

Musselburgh Area Partnership

Minutes of the Meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership Monday 27 March 2017, 7-9pm Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre, Haddington Road, Musselburgh

Members (and substitute members) present:

Iain Clark, Chair (IC)
 Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
 Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
 Alister Hadden, Wallyford CC (AH)
 Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
 Cathie McArthur, Windsor Park TRA (CMc)
 Stuart Thomson, Oldcraighall TRA (ST)
 Laura Munro, Campie PS Parent Council (LM)
 Vivien Struthers, Stoneyhill PS Parent Council (VS)
 Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Soc. (BT)
 Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)
 Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (VN)

Others in attendance:

Margaret McKay, Carers of East Lothian (MM)
 David Dalgleish, CLDS, ELC (DD)
 Stuart Baxter, Area Manager, ELC (SB)
 Carlyne Murray, Business Support Administrator, ELC (CMu)

Apologies:

Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
 Cllr. Fraser McAllister, Elected Member (FMc)
 Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
 Jeanette Boyd, Windsor Park TRA (JB)
 Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
 Sharlene Miller, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (SM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	Apologies received were noted.	
2. Approval of Minutes – 6 February 2017		
	No amendments from those present, formal approval required by email.	CMu
3. Matters Arising		
	<p>Communities Day – unable to secure preferred date in June, Saturday 30 September 2017 has been booked in Venue 1 & 2. Planning for this event will start with a first Communications sub group meeting on 31 March at 2pm in SB's office.</p> <p>Musselburgh Police Station – still no response received to IC's initial letter, IC has written again. Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council still to receive a reply also.</p> <p>Scottish Government Planning System Changes Consultation – IC and SB attended a meeting hosted by East Lothian Association of Community Councils and led by Planning Democracy (www.planningdemocracy.org.uk) recently. The aim of the meeting was to review the Community Empowerment Act and community council roles in light of the new legislation. IS and SB advised it had been an interesting meeting with the focus being on third party rights eg local authority 1st, developers 2nd, community 3rd. And while the Act refers to community councils it also refers to other authorised bodies which, in IC's view, is the Area Partnership.</p>	

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	<p>The Hollies – IC advised that while the Area Partnership has no direct involvement with The Hollies he wishes to remain informed of developments and advised that there is currently a review underway of Day Centres in East Lothian. IC and SB also had a meeting with the Manager of The Hollies who is concerned about withdrawal of funding, lack of funding places in the Dementia Unit which comes under Care Commission review; however they have plenty of volunteers. It was agreed to discuss at a future date once a decision has been made.</p>	<p>IC/SB</p>
<p>4. Sub Group Updates</p>		
<p>On The Move/Active Travel</p>	<p>On the Move had recently met with ScotRail and Abellio’s Cycle Manager. She has been asked to provide details of what is available across East Lothian and to liaise with British Transport Police regarding crime statistics at railway stations. The use of electric bikes was outlined in the presentation given and QMU’s hosting of the bikes has proven successful. IC asked that as Musselburgh is rapidly expanding could the demographics be reviewed for providing better cycle facilities at both stations. Another meeting will be arranged very soon. IC also advised that the cycle plan is being updated and a copy will be available when ready. VN asked about cycle spaces on trains and IC advised that only manned stations are currently being upgraded with secure cycle facilities however it had been suggested that a tie in with QMU scheme may be possible.</p>	
<p>Children & Young People</p>	<p>SB advised that the attainment budget for 2016/2017 was potentially being allowed a carryover into the new financial year by ELC.</p> <p>First Step - Speech & Language Therapy Project - £17,000 is being sought by First Step Community Project to provide a speech and language therapist on a part time basis (10 hours per week) for a year with a focus on early intervention and targeted work. There is a high rate of DNA for specialist SLT appointments with Musselburgh Primary Care and it is felt because families are already engaged and attend First Step a project of this nature would work well along with increasing capacity of existing staff by means of training and hopefully providing evidence if successful that can be presented to Lothian Health to perhaps support redeployment of SLT staff within the community.</p> <p>Stoneyhill PS/Parent Council – Playpod - £7,000 is being sought by Stoneyhill Primary School and Parent Council to purchase a playpod which would provide storage of approved recyclable waste material for children to use which will teach life skills through outdoor play, encouraging imagination and creative play. JM advised that the support of the Area Partnership funding would allow both the playpod and training for staff to be provided. F Macartney, Head Teacher is also willing to have further discussions with the Area Partnership regarding the playpod also being available out of school hours to community partners. JM advised that this proposal would fit into 2 core aspects of the EDI report – Health & Wellbeing and Emotional Literacy. LM advised that Campie Primary School are also currently fundraising for a playpod. JW added that as a regular attendee at the Parent Council association meetings there has been discussion regarding the success of a play pod at Law Primary School in North Berwick. It was also noted that Aberlady Primary School are in the processing of purchasing one</p>	

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	<p>too. The next meeting of the Children & Young People sub group will focus on the playpod and discussions regarding shared community use. Those present approved both proposals and an email is to be circulated to members not present to seek views with 1 more approval being needed for sign off.</p> <p>Reading is Braw – Patrons Lunch Funding – JM advised that £280 in total has been spent on book packs for every primary school in the Musselburgh Cluster to help children struggling with language and reading. C Messer at Musselburgh Library has also received a donation of Polish language books for children which are also be distributed within the primary schools.</p> <p>Musselburgh Grammar School pupils have been invited to join the sub group and Head Girl, Eilidh and Youth Parliament member Lara both attended the last meeting. C Davis and JM attended the Pupil Council meeting today to hear views and some initial concerns raised were – street lighting poor in certain parts of Musselburgh and pupils feel unsafe, more green spaces would be good, youth shelters for poor weather and they do want to contribute to conversations.</p> <p>The sub group are aware of the Poverty Commission Report recommendations and are concerned re lack of organised play activities over the summer and are looking at what’s available with a view to identifying initiatives that the Area Partnership could support. IC noted that new members and good feedback along with the extra information provided to Area Partnership members to aid decision making is proving that the creation of this sub group is a positive move. VS thanked JM for the level of support given to Stoneyhill Parent Council regarding the playpod proposal.</p>	<p>CMu</p>
<p>Senior Citizens Network</p>	<p>CM updated members of meetings held and advised that further new members had joined the network Plans for the coming months are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lothian Care Forum Wellbeing Passport – following a presentation to the network it was agreed in principal that the forum should complete a proposal for funding of a pilot scheme to be presented to the Area Partnership for support. • 3 wishes consultation planned for Musselburgh. <p>IC thanked CM for her update and noted that again another successful sub group had been created which was working at a pace that was right for their membership.</p>	
<p>Communications Sub Group</p>	<p>IC advised that IC/SB/GA/CMu were meeting shortly to discuss Communities Day and ways of promoting the work of the Area Partnership. Anyone is welcome to come along. The sub group will also be looking at social media presence and the Musselburgh.Info website. DD confirmed that the Senior Citizen Network would definitely want to feed into the sub group because of ‘silver surfers’ but also to represent the group that are socially isolated due to the advance of modern technology.</p>	

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5. Chair's Report		
	<p>Friday Market - 4th market on 10 March which was the biggest yet with steady trade all day, good quality traders attending and positive feedback received so far.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting – IC and SB had attended an East Lothian Council hosted meeting on participatory budgeting. Ways of involving the community in voting for projects were explored which were positively received on the night and the same presentation is being given to the Head Teachers conference in May. IC/SB are looking at a possible Participatory Budgeting programme for the future.</p> <p>Business Association – 2nd meeting was held recently and progress is being made with regard to the Assoc becoming self running. Speakers have been arranged for the next 2 meetings from Economic Development and Dunbar Traders Association and new businesses coming into Musselburgh have become involved also.</p> <p>Review of Area Partnerships – ELC have instituted a review of the 6 area partnerships with a consultant speaking to Area Managers, Chairs and selected members.</p>	IC/SB
6. Area Manager's Report		
	<p>Whitecraig footpath has been completed (near area of planting completed by school pupils)</p> <p>Newbigging bin storage area which was identified during street audit is now finished. JW asked if there any plans to do something similar at Wetherspools. SB noted there were no plans as the bins were industrial.</p> <p>Lewisvale Park's new play equipment installation will be completed shortly.</p> <p>Macbeth Moir Statue has just been cleaned and stonework repointed to prolong life.</p> <p>High Street bus stop – slabbing of the area has started with the footpath also being redone.</p> <p>Mall Avenue work has started today (27 March).</p> <p>Wallyford footpath – there has been progress albeit slow however improvements to this path are now regulated as part of the development. Improvements will now be tied in with the developer improvements which should see a significant improvement in the area.</p> <p>Town Trails/Silver Arrow Trails – the statues are complete and now planning permission is required for each of the arrow locations. Costs for the base of the statues would have to be built into the next financial year if the Area Partnership wished to support the final stage of this art project. It was agreed that this project would be a good one to promote the work of the Area Partnership as it tied into several outcomes within the Area Plan.</p> <p>Core Paths Audit – Recharge Tranent have been commissioned to complete a full audit for the Musselburgh area similar to that done for Fa'side Area Partnership. £5,000 match funding was secured for this project.</p> <p>Electrical cabinets at Town Hall - 1 is already installed in the vennel with a second to be installed soon. These are primarily for use by the market traders at the Friday market but are available for all.</p> <p>SB confirmed that the budget for 2017/2018 was the same as for this</p>	

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	<p>financial year. JM/SB are discussing talking to head teachers from the Musselburgh Cluster to aid identification of the issues in each school to aid the allocation of the attainment element of the budget. IC noted that the next Budget/Priority sub group meeting will be arranged after completion of the review of Area Partnerships.</p>	
7. Consultations		
	<p>IC advised members that this item would now be a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act – the community planning aspect of the act came into force on the 20 December 2016 and other elements of the act, which may impact on the Area Partnership, have been enacted on subsequent dates. An easy read summary can be found here - http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/CommEmpowerBill/CEAEasyReadSummary</p> <p>East Lothian Policing Plan – this consultation was shared with IC on 10 March with a response deadline of 17 March. SB and IC reviewed and IC responded as Chair due to the extremely short lead time however IC included in his response that these were his views and not those of the Area Partnership. IC felt that this was a lack of detail in the plan and that it was not a strategic document. His response has been acknowledged by Police Scotland.</p> <p>Common Good – the Scottish Parliament had made a call for evidence regarding common good funds however again this had a short turnaround for responses.</p> <p>Police Scotland Policing Priorities – IC advised that this was a strategic document aiming to raise awareness however there was a lack of evidence of community buy in.</p> <p>Edinburgh Airport Flight Paths Consultation – BT advised that he is responding on behalf of Musselburgh Conservation Society and Inveresk Village Association asking for the proposed paths be moved further east. BT also noted that there doesn't appear to have been any consideration given to the increase in population numbers forecast for the Musselburgh Area. In conclusion inward flight paths are much the same as present but the changes to outward flight paths will drastically increase numbers of planes flying overhead.</p> <p>IC added that he felt it was important the Area Partnership was sighted on consultations whether we compile a response or not. JW advised that organisations can sign up to be notified by the Scottish Parliament of upcoming consultations. It was agreed that the Area Management would look into this for the future.</p>	<p>SB/CMu</p>
8. AOCB		
	<p>Agenda Items – IC clarified that should members wish items to be included on a meeting agenda they should email the Musselburgh Area Partnership Inbox and these will be considered at the agenda setting meeting.</p> <p>Poverty Commission Report – it was agreed to hold an extra meeting before the June meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Poverty Commission Report and to talk to relevant</p>	

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	<p>experts/professionals to allow the partnership to consider how we deal with poverty in our community and how we support issues eg initiatives that make a difference. A date will be arranged and members notified as soon as possible.</p> <p>Local Development Plan (LDP) – JW reported that all 459 representations received by ELC with regard to the LDP had been classed as ‘not material’ by planners as a result the LDP process now extends as the next step is consultation. An all day council meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (28 March 2017) to discuss.</p>	<p>IC/SB/CMu</p>
9. 2017 Meeting Dates		
	<p>Area Partnership meetings for 2017 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 June 2017 • 21 August 2017 – Annual Public Meeting • 2 October 2017 • 4 December 2017 <p>Saturday, 30 September 2017 – COMMUNITIES DAY</p> <p>NB: approval of decisions at points 2 and 4 noted above were received via email which satisfied the quorum figure of 40%+1.</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>