

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting
Monday 3rd February 2025, 7pm – 9pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
Alister Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)
Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Cllrs. Fiona Dugdale (FD)
Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
Laura Munro, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (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)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
Billy Steedman, Wallyford Community Council (BS)
Richard Munro, Campie Parent Council (RM)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)
Laura Chant, NHS (LC)

Apologies:

Cllr. Shona McIntosh, Elected Member (SM)
Cllr. Ruaridh Bennett, Elected Member (RB)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
Shona Blakeley, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (SB)
Lenka Blazejova, Burgh Gate TRA (LB)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	GA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming along. Apologies were noted.	
2. Conflict of Interest		
	GA reminded everyone to advise us if there are any conflict of interests in any of the applications being decided on tonight. GA/PC/NM/LM/RM/CS all declared a conflict.	
3. Approval of Minutes		
	Minutes from meeting 30 th September 2024 were approved by CS and PC	
4. Matters Arising		
	SMK advised we are quorate	
5. Funding Applications – Recommendations from Poverty & C&Y Network		
	<p>GA apologies to JM for the applications that should have gone to the H&W network for consideration.</p> <p>CS advised Members of the recommendations from the Poverty sub group for the following applications:-</p> <p>In Tandem part fund £6,950.00 Members Voted 14 YES 0 NO 2 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT AF enquired re hoods to go under the helmets for hygiene reasons.</p> <p>Sustaining Musselburgh £3,909.04 Members Voted 13 YES NO 2 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Hollies £3,000.00 Members Voted 16 YES NO ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Share the Care part fund £4,538.00 Members Voted 15 YES NO ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>COEL part fund £2,500.00 Members Voted 16 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Eskmuthe Rowing club £4,103.00 Members Voted 13 YES NO 2 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Musselburgh Pantry £5,200.00 Members decided to vote to clarify an element in the application and resubmit</p> <p>Members Voted 13 YES</p> <p>JM advised Members of the recommendations from the Children & Youth Network for the following applications.</p> <p>Breastfeeding Lens part fund £5,000.00 (Members decided £5,840) Members Voted 16 YES NO 0 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Bridges Project part fund £3,671.00 Members discussed and decided to vote for NO award</p>	

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	<p>Members Voted 13 YES 1 NO 1 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Campie PS £3,200.00 Members Voted 14 YES NO 2 ABSTAIN/CONFLICT A discussion took place re future requests for P7 camps form all other schools in the catchment. 1st come 1st serve basis.</p> <p>FHSA – Fisherrow Harbour Festival - £2,000 Application has now been withdrawn.</p> <p>Musselburgh Grammar School – Residential Sailing Trip - £3,000.00 Members Voted 16 YES NO ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>Recommendations not to proceed:- Eskmills Bowling Club - Eskmills Sharks Junior Section - £3,000 Members discussed and decided to vote for NO award Members Voted 15 YES NO ABSTAIN/CONFLICT</p> <p>MAMA - Deacon Brodie The Musical - £10,000 The Burgh Primary School – Breakfast, pantry, Tuck Shop - £3,000</p>	
6. Connected Communities Managers Report		
	<p>SMK quickly showed Members his presentation and added that he would share it with everyone so they had more time to look over it. The presentation confirmed the spend so far on the budget and then the applications up for consideration tonight.</p> <p>SMK confirmed the MAMA, Burgh School and Bowling Club as discussed above.</p> <p>SMK confirmed the Roads Project B1348 Ravensheugh Road which is starting 17/03/2025 and hopefully be finished by 28/03/2025.</p> <p>SMK also wanted to share feedback from the Area Plan consultation work so far which is on his presentation.</p>	
7. Area Plan		
	<p>GA would like the Area Plan as the main focus of the agenda the next MAP meeting. This is very much ongoing.</p>	
8. Sub Groups		
	<p>There was no time during this very busy meeting for sub group reports. The following reports were submitted prior to the meeting or shortly after the meeting:-</p> <p>Ending Poverty Subgroup – Funding CS submitted the following report after the meeting:- The past few meetings have focused on two areas: Funding applications Preparing the submission from this sub group to the new Area Plan, we are keen to incorporate the feedback from the community into our submission and we plan to do this at our next meeting.</p> <p>Health & Well-being Subgroup</p>	

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	<p>Children & Youth Network - Funding</p> <p>Active Travel Subgroup – Roads Project</p> <p>Communities Day Subgroup AH submitted the following report prior to the meeting:- MAP Communities Day 2025</p> <p>Sub group meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2025 @.30pm Musselburgh Grammar School</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cost for Communities Day 2024. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Communities day 2024 b) Delighters Circus Skills £ 190.85 shirley paid through invoice c) Bookers - teas coffee etc £236.43 Christine paid for (still to be reimbursed) d) Face painters £320 Christine paid for (still to be reimbursed) e) Balloon modeling £250.00 Shirley paid for through invoice) f) Total £997.28p 2) Does MAP propose to have a Communities Day in year 2025? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) This will need a decision from the full MAP membership for a final decision on Monday 3rd February b) Provisional date set for C.D. 2025 being Saturday 4th October 2025 between 11am & 3pm within the Fisherrow Centre Musselburgh. 3) Room F15 within the Fisherrow Centre on the first floor is too isolated and would not be proposed to be used in future Communities Days. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Room G1 would be used for clubs & Groups tables b) Annex building would be preferred option for Cafe, Balloon Modelling, Circus Skills, and Book Bug. 4) Margaret Stewart advised that Jade Hall had left her post within Active Schools and Marie Lyle had taken up the post. 5) Election of Communities Day Sub Group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chair Alister Hadden b) Treasurer Christine Shaffer c) Secretary Gaynor Allen d) Scott McKail (Connecting Communities Manager) e) Members Margaret Stewart,(Lorraine Congalton TBC) (Anna Potter TBC) 6) Provisional Date for next meeting Wednesday 19th February 2025 @ 4.30pm Musselburgh Grammar School. <p>Sustaining Musselburgh Subgroup GA provided the following report prior to the meeting:- Heat teams – Last year the Musselburgh Area Partnership gave funding to establish a Thermal Imaging Heat Team to survey homes in our area and find</p>	

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	<p>out where heat is escaping. This project is entirely volunteer run and we have already surveyed over 20 homes in the AP area. The feedback so far is excellent, and most people have made some alteration as a result. The cameras can pick up lots of quick fixes, that most people can do themselves (mastic around windows, draft excluders etc) and can make a difference. We now have enough volunteers to roll this programme out and will set up a calendar for next year. We will be happy if we can double our number of heat surveys for this year. If anyone would like a survey to be carried out, or know of people who do, please let us know on sustainingmusselburgh@gmail.com We are very keen to survey a wide range of homes and will give priority to vulnerable people. We will begin advertising this when our volunteers feel ready. We are planning to advertise this through the Musselburgh Pantry.</p> <p>District Heating Network – The surveys are also an important part of our work to get homes ready for the potential district heating network. The proposal for East Lothian is to take heat from various sources, including the Millerville incinerator and to pump the heat directly into homes meaning that a boiler or individual heat pump is unnecessary. This is also being investigated in Midlothian) https://www.theguardian.com/big-energy-debate/2014/aug/20/denmark-district-heating-uk-energy-security If the homes in the Musselburgh Area are as robust as they can be before any heat network is up and ready, the heat will go further and could go to Edinburgh. Musselburgh is an important part of this jigsaw.</p> <p>Musselburgh Garden Network – After establishing the community allotment at the Fisherrow centre two years ago with the help of funding from MAP, we have joined forces with the new dementia friendly garden at the Musselburgh library, the wee plot at the top of Beach Lane, the Rennie Bridge plot and aim to create a new community garden at the Mucklets with the help of the local community and to grow these around Musselburgh, Wallyford and Whitecraig. Our aim is that everyone in the area will eventually have access to a community garden and the ability to grow their own fruit and veg.</p> <p>Governance Scrutiny Subgroup GA provided the following report prior to the meeting:- The Governance group met to discuss the funding applications and decide which meet the criteria. These were passed on to the Poverty Sub Group and the Children and Young Persons Network. We have another meeting planned to make applications easier and give more guidelines for applicants.</p>	
9. Chair's Report		
10. Consultations		
	East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)	
11. A.O.C.B.		
	AH confirmed that Musselburgh Communities Day total cost for this year was £997.28. AH asked members if they would like to vote for a	

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	<p>Communities Day every year or possibly bi yearly. It was unanimously voted to have a communities day every year. The date for this year is 4th October 2025 in Fisherrow Community Centre. This date means it will not coincide with QMU timetable/events. GM appreciated this being taken into consideration and hoped that with promoting this event more students will be able to get involved. AH will meet with Fisherrow to look at how rooms/layout can be changed to work better.</p> <p>GA would like to recommend going back to considering funding applications at all meetings rather than 3 blocks of funding. Members voted unanimously to this proposal.</p> <p>GA advised the Governance group will be looking a few things that have turned up to try and make it easier for funders.</p> <p>GA would like to dedicate some time to meetings for each sub group to give a report and share their interests, promote their work. Wider. Draw more people in.</p> <p>GA confirmed we will still have some money left over which can be decided at the March meeting.</p> <p>New funding for next financial year would start 1st April 2025 (depending on budget) and would be decided at the May meeting.</p>	
12. 2025 Meeting Dates		
	03/03/2025, 12/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 18/08/2025, 17/11/2025 AGM	Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk