



Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting
Monday 12th May 2025, 7pm – 9pm
Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
Alistair Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)
Cllr. Fiona Dugdale (FD)
Cllr. Cher Cassini (CC)
Janice MacLeod, Support from the Start (JM)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
Laura Munro, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (LM)
Mandy Harrington, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (MH)
Pauline Crerar, Sustainability sub group (PC)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Richard Munro, Campie Primary School Parent Council (RM)
Cathy McArthur, Health & Wellbeing (CMcA)



Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)
Laura Chant, NHS (LChant)
Maria Lyle, Active Schools (ML)
Lorraine Congleton, ELC CDO (LC)
Shona Black, In Tandem (SB)

Apologies:


Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Beryl Stevenson, Wallyford Community Council (BS)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Tanya Morrison, Whitecraig Community Council (TM)
Cllr. Ruairh Bennett (RB)
Cllr. Colin McGinn (CMcG)
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)
Wilma Porteous, Community Librarian (WP)
Cllr. Kenny McLeod (KM)
Cllr. Lee-anne Menzies (LMe)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome , Introductions and Apologies		
	<p>GA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming along. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>GA advised we had SB along from In Tandem to discuss a change to their funding award from last year. They were awarded £6,950 to purchase an electric tandem bike. They have secured a cheaper and better alternative bike and have an underspend. They are being upfront and asking MAP for a change in use of the extra funds. They provided a full breakdown of the tools/kit they require which had been shared with Members prior to the meeting. A question and answer session took place. SB left the meeting and was advised a decision would be given to her as soon as possible. MH also gave an update on the background of In Tandem as she had been supporting them from the start.</p> <p>Members were asked to vote to fully fund the change of use YES: 11 AGAINST: 2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: 0</p> <p>GA also advised there was a change of use to their Sustaining Musselburgh Warm Homes application award £3,457.29 in 2023/2024. GA explained they had applied to purchase 2 thermal cameras for the Musselburgh Area. They were then subsequently given 2 cameras from East Lothian Climate Hub who had secured some funding which was great. GA proposes to use some of the money for face to face training for volunteers to use these cameras rather than the on line training which was provided. The cost would be £500 for two training sessions. GA also proposed one years insurance. The rest of the funds would be returned to ELC and MAP. GA/PC/CS all left the room due to a conflict of interest. A discussion took place.</p> <p>Members were asked to vote to fund the change of use/training sessions and insurance and return the remaining funds £1,943.94 YES: 10 AGAINST: 0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: 3</p> <p>AH advised if anyone needs help or know anyone who would like help to identify heat loss in their homes to please get in touch.</p>	
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/CS declared a conflict regarding Sustaining Musselburgh request.	
3. Approval of Minutes		
	Minutes from meeting 3 rd March 2025 were approved by CS and MH	
4. Matters Arising		
	SMK advised the Communities Day Budget was going to be covered during the meeting.	
5. Beach Wheelchairs		
	SMK advised they were unable to attend tonights meeting but hoping to have them at the June meeting. SMK explained that Alison would like to come along and help everyone understand Beach Wheelchairs.	

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	Who its for and what role it plays. She can provide peoples experiences as they are up and running in different areas. Alison would like MAP support.	
6. Connected Communities Managers Report		
	<p>SMK provided a full report and this will be shared with Members covering Last years budget, this financial years budget, Amenities, Roads Projects, Antisocial Behaviour, Audit, Area Plan and Active Travel.</p> <p> Managers Report 12th May 2025.pptx</p> <p> Nature Networks.ppsx</p>	
7. Sub Groups		
	<p>Ending Poverty Subgroup No report received.</p> <p>Health & Well-being Subgroup JM advised the group have been working on a whats on guide. There will be a Strictly for Seniors event on Saturday 7th June 2-4pm at the Hollies in Musselburgh. This celebration forms part of the Dementia Awareness Week activities.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network Full report attached</p> <p>Active Travel Subgroup Minutes shared below from meeting 26.2.25 MUSSELBURGH AREA PARTNERSHIP ACTIVE TRAVEL SUB GROUP Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 26th Feb 2025 At Musselburgh East CLC, Haddington Road, Musselburgh AGENDA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies: Liz Hunter 2. Matters arising from meeting held on 4th Dec 2024: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Old Craighall (back to June meeting) – works just now have been a missed opportunity, only patched road. Planned link to Midlothian – ask Liz for an update. Derek: looked as though a link was going to be developed along Monktonhall Rd missing out roundabout. What has happened as it seems to have disappeared? Liz – Midlothian are developing Shawfair connections, our side is all with developers and we have no influence over their timescales. Persimmon site – have done a couple of bits, no indication of any detailed applications for remainder. PAN in from Bellfield or Cala for east side of Old Craighall but still high level. b. Wireworks travel information – Derek asking what it means that this has been done – action Scott to check with Chris </p>	

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	<p>3. Active Travel Network Planning – Niall Deans</p> <p>ND will talk about the context, can offer a fuller workshop – Pans and NB have had 2-hour session with largescale plans. Active Travel Network Plan – strategy expired 2024, new ScotGov guidance is that network plans are key pieces of strategy now – will be in accordance with TS guidance. Big change. Didn't use to be such a focus on delivery. Chris had been working on active travel evaluation framework. (Shona mentioned this had been through Cycle Forum consultation); high-level network, not defining particular infrastructure – defining need for a route, wouldn't look at particular solutions until next design stage; almost every proposal has come from community not council – filling gaps; important to be led by community but local authority has to then take strategic approach, eg some areas of higher deprivation have less feedback but still require investment/solutions. ND in conversation with LDP team to ensure alignment and need for network built into LDP.</p> <p>Different levels of AT network – long distance eg NCN routes, covering whole country; possibility of coastal route a huge part of the plan; improving John Muir Way;</p> <p>Core path network – thinking about how that fits in with active travel networks.</p> <p>Infrastructure variable – e.g., completely separate from road Longniddry path; quiet roads – how to make safer as country roads at 60mph, 12yo couldn't go on their own; shared use paths – between towns/settlements this is likely to be the solution. Derek – point about e-bikes increasing range;</p> <p>National Planning tool – NPT.scot – models where you'd be likely to get biggest increase in cyclists if you invested in active travel. Iain – Old Craighall up to Danderhall, used by motorists avoiding the bypass; ND – good collaboration between ELC and Midlothian, NCN looking at it too, including from Roslin. Challenge working with developers. SM mentioned climate intelligence service – ND can speak to Cheyne for logins to see if this can supplement NPT.</p> <p>Trip generators – multi – school run, shops, residential journeys.</p> <p>Quiet streets – are we achieving volumes and speeds, what could we do to make them safer? Iain – has proposed all these things for Old Craighall, traffic calming measures. How to change mindset and culture of drivers. New 20mph down Monktonhall to Tesco; education/behaviour change campaign. ND – hard to change mindset without physically changing character of the road. Derek asks whether many of these calming measures are being put in now – budget;</p> <p>ND – raised tables in Wallyford, wouldn't have had them put in Edinburgh; will be expensive to maintain.</p> <p>AH -raised the paths around WLC, nice and wide, verges. ND – clarifies verges are design feature and part of it too.</p> <p>For network plan it is about identifying need. How it links to national policy.</p> <p>ND – looking at whole county but doing workshops with area partnerships.</p>	

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	<p>Primary network: busy roads that we look at they should be active travel – most difficult locations to achieve but also most transformative if you can. E.g., CCWEL; parts of South city way in Glasgow. Uptake huge. Likelihood of achieving that kind of thing in east Lothian is low, parking biggest barrier. Derek supportive of the concept of Prestonpans – Levenhall, reallocating space, seems to be conflict between retaining parking and road width. MAT as key: will ensure we cover Whitecraig and Wallyford too. Looking at boundaries. Derek – problem of so much being put in by developers and not connected. Isolated pieces of infrastructure.</p> <p>ND – can make more sense for local authorities to take it on board; also Transport Scotland can match fund 50% for some specific projects. Most active travel initiatives have been grant-funded. Tier 2 is the fund from Transport Scotland. Goes back to the importance of the network plan – evidence for funding applications and future projects.</p> <p>Workshop offer – new financial year, either Niall or someone else could come and do? Derek – what would that look like? Should be wider than this but not that many people. NB had 7 people there. Schedule another meeting but ask a few more folk?</p> <p>Sustrans new restructure – new housing developments will be a key strand.;</p> <p>4. Projects List update: Alister – Faside castle path – raises issue of nesting season so early summer may be an issue can we check this? [Update: this work is being overseen by countryside rangers so will link in to ask them but fairly sure they will be on this already]. Also there is approved planning to put another information board up there, waiting for work to be done. Derek asking about connection to footbridge. Masons’ Way to footbridge is another gap as above. [Action: Shona to ask Nick Morgan]</p> <p>12a – Cowpits road – developer was supposed to provide link to railway through housing estate – update? [Whitecraig South – SE of new primary school, in Planning – development brief requires 3 points of access to railway path, their first iteration showed none but have been sent back to fix – their connections currently only show to edge of red line boundary and not beyond – LH has gone back – in negotiation]</p> <p>26 – crossing in Old Craighall, still really needed. Timing of change of temporary crossing points don’t have time for cyclists both at crematorium and Cala houses.</p> <p>Also discussion of services – request for refuge island vs. dangerous environment for pedestrians generally.</p> <p>5. Levenhall Links Active Travel link update – is on website, consultation open, no further update needed.</p> <p>6. AP budget: possibility of asking for ~ £10k to survey through traffic in Musselburgh, 4/5 main routes in and out – action Shona to follow up with Liz.</p> <p>7. Area Plan: subgroups have added in ideas for Area Plan; can we gather some feedback from Niall’s workshop. Importance that we capture aspirations that the partnership can deliver.</p>	

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	<p>8. Any other business. Dalkeith CP update – accessible gate coming at old Craighall end by summer (update since meeting: contractor onsite and work has started).</p> <p>9. Date of next meeting – tbc in consultation with Niall for Sustrans workshop.</p> <p>CLlr McIntosh, Chair (Temporary)</p> <p>Communities Day Subgroup GA discussed an allocation of money to cover the costs of Communities Day 2025. Members agreed £1,500 and if needed more to come back to MAP.</p> <p>AH submitted this report prior to the meeting:- Communities Day to be held on Saturday 4th October 2025 between 11am & 3pm at the Musselburgh Fisherrow Centre</p>  <p>Report 12th May 2025 All organisations that received funding from the MAP in the previous year Have been contacted to either have a table or provide a poster to show what they have achieved with their funding award Communities Day team have allocated tables to Rooms in Main Building and invites have been sent out to those various organisation outlined below Room G1- Groups Clubs Organisations 9 Tables Room G2 -Dementia Friendly 9 Tables, Room G3- Cost of Living 9 Tables Room G4- Scrap Store Room G5- Arts & Crafts 9 Tables Room G6- Groups Clubs Organisations 15 Tables</p> <p>Atrium Music & Entertainment. Clark Concert Party, Clark Choir, Warblers, Ukelettes have confirmed attendance.</p> <p>Annex Building Nursery- Childrens Room Library Services (Book Bug)- Face Painting-Red Elephant (Balloon Modelling)- Circus Skills. Annex Lounge (Cafe) Gym (Sports tasters<) TBC</p> <p>Externally Fire Engine, Eskmuthe Rowing Boat, Community Garden (Open) Play Talk Read Bus (TBC) In Tandem.</p> <p>Stewarding</p>	

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	<p>Police Cadets (Confirmed– Air Cadets (TBC) Sea Cadets (TBC)</p> <p>Treasure Hunt will be put in place on the day for the event.</p> <p>Sustaining Musselburgh Subgroup</p> <p>1, Our first heat project season has finished due to warm weather, so we are going to take stock, do more training and plan for this winter. This has been hugely successful so far and we are looking forward to growing this work.</p> <p>2, We have worked hard to get the Mucklets Community Garden up and running and have had two open day/community engagement events, which proved successful. We have asked what people want from this garden and have our garden designer Becca Duncan on hand to help.</p> <p>3, We are working with the Musselburgh Pantry to potentially establish a food waste giveaway in the future.</p> <p>Governance Scrutiny Subgroup</p> <p>We have spent time making sure our guidance for application forms is as good as it can be.</p> <p>We also need to work on application forms and evaluation forms. We are awaiting advice from Scott about the AP audit.</p>	
8. Chair's Report		
9. Consultations		
	<p><u>East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)</u></p> <p>GA encouraged everyone to have a look.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>Projects – In Tandem – Sustaining Musselburgh underspend. These were dealt with further up the agenda.</p> <p>Communities Day 2025 budget – dealt with further up the agenda</p> <p>GA thanked everyone for coming along.</p>	
11. 2025 Meeting Dates		
	16/06/2025, 18/08/2025, 17/11/2025 AGM	<p>Apologies to be sent to <u>Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>