

Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Zoom Meeting Monday 31st January 2022, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Members (and substitute members) present:

Iain Clark, Chair (IC) Cllr. Katie Mackie, Elected Member (KM) Cllr. John Williamson, Elected Member (JW) Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF) Cllr. Stuart Currie, Elected Member (SC) Alister Hadden, Wallyford Community Council (AH) Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM) Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM) Cathie McArthur, Vice Chair, Health & Wellbeing Network (CMc) Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS) Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF) Emma Stewart, Musselburgh Churches Together (ES) Leslie Milton, Musselburgh Churches Together (LM) Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR) Veronica Noone, Fisherrow Sea Front Association (VN) Alan Stevens, Musselburgh Conservation Society (AS)

Others in attendance:

Stuart Baxter ELC Area Manager (SB) Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG) Jane Cummings, ELC (PM) Jade Hall, ELC Active Schools Coordinator (JH) Anna Potter, ELC Active Schools Coordinator (AP) Lucy Daniels, EL Foodbank Community and Outreach manager (LD)

Apologies:

Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT) Barry Turner, Musselburgh Conservation Society (BT) Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM) Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)

AGENDA ITEM		KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION	
1.	Welcome , Int	oductions and Apologies		
		IC welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. IC advised that the		
		meeting would be recorded and held for a maximum of two weeks then		
		deleted and was only used to prepare the minutes.		
2.	Conflict of Inte	nterest		
		This is a standing item on the agenda. Please declare any conflict of		
		interest when projects are being discussed or when voting on funding		
		applications.		
3.	Consultation	·		

		IC advised members of the current open consultations:-	
		<u>1140 hours parental questionnaire - East Lothian Council - Citizen</u>	
		Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)	
		Early Learning and Childcare: Easter 2022 Intake - East Lothian Council	
		- Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)	
		IC advised of a forth coming consultation regarding Wallyford – various roads, opens on 4 th February 2022	
		THE EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL (WALLYFORD – VARIOUS ROADS)	
		(PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING	
		ETC), ORDER 2021 - East Lothian - East Lothian Council - Citizen Space	
Δ	Minutes previo	(eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)	
	windtes previo	Minutes from meeting 29.11.2021 were approved by AH and	
		seconded by NM.	
5.	Matters Arisin		
		IC advised any matters arising will be covered in the course of the	
6.	Sub Groups	meeting.	
0.		Active Travel – BT is not able to attend tonight but AS gave a brief	
		update on his behalf making members aware that BT will circulate a	ВТ
		paper soon regarding the 20 minutes neighbourhood initiative and will	
		also arrange a sub group meeting in the near future. IC thanked AS for standing in for BT.	
		Health & Wellbeing (H&W) – JM gave an update regarding the	
		Musselburgh Dementia Meeting Centre (MDMC) and how this is	
		progressing. The group's key focus has been on the MDMC which is	
		still ongoing. The sub group are trying to hold their meetings prior to the full Area Partnership meetings so they are more able to report	
		back to members. JM added that a funding application has been made	
		to VECL to employ a Dementia Friendly Worker from Dementia	
		Friendly East Lothian. JM advised they are proposing a separate sub	
		group to look at Dementia Friendly Musselburgh and the surrounding	
		areas, this will enable the group to also focus on other priorities such as children and young people. JM highlighted a need for more	
		community and youth work in the Musselburgh area and added that	
		the lack of a Community Learning and Development worker for	
		Musselburgh is a continuing concern. JM informed members that the	
		group are still keen on intergeneration work and are working with	
		Musselburgh Grammar school on this which she added was really	
		positive. CMc advised that she has been trying to contact Pinkie Primary school on numerous occasions but to date has had no reply to	
		her emails or phone calls however she added that she will keep trying.	
		Communications – IC advised that it was still intended to have the	
		Communities Day on 10 th September 2022 and is looking to start a sub	
		group to help with the planning. He added that previous Communities	
		Days had been very successful and there was a need to focus on the priorities for this year. IC also highlighted the need for a contingency	
		plan to be put in place should COVID restrictions change again. IC	
		stated there was now a need to form a sub group to take forward	
		Communities Day and would email members to arrange a date for	IC
		those keen to take this initiative forward.	

7. Chairs Report	 Sustainable Musselburgh (SM) – IC informed members that although GA not present that IC and SB had attended a sub group meeting on Friday 28 January 2022. He added the main focus was on the Musselburgh Flood Protection Plan and the recent pollution of the River Esk. IC informed members that he had received updated from SEPA regarding the River Esk pollution. However these emails had gone into his junk mail and had not been noticed until recently. He undertook to send members copies of these updates and apologised for the delay. There will be two public consultations meetings regarding the flood protection plan on the 8 & 9 February held within the Brunton Hall. Details are on their website https://www.musselburghfloodprotection.com Budget, Priorities & Scrutiny (BP&S) – IC advised members that an email had been sent out for a meeting on 22.2.22 at 6.30pm to look at priorities for the future and evaluations. SB added it is a critical time for budgets and highlighted the need to focus on what can still be achieved before the end of the financial year. 	IC
	IC thanked all members for voting on the late application for	
	Whitecraig Christmas Lights at the end of last year, an urgent decision	
	was required and thanked all members for their prompt response.	
	IC gave members an update regarding Project 21 and that a decision has been taken to extend the closing date from 31 st January 2022 to 28 th February 2022 as a result of the ongoing COVID restrictions. IC added that updated posters had been sent out and an article is also expected in the courier. He asked members to spread the word and encourage applications. Although decisions are being made as applications come in as previously agreed by members IC undertook to keep members up to date with a list of successful applications.	IC
	IC made members aware that he will be meeting a PHD student from Edinburgh University interested in the work of Musselburgh Area Partnership.	
	IC made a plea to members for the need to fill the vice chair position on the Musselburgh Area Partnership, he urged members to seriously consider applying for this post and added that he is happy to have a 1- 1 meeting with anyone who is interested to outline the work required adding that in his opinion this was not an arduous commitment.	
	IC highlighted the end of the financial year is not far away and added that there was still time to apply should members know of any projects likely to meet the objectives outlined in the Area Plan.	
	IC outlined his intention to email members information regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee adding there was still funds available for groups to plant trees. He added regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon on the 2 nd June 2022 that three Beacons were planned for the Musselburgh area. Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council, Musselburgh Race Course and one at Carberry Tower. He also added that a few lunches had been planned to celebrate the event.	IC
	IC advised members that as we approached the end of the financial year due to tight time scales that any applications received may need	

	to be sent members for consideration by email however undertook
	where time scales allowed to give members two weeks' notice prior to
	a decision being required.
	CMc enquired if it would be possible to apply for funding from Project
	21 for street parties. IC confirmed that this was unlikely to meet the
	criteria for Project 21. SB advised that instead an application to the
	MAP general fund could be submitted. ES advised the Churches in
	Musselburgh are looking at how they can serve the community,
	including the possibility of a community kitchen. They are currently
	working with the Cyrenians providing meals for people who need
	them. SB advised funding was provided for cookery courses and a
	meeting had been set up for 1 st February 2022 with JC to look into this
	further. LM clarified that they intended to investigate holding
	additional cooking classes and may need support from the MAP. SB
	replied that an application form could be sent out to LM and added if
	anyone has any other suggestions or ideas for projects to please get in
	touch for an application form and a copy of the Area Plan.
8 Connected Co	mmunities Managers Report
o. connected co	SB updated members on the current situation with the area
	partnership budgets:-
	Expenditure on this Year's General Budget to date is:-
	Musselburgh Rugby Club - £8,000
	Eskmuthe Rowing Club £10,000
	Summer Planters £1,230.60
	Winter Plants £1,000 (committed)
	Levenhall roundabout £10,474(committed)
	Project Proposal from MAP Project 21 £21,000(committed)
	David MacBeth Moir Cleaning £500
	Whitecraig Christmas Lights £2000
	Cycle Hoops at Fisherrow Harbour £323.00
	Still to be committed from General Fund £45,472.40. This may
	increase if the full £21,000 for Project 21 is not allocated.
	AH advised members that he had personally completed the cleaning
	of the moss on the statue in time for the memorial and there was no
	longer a need for the £500. SB thanked AH for going above and
	beyond in his efforts to clean the Davis MacBeth Moir statue.
	Road Project (£50,000) SB reminded members that Roads Services had
	chosen the footway at Eskside West (New St to N High St) and the
	proposed start date is Monday 7 February 2022.
	Additional funding.
	Area Formula Food/ Digital Total Additional youth
	Welfare the APs work*
	(+ balidau
	holiday hunger
	£)
	Musselburgh 25% £30,000 £6,250 £36,250 £18,700
	Area
	(+£7,500

	SB advised members that £25,367.20 had already been allocated from the additional Scottish Government Food and Welfare funding provided to the Area Partnership to prioritise. SB made members aware that an application had just been received from Wallyford and Whitecraig Management Committees through PM to purchase additional computers, tablets and digital services to be used within the Wallyford, Whitecraig and Musselburgh areas. This application will be sent out to members for a decision by email.	
	Amenity Services SB updated members that amenities were currently experiencing staffing issues and are actively recruiting at the moment. Due to this there is difficulty in completing the projects. SB added that he was currently looking into the possibility of using Amenity Services contractors to enable some of the projects to be achieved this year. SB highlighted any capital costs would need to come from the general budget.	
	SB reminded members that the original list of Amenity projects included:- Renew High Street / Bridge Street Planters and Beach Terrace lane. Revamp the Levenhall Roundabout with a variety of bulbs from snowdrops/ bluebells etc to have continuous colour through to summer wildflower. Bulbs at Wallford pug	
	 Other Potential projects looking into Station Road carpark area 2nd phase raised planters Supply and install new bins on High Street Ravensheugh burn path Wallyford Gateway planter at the Cleugh 	
	 Memorial path Ph2 Hope Place pathway Wallyford Albert Place woodland Ph4 Improving access at Wallyford bing 	
9. A.O.C.B		
	IC mentioned it was great to see the Drift path completed and has used this path himself. AH agreed that it was fantastic to see this path and the links it provides completed and added it will provide great benefits to the community.	
	AP/JH enquired about getting involved in the Health & Wellbeing sub group. JM welcomed them onto the sub group and added that they could now consider themselves valued members.	
	IC thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed that sub group meeting for Communities Day had been arranged for Tuesday 1 st March 2022 at 6.30pm an email will be sent out to members of the subgroup.	
2022 Meeting Date	25	
Area Partnership m 14-Mar 2022	neetings for 2022 are as follows:	Apologies to be sent to <u>Musselburgh-</u>
13-Jun 2022		

22-Aug 2022 AGM	ap@eastlothia
03-Oct 2022	n.gov.uk
28-Nov 2022	