



**Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting
Monday 30th September 2019, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
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. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM)
- Cllr. Fiona Dugdale, Elected Member (FD)
- Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
- Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
- Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH)
- Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
- Gaynor Allen, Musselburgh GS Parent Council (GA)
- Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)
- Emma Stewart Musselburgh Churches Together(ES)
- Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
- Pauline Crerar, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (PC)
- Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc)

Others in attendance:

- Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB)
- Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
- Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
- Jane Cummings, Community Development Officer (JC)

Apologies:

- Cllr. Andrew Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
- Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC)
- Cllr. Kenny McLeod, Elected Member (KMc)
- Cllr. Colin McGinn, Elected Member (CMcG)
- Sarah Matthews, Musselburgh CAB (SM)
- Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (VN)
- Katie Swann, Fisherrow Waterfront Group (KS)
- Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
- Callum McGuire, Queen Margaret University (CM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC Welcomed PC to her first meeting of the Area Partnership.	
2. Conflict of Interest		

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	IC informed members that it was imperative that any conflicts of interest are declared during a meeting and especially if this involves voting.	
3. Approval of Minutes – 19th August 2019		
	Proposed by MS seconded by AH	
4. Matters Arising		
	SB confirmed that the ELTRP recently held their AGM and Linda Finlayson and Jeanette Boyd were appointed as the representatives for the Musselburgh Area Partnership.	
5. Sub Groups		
	<p>Active Travel/On The Move IC made members aware that following requests to the members to assist as chair of the active travel sub group that BT had put his name forward for this role. Members thanked BT for this and a meeting will be arranged soon. BT informed members that he is on the board of SESTRANS and looks forward to working to improve active and sustainable travel in the area.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing JM made members aware that a meeting will be set up soon as there is a lot of work for the H&W sub group that needs addressed.</p> <p>Communications/Communities Day IC stated that the Communities Day was a huge success and has had great coverage and excellent feedback. IC added there were lots of people to thank including Musselburgh Guiding, Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, Baynes, Tesco and Wilson’s Fruit. He also offered a huge thank you to all the members, volunteers and those who manned the stalls for all their hard work on the day. IC added a huge thank you to SB and SG for all the hard work and organisation that goes into an event of this scale and without their contribution this event could not take place. IC stated that one of the most important elements of Communities Day is to carry out a consultation and allow community members the opportunity to view the priorities and actions in the area plan and to give them the opportunity to outline what matters most to their community. IC highlighted that a great deal of networking had been done on the day. AH added that the event was well supported with a steady flow at the event all day. KM felt there was a great atmosphere on the day but would like to see more public coming through the doors. IC discussed promotion of the event and how we were up by 50% on numbers from the previous year. KM suggested leafleting new houses. CMc stated that it was a great networking event and everyone interacted well however there was some issues was the placing of some tables. IC explained the logistical difficulties of setting the table plan and providing everyone requests. IC commented “One Community under one roof for one day” described the day perfectly and that any suggestions would be welcomed. He added that this event had grown so much in the four years since it started. IT said she really enjoyed the music.</p>	

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	<p>MS advised that the employability worker from Musselburgh Grammar School found the day very productive allowing her to make a great many contacts and she was singing the partnership praises for organising this event.</p> <p>JC suggested a possible raffle for next year. IT suggested the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers could maybe leaflet the high street for two weekends before the event to help with advertising. IC/SB will check with Marie Conte on date for next year.</p> <p>Review of membership of sub groups SB passed around a membership list for each sub group to ratify who wished to remain on the groups and for members to express their interest in joining these groups.</p> <p>Budget & Priority Sub Group IC made members aware that a budget and priority meeting needs to be held to discuss actions and projects prior to reporting back to the partnership.</p> <p>GA highlighted the need for a new web site for Musselburgh. IC suggested contacting the Musselburgh Business Partnership to see if they could possibly assist with this.</p>	
6. Chair Report		
	<p>IC highlighted that there had only been six weeks since the last meeting and all his time since then had been focused on the Communities Day.</p>	
7. Area Mangers Report - Approval of Key Projects		
	<p>SB brought members up to date on the progress of current projects and initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-School Family Worker (£34,500 from the Educational Initiatives Funding) - This is still to be considered by the Health & wellbeing sub group and will be on the agenda for discussion at next meeting 2 December. 2. Musselburgh Total Place Application (£46,008) This Project is currently being considered by the East Lothian Council Children’s Strategic Partnership. I have been asked to attend a meeting in October to looking at intensive family support in Musselburgh East associated with the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal. Part of this discussion will involve consideration of the application to the Area Partnership for Musselburgh Total Place and SB agreed to keep members aware of the outcome of these discussion. 3. SB made members aware that the application received from the East Lothian Community Rail Project that was supported at the last meeting for a sum of £2,054 for a survey “ Barriers to Rail Travel East Lothian 2019” is unlikely to go ahead due to lack of support from other Area Partnerships, Application forms are being amended to reflect this type of situation moving Forward. 4. SB made members aware that the summer bedding has been removed from the planters in Musselburgh High Street. This was now to be replaced with winter pansies. The issues with watering is to be discussed with amenity services and the Musselburgh Business 	

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	<p>Partnership. SB also added that a few railing planters had been moved due to Road Safety concerns and that he was aware that members were still keen to see more planters along Bridge Street and North High Street although offers to water plants had been received from the Bistro at the Brunton Hall no other offers had been received to date and this would be raised with the Musselburgh Business Partnership with a view to encouraging others to come forward.</p> <p>5. SB made members aware that the Musselburgh Up (£3,069.64) application to the Investing in Communities Fund would be announced in October.</p> <p>6. SB made members aware that the Beat the Street initiative was going very well with almost 29,000 miles to date walked or Cycled (Three weeks on Wed).</p> <p>7. SB highlighted The Wallyford Pug Project and asked AH to outline this project to members. He added that although AH had confirmed a conflict of interest he was best placed to outline the details of this project. Following this AH gave members details of the historical and cultural links of this project to mining and bricklaying in the Wallyford area. IC made members aware that AH had managed to secure £8,008 to allow this project to go ahead however there was a need to provide £363.90 required as a contributing 3rd party payment associated with the Viridor contribution. IC made members aware that he had made a delegated decision to provide this funding to allow this project to go ahead. Members expressed their appreciation for IC's decision. SB thanked AH for all his hard work on behalf of the community.</p> <p>8. SB made members aware that there was a productive meeting on the 3 September regarding the Old Town Hall with ELC officers and the Museum and Heritage Group and added that another meeting would be held next week to see what was to happen next, a Forum would then be organised hopefully in November when all Area Partnership Members would be invited.</p> <p>9. SB informed Members that there was a need to progress projects as a matter of urgency he encouraged members to participate in the subgroups and added that a list was being circulated for Active Travel , Budgets and Priorities and Health and Wellbeing for members to confirm if they wished to remain members of the sub groups and for those who currently were not a member to express an interest in joining.</p> <p>A discussion then followed on Projects and Initiatives</p> <p>IC mentioned Mental Health was a big issue and added that it would be good to look at guided self-help in all schools, he also added that the Happiness Project at MGS were holding an event in October.</p> <p>JMc informed members that the guided self-help was working well at North Berwick and added that Lesley Kay manages this project. She added that the Scottish Government were to fund Mental Health help in Schools but that the Area Partnership Health and Wellbeing sub-</p>	

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	<p>group would be focusing on this issue as there was a need to ensure that the people making the decisions regarding the mental health worker know the value of the guided self-help work that is already happening and the work of the sub-group could then influence the policy and priorities around this.</p> <p>IC added that the sub-groups and the Area Partnership members should take account of the priorities established at the Communities Day and other events such as Gala Days, he added that it was not always possible to deliver on all of these Priorities some would be delivered by Service Areas of East Lothian Council other considerations needed to be on the deliverability of the project.</p> <p>SB added that some projects could take up to 5 years or longer to deliver and that some projects were dependant on others, he highlighted the work last year on the Lagoons Area Master Plan where after the 50/50 funding was agreed the project had to be cancelled as Amenity Services withdrew their funding in January.</p> <p>SB also added that the Area Plan was a living document and will change as both circumstances and priorities change.</p>	
8. Consultations		
	<p>IC made members aware that the East Lothian Partnership Autumn Forum would be held this Saturday 5th October at Queen Margaret University from 9am till 12.45pm. He urged anyone interested in this event to sign up and register he added there will be workshops on the day but that these have still to be finalised. IC thanked members who had already signed up to attend the event.</p> <p>IC added that there were no new consultations relating to Musselburgh but encouraged all to make themselves aware of the current consultations on the East Lothian Council Consultation Hub.</p>	
9. A.O.B.		
	<p>JMc enquired about the review of the membership and added that it would be good to have the full representation from Parent Councils. SB suggested that it would be good to strengthen the voice of Children and young people building on the work already done by CD. JMc stated that she was look into visiting Musselburgh Grammar School (MGS). IC mentioned that the Head Boy and Head Girl from MGS came along at one point and added that it may be good to look at other ways to engage with them, possibly inviting them to the H&W sub group. JMC mentioned the H&W sub-group could possibly attend/visit parent councils to look at better ways to engage with young people adding that a regular item could be placed on the H&W agenda and fed back to the main partnership meetings. CMc mentioned the Head teacher at Pinkie is keen to get involved in the work of the Area Partnership. IC agreed and stated he would be keen to get more schools involved.</p> <p>SB stated that it would be good for Young People to have a better voice on the partnership and added that it would be good to have young people's views, thoughts, wishes and aspirations. JMC agreed to speak to CD to take this forward.</p>	<p>JMc</p>

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