

Musselburgh  
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7pm – 9pm**  
**Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre**

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)  
Alister Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)  
Cllr. Shona McIntosh, Elected Member (SM)  
Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF)  
Cllr. Ruaridh Bennett, Elected Member (RB)  
Cllrs. Fiona Dugdale (FD)  
Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT)  
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)  
Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)  
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)  
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)  
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)  
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)  
Laura Munro, Campie Primary School (LM)  
Mandy Harrington, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (MH)  
Beryl Stevenson, Wallyford Community Council (BS)  
Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)  
Pauline Crerar, Sustainability sub group (PC)  
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)  
Cathy McArthur, Health & Wellbeing Sub Group (CMc)

**Others in attendance:**

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)  
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)  
Laura Chant, NHS (LC)  
Lorraine Congalton, ELC Community Development Officer (LC)

**Apologies:**

Shona Blakeley, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (SB)  
Fiona Barrett, Dementia Meeting Centre Musselburgh (FB)  
Kathryn Shanks, Inveresk Neighbourhood Watch (KS)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies</b>		
	GA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming along. GA added that sub groups have been asked to submit a report. GA thanked everyone involved for a fantastic Communities Day, especially AH and the team for a great effort. AH is a great leader.	
<b>2. Conflict of Interest</b>		
	GA reminded everyone to advise us if there are any conflict of interests in any of the applications being decided on tonight. AF/TM declared a conflict.	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>		
	Minutes from meeting 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 were approved by CS and MS	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>		
	GA advised will be covered during the meeting.	
<b>5. Connected Communities Managers Report</b>		
	<p>SMK wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to making the Musselburgh Communities Day event a great success.</p> <p>SMK advised everyone that the Musselburgh Area Plan consultation is now live. Hoping to use the Musselburgh Museum for a pop up shop and more details will follow. SMK asked everyone to look out for emails and encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey to help gather information. GA thanked BT for the questions and we all want the views of the community to help us focus our Area Plan.</p>	
<b>6. Sub Group Reports - Funding</b>		
	<p>GA advised General funding used to be £100,000 now cut to £90,000. Musselburgh Area Partnership agreed to keep the Poverty pot at £50,000.</p> <p>We had 21 applications received, 6 didn't meet the criteria. 15 went through to the C&amp;Y and Poverty sub groups for recommendations and all members were sent copies of the applications.</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Network applications:-</b></p> <p><u>Rose Hill - Enterprise Project £500.00 full costs requested</u> Majority agreed to fund £500</p> <p><u>Field to Fork - Life Skills Cooking £ 2,818.91 full costs requested</u> Majority decided not to fund</p> <p><u>Campie Primary School – P7 Camp</u> Will be decided at next funding meeting in February 2025</p> <p><u>Musselburgh Grammar School Breakfast Club £3,148.47 full costs requested</u> Majority agreed to fund £3,148.47</p> <p><u>Musselburgh Windsor Girls U16s Blues £2658 full costs requested</u> Majority decided not to fund (PS items have been supported by Community Benefits)</p> <p><u>Wallyford Primary School breakfast club £2450 full costs requested</u> Majority agreed underspend from the Winter Warmers project 2023-2024 could be repurposed.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p><u>Heavy Sound Extra-Curricular Project £13,840</u> Majority agree to fund £13,840</p> <p><u>Wallyford Parent and Carers Council Uniform Store, Walking Bus, Breakfast Club £3,360</u> Majority decided to part fund £250</p> <p><u>Musselburgh Burgh Primary School – Breakfast Club, Pantry, Tuck Shop £3,000</u> Will be decided at next funding meeting in February 2025</p> <p><u>Musselburgh Grammar Parent Council – MGS Together £10,730</u> Majority agreed reworked submission would be welcomed</p> <p><u>Whitecraig Community Notice Board - £7,540</u> Majority decided to part fund £2,300</p> <p><b>Poverty Subgroup recommendations</b> <u>Pennyvit Dev Trust - Festive Provision 2024 - £5,615</u> Majority agreed to defer pending clarification (PS Majority agreed to fund via email vote to fund £5,615)</p> <p><u>Children 1st Winter Support– jackets and Christmas lunch £ 6,650.00</u> Members agreed to fund £6,650</p> <p><b>Active Travel Subgroup</b> BT sent the following update prior to the meeting:- <u>Four Roads projects</u> presented by Callum Redpath. The Sub Committee recommended Moir Avenue to the MAP. <u>AT projects list update</u> Many ELC projects on active travel not being pursued following reduction in Scottish Government AT budget. <u>Active Toun project</u> This year’s budget secure but no guarantee for next year. <u>Flood Prevention Scheme</u> No threats to the scheme evident. <u>Pavement parking ban</u> Not being introduced by ELC at present <u>North High Street, Lochend Road North, New Street</u> Site visit to be arranged to consider safety issues.</p> <p>BT mentioned 4 roads Projects were discussed at the Active Travel Sub group and thought we were going to make a decision tonight. GA 4 recommendations from Active Travel. BT advised a discussion with Active Travel sub group and decision was to go for Moir Avenue Footway. GA advised came in quite late, site visit, not enough time. SMK Callum, 2 path ways, 2 roads. They were scored. Scan conditions of road, busier 4 share criteria. Highest score Moir Avenue, closest to safer route for schools and nursery. AF talked about 4 suggestions. Beach Lane footway a trip hazard. Ravensheugh Road – missed the last 7 years constant traffic. 2 priorities. CS confirmed LTRA put Ravensheugh forward 7 years ago. AF safe route if it was that important a school route then ELC would have slurried whole path. MAP given this task at short notice with very limited information. GA suggested site visit. FD If Ravensheugh not</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p>done now – then when? AF not critical of what the sub group have done given such limited information.  IT agreed with AF. LF Estate inspection, every years this is always mentioned. CS said yes asked for 7 years. BT added if group had visited all 4 sites you would have better information and a better report.  GA added a fortnight wasn't enough time to make a decision. GA good points – everything taken in. GA suggested going back and say we need a site visit. SMK to ask Callum.</p> <p><b>Communities Day Subgroup</b>  AH provided the following update prior to the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Musselburgh Area Partnerships Communities Day 2024  Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11am -3pm</p> <p>In my opinion I thought the visitor numbers were down on last year as Externally  It was quite quiet throughout the day</p> <p><b>Fisherrow Main Building Ground Floor</b>  Room G2 Dementia Friendly seemed to have good response  Room G3 Cost of Living seemed to have good numbers visit the room  Room G4, Scrap store also had people coming and going  Room G5 Arts &amp; Crafts seemed to have a good turnaround of visitors.  Atrium Entertainment with Foxy as MC  Did really well with Clark Concert Party, Senior Moments, Eukele Band Warblers also having the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh Tapestry on display a good back drop for the entertainers with a good lot of the audience taking part also thanks to Jim Mclean for providing the sound system on the day.  Room G1 Cafe  Was very busy most of the day with thanks to the Leslie Milton of the Cook Club and his team along with Christine and Linda serving at the counter and to all the other shops bakeries for their massive support to Communities Day 2024 with supplying their food and vouchers to this Community Event this was due to Gaynor and Christine visiting them and asking for their support of which they did  Nairn's Biscuits, S Luca of Musselburgh, Baynes Bakery Musselburgh. Quinnsters Takeaway, Company Bakery  Kaffeine Restuarant, Dal Patino Restuarant, Gurka Bar &amp; Restuarant, The Willow ,Fruits &amp; Bakes ,Jaz's Fish Bar  Quinnsters Musselburgh</p> <p>Room F15  Unfortunately with the Fisherrow Centre being a labyrinth of rooms F15 room on the First Floor Level where the Groups Clubs and organisation within the town were located is a lovely big room but seems a bit isolated and did not get the footfall it truly deserved which was disappointing as visitors seemed to circulate around the first floor level we announced it after each entertainment slot and I went into the cafe to try and encourage people to visit the room, along with asking the Fisherrow Management team to let people know about what was on in F15 so its something we need to review going forward</p> <p>Also the Sports tasters in the Gym had low numbers along with the wood turning room and community garden.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p>Lorraine Congalton organised Welcome Packs to be given out with treasure trail, pencils/guide leaflet to events &amp; entertainments, appraisal form etc for visitor as they entered the building also Area Plan questionnaire went into the welcome pack and those who returned the evaluation form and Area Partnership questionnaire would go into a prize draw and receive a gift voucher</p> <p>Not sure how many appraisal forms or questionnaires were completed at this stage.</p> <p>Can I just thank all of the Communities Day sub group team Gaynor, Christine, Margaret, Lorraine, Jade Anna Janice, Shirley and Scott along with Aiden and the team at the Fisherrow Centre and all those who took tables at the event and entertained us on the day and everyone else involved in bringing this communities day to fruition as its definitely a team effort as it would not have been done without all your hard graft, and of course to the public for attending.</p> <p><i>Alister</i></p> <p>A discussion took place regarding people not using the main entrance and therefor didn't get a welcome pack, the layout of the building, footfall less than last year, treasure hunt fantastic, fire engine not turning up, networking, sharing of information, possibility of changing date next year as it collided with QMU Open Day/summer school.</p>	
<b>7. Chair's Report</b>		
	No Chairs Report due to volume of funding applications.	
<b>8. Consultations</b>		
	<u>East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)</u>	
<b>9. A.O.C.B.</b>		
	<p>Dealt with during the meeting.</p> <p>GA thanked everyone for coming along tonight.</p>	
<b>10. 2024 Meeting Dates</b>		
25/11/2024 - AGM		Apologies to be sent to <u>Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u>