced LC who is the new Community Development Officer for Musselburgh.

11. Connected Communities Managers Report

SMK gave members an update on the following:-

Budgets

General Budget £100K no detailed budget yet

The Bridges project were awarded £7,776.85 from this 2022/2023 budget and £6,723.15 will be from 2023/2034 allocation.

Amenity Services – budget influence £100K

- 1) Albert Place 3rd Phase – Wild flower under trees / banking
- 2) Olivebank Roundabout – remove some trees, bulbs / wild flower
- 3) Tesco Roundabout – Bulbs / Wild flower
- 4) Citizens Advice tree plot – hard surface
- 5) Whitecraig roundabout bulbs & wild flower
- 6) Edenhall field project – 2nd year – re sow
- 7) Any other areas that could be bulbs / wild flower

Roads - budget influence £50K

Links Street, Musselburgh (Footway Reconstruction - Estimate: £56,000) 13th March-14th April

This will complete the 22/23 Roads MAP budget influence spend.

Easter & Summer Activities.

We are looking at a programme of summer lunch / activity clubs in Wallyford and Whitecraig and also discussion. We will be looking to deliver activities in Musselburgh also, currently in discussion.

Levenhall Masterplan

Initial internal discussion to look at a masterplan for the protection and development of the Lagoons area. This work is being led by ELC Amenities team but the MAP has been identified as a key stakeholder and there will be more information and involvement going forward. CS asked if the TRA would be involved. GA confirmed that the MAP is actively involved and that other groups will be involved in the next stage.

CDO update Jane Cummings

JC advised members of the measures that have been introduced regarding poverty within the Wallyford and Whitecraig area. Warm spaces. Whitecraig and Wallyford have people using these spaces which is great. They are offered warm space, bacon roll, wifi etc and is becoming very popular.

Pantry provision is available in both centres, £2 for 5 items. There are approx. 50 people across the 2 centres and there is good uptake.

Both centres had visits from ELC Financial Inclusion Team to raise awareness and support applications to the Wind Power fund.

Feedback from the centres and advisors outlined positive outcomes in the shape of applications and direct feedback from people in the community, who received vouchers for their energy bills and even

	<p>cash which is very positive. The income Maximisation team are available for outreach and are planning to meet with other groups in the area.</p> <p>An Easter programme is being looked at for Wallyford and Whitecraig with build a band project and looking to expand activities into the Musselburgh area at the Gatehouse. Arts and crafts and Love Drama are also on offer.</p> <p>A recent course Raising Teens with Confidence was oversubscribed and there is a great demand for these courses.</p> <p>Vanda Musselburgh's Specialist Youth Worker is working with the Musselburgh Grammar School with a girls group building up self-esteem and confidence together with Active Schools.</p> <p>Support from the Start – JC advised members that they have been working on their membership and now have about 10 really proactive members and key organisations. They are working on holding an event at the end of April in MECLC for all local families to raise awareness of what support from the start is and all the services that are available. Looking to consult with as many families as possible regarding their needs. The event is on Saturday 24th April 2023 from 10am till 2pm and will be set up like a market place promoting services. There will also be a children's used clothing sale where if possible a suggested small donation. Book bug, dancing, face painting, balloon modelling and a light lunch which will all be free. Perhaps the pantry may wish to set up a small pop up pantry for the event? GA/CS/JM are happy to be involved. AD asked if the Citizens Advice could maybe be involved.</p>	
12. Consultations		
	<p>GA encouraged members to look at East Lothian Councils Consultations Hub for information.</p> <p>East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)</p>	
13. A.O.C.B		
	<p>AH advised members of the opportunity to have a tour of the new incinerator plant located at Millerhill on Tuesday 21st March either at 10.30am or 2pm. There is a maximum of 8 people on each visit which lasts around 2hrs. AH will circulate this to members. MS asked if any possibility of a Friday afternoon being an option and AH will ask and revert back to members. If anyone is interested in this tour on the 21st March please get in touch as soon as possible.</p> <p>CC advised members that the new Community Police Officer for Musselburgh is Michael Carde and his email address is Michael.Carde2@scotland.police.uk.</p> <p>GA thanked everyone for coming along.</p>	
2023 Meeting Dates		
12.06.2023, 21.08.2023 APM, 02.10.2023, 27.11.2023	Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk	