

Musselburgh
Area Partnership

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership
Monday 19th August 2019, 6.30-9pm
Pre Meeting – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre, Haddington Road, Musselburgh

Members (and substitute members) present:

Iain Clark, Chair (IC)
 Janice MacLeod, Vice Chair, Support from the Start (JM)
 Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW)
 Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
 Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
 Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
 Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
 Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
 Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
 Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)
 Emma Stewart Musselburgh Churches Together(ES)
 Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
 Sharon Brown Musselburgh Business Partnership (ShB)
 Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
 Caroline Davis, Dialogue Youth Co-ordinator (CD)
 Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
 Sarah Matthews, Musselburgh CAB (SM)
 Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
 Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)

Apologies:

Cllr. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
 Jane Cummings, Community Development Officer (JC)
 Jim Boyle, Bridges Project (JB)
 Steven Wray, Support from the Start (SW)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted	
2. Conflict of Interest		
	IC explained if anyone has a conflict of interest they need to declare this when voting	
3. Presentation by Sara Ali & Nick Croft re Musselburgh Total Place		
	This Project is currently being considered by the Children’s Strategic Partnership at ELC. On hold just now. SB will update as soon as possible	

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4. Approval of Minutes – 18th June 2019		
	Proposed by AH seconded by ES	
5. Confirm Membership Organisations for the coming year		
	<p>IC went through the membership list and all members present confirmed their continuation</p> <p>SB will contact Sue Cairns re Tenants & Residents Associations</p> <p>IC/SB will confirm with those not present at tonight's meeting</p> <p>The participation of young people was discussed. It was suggested that a rep from MAP should attend a pupil council meeting at the Musselburgh Grammar School to discuss the best way for young people to become involved in the work of the Area Partnership</p> <p>CD added that there is currently a Scottish Youth Parliament member at MGS and would be worth contacting them</p> <p>CMc mentioned that Pinkie Primary School are keen to be involved in the partnership</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>IC/SB</p> <p>CD</p>
6. Election of Chairperson/Vice Chair Person		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination for Chair – SB addressed the meeting on the election of officer bearers and stated the only nomination for Chair was from IC. No other nominations were received at the meeting. All members unanimously elected Iain Clark as Chair for a further two year period. • Nomination for vice Chair – SB addressed the meeting on the election of officer bearers and stated the only nomination for Vice Chair was from JM. No other nominations were received at the meeting. All members unanimously elected Janice MacLeod as Vice Chair for a further two year period. 	
7. Area Plan Update		
	<p>SB introduced members to the new Musselburgh Area Plan. He added that by listening to community views through the annual public meeting, communities' day, attending several gala days and following workshops with both area partnership members and officers of East Lothian Council and other stakeholders this plan has been developed with key priority areas to be addressed. SB added that the overarching priority is Reducing Inequalities in our Community which range widely from poverty, health, transport and educational attainment. These objectives have also been identified by evidence both from local knowledge and information from surveys and the local area profile.</p>	
8. Approval of Key Projects		
	<p>SB made members aware of the approval of Key Projects over the summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-School Family Worker (£34,500 from the Educational Initiatives Funding) (Area Plan Action 18.1)- SB informed members that this application for funding was still to be considered by the Health and Wellbeing sub-group and will be referred to a future Area Partnership Meeting in due course. • Musselburgh Total Place Application (£46,008) (Area Plan Actions 7.2 and 7.3) SB made members aware that this Project is currently being considered by the Children's Strategic Partnership (CSP) at ELC. SB added that Sara Ali and Nick Croft 	

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	<p>were to present this Project to members at tonight’s meeting, however this project needed to be discussed by the CSP to see whether it fitted with their strategic objectives and would now be put on hold until after this had been reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB made members aware that an application has been received from the East Lothian Community Rail Project for a sum of £1,917 for a survey “ Barriers to Rail Travel East Lothian 2019” (Area Plan Priority 5) this will complement work already carried out on infrastructure requirements to ensure the rail network in East Lothian will be fit for purpose strategically to handle the anticipated increase in passengers following new housing coming on stream, Barriers are seen as : Unreliability, Overcrowding, Frequency, Ticketing Issues, cost, Toilets at Rail Stations requirements to ensure accessibility for those with disabilities, Parking, accommodation for cycling, bus rail connectivity, etc. SB highlighted that although all partnerships had been asked to support this project that not all have, however he felt it was important that MAP took a view on whether they support this project irrespective of whether the project would go ahead without the support of all area partnerships. BT supported this position and also supported the aims and objectives of the survey. He felt that Musselburgh was uniquely affected by these highlighted issues. All members unanimously supported this project and agreed to fund £1,917 towards this survey. • SB made members aware that an application has been received from the Wave project a Charity to provide Surf Therapy for vulnerable and isolated children and young people (Area Plan Priority 18), this project has operated in Scotland since 2014, and has supported around 100 children a year and added that children are referred to the project. SB outlined the 3 Phases to the project, a short surf course, a weekly surf club and a chance to become volunteers and support other young people. Approximately 12 people a year are from Musselburgh out of approximately 80 participants. SB highlighted to members that all area partnerships had been asked to fund this proposal and similar to the above project he felt it was important that MAP took a view on whether they support this project irrespective of whether the project would go ahead without the support of all area partnerships. CD stated that this project worked with very challenging young people and fully supported the project. SB highlighted that this application had come in after several others which were currently still under consideration and although this project would normally be funded from educational Initiative funding depending on other projects may need eventually to be paid from the general budget. All members unanimously supported this project and agreed to fund this from the educational initiatives funding or the general budget if necessary for the sum of £3833 (1/6 of £23,000). • Team East Lothian, this was highlighted previously and Janice was tasked with finding out more information: this is for a sum 	

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	<p>of £1333 (£8000/6) (Area Plan Priority 18) to provide 4 bikes for children with Cerebral Palsy and other lower limb difficulties. JM made members aware that she had contacted the applicant and felt reassured that young people from the Musselburgh Area would benefit from this project and made members aware that an open day could be held for members of the area partnership to see these bikes in action. All members unanimously agree to fund this project.</p> <p>SB brought members up to date regarding email decisions that had been taken over the summer. Members were sent e-mails providing details on each of these projects and all of the projects had been supported by a quorate number of members decisions</p> <p>These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Step Counselling Service £2727.50(Area Plan objective 18), this was to provide a counselling service to First Step, the aims are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the mental health of parents • To help parents feel better supported in the community • To enhance the relationships between parents and their children, and parents' ability to meet their child's needs <p>SB added that although the Councillor was providing the service for free this contribution would allow the provision of a crèche and supervision fees.</p> <p>Members had no concerns and were happy to ratify this decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB made members aware of the Roads Project on the footway at Eskside West / Campie Road, this would remove the broken and displaced slabs and provide a new footway surface to this area the estimate provided by the Roads Service was between £15,000 and £ 20,000 (Area Plan Action 15.1). SB also informed members that Option 2 was members preferred layout however this could be changed if members preferred however, the final design may need to be altered depending on the presence of tree roots? <p>Members had no concerns and were happy to ratify this decision and were happy to proceed with option 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planters £7,060 (Area Plan action 1.2&1.3), SB highlighted this ongoing Project and members indicated their approval and that many in the community had commented on how nice these looked. SB indicated that this project could only be implemented thanks to the support of the Business Partnership and local businesses to water the plants. Members indicated that they would like more planters around North High Street, SB replied that extending this work would only be possible if there was enough footway width for a planter or a railing 	

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	<p>available and that someone either a business or an individual would be prepared to take on the task of watering the plants. Members were happy to ratify this decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Lunch and activity club at Pinkie £5,000 (Area Plan Action 18.2) This lunch club at Pinkie St Peters School was provided at the School and complemented the work of the Lunch Clubs / play schemes at Wallyford and Whitecraig. SB and JM had visited all of the lunch clubs and were impressed by the work and commitment of those involved. Members had no concerns and were happy to ratify this decision. • Musselburgh Up £ 3069.64 match funding (Area Plan Action 7.2) for an application to the connecting communities Fund. SB outlined the Project working in collaboration with Queen Margaret University. He added that the decision on the Project had been delayed until October due to the number of applications for funding. He hoped this project would be successful and that the Area Partnership could then provide the agreed match funding Members had no concerns and were happy to ratify this decision and wished the project every success. • Beat the Street £5,000 (Area Plan Priority 5) match funding for safer choices safer places funding This Project had been discussed for some time and was now in full swing with a planned start date of the 11 September. Members had no concerns and were happy to ratify this decision. 	
A.O.B.		
	<p>IC asked members to consider the positions of sub group chair of the Active Travel sub group as he had currently been chairing this group but his capacity to do so was not conducive with being chair of the full partnership. IC said that he would be happy to speak with any member on the role should they consider taking it up.</p>	
9. 2019 Meeting Dates		
Area Partnership meetings for 2019 are as follows:		
<p>MONTH</p> <p>September</p> <p>December</p>	<p>DATE</p> <p>30th</p> <p>2nd</p> <p>VENUE</p> <p>Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1</p> <p>Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre Training room 1</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>