

Musselburgh Area Partnership

Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting Monday 16th June 2025, 7pm – 9pm Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
Alister Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)
Cllr. Fiona Dugdale (FD)
Cllr. Andy Forrest, Elected Member (AF)
Cllr. Lee-anne Menzies (LMe)
Cllr. Shona McIntosh (SM)
Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
Beryl Stevenson, Wallyford Community Council (BS)
Irene Tait, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (IT)
Janice MacLeod, Health & Wellbeing (JM)
Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
Mandy Harrington, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (MH)
Richard Munro, Campie Primary School Parent Council (RM)
Cathy McArthur, Health & Wellbeing (CMcA)
Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)
Laura Chant, NHS (LChant)
Alison Brown, Beach Wheelchairs (AB)
Ruth, Beach Wheelchairs (R)

Apologies:

Cllr. Cher Cassini (CC)
Cllr. Ruairh Bennett (RB)
Cllr. Colin McGinn (CMcG)
Cllr. Kenny McLeod (KM)
Natasha McInninie, Bridges Project (NM)
Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
Laura Munro, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (LM)
Pauline Crerar, Sustainability sub group (PC)
Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
Lorraine Congleton, ELC CDO (LC)
Elizabeth Ramsden, Health & wellbeing (ER)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies		
	GA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming along. Introductions were made and GA welcomed Alison & Ruth to the meeting tonight to raise awareness for Beach Wheelchairs. Apologies were noted.	
2. Beach Wheelchairs		
	<p>Alison introduced the organisation and ongoing work/aspiration to create a Musselburgh Beach Wheelchair location.</p> <p>https://www.beachwheelchairs.org/</p> <p>Beach Wheelchairs is a small Scottish charity that has operated since 2015. Since then we have hired out our specialist wheelchairs over 2000 times.</p> <p>Our mission is to get people onto the sand, by the waves and enable them to enjoy our beautiful beaches with friends and family. We have a wide range of wheelchairs and equipment at North Berwick, East Lothian and Portobello, Edinburgh. We also have two wheelchairs at Haven Seton Sands that are available to the public as well as Haven customers to use.</p> <p>Alison & Ruth shared an update on the ongoing work and plans to develop beach wheelchairs in Musselburgh.</p> <p>GA thanked Alison & Ruth for coming along tonight.</p>	
3. Conflict of Interest		
	GA reminded everyone to advise us when you are voting to please declare any conflict of interests in any of the applications being decided on tonight.	
4. Approval of Minutes		
	Minutes from meeting 12 th May 2025 were approved by MH and RM	
5. Matters Arising		
	N/A	
6. Funding Applications		
	<p>Whitecraig Parent Council – P7 School Camp - £2,125 JM advised members of the recommendations from the C&Y network. A discussion took place. AF Declared a conflict of interest. Members voted YES: 14 AGAINST: 0 CONFLICT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0</p> <p>Wallyford Primary School Football Team – Kit - £500 JM advised members of the recommendations from the C&Y network. A discussion took place. Members voted YES: 8 AGAINST: 3 CONFLICT: 0 ABSTAIN: 3</p> <p>Wallyford Community Council – Christmas Light Parade - £2,500 CS advised members of the recommendations from the Poverty sub group to award £2,093.08.</p>	

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	<p>A discussion took place. BS/LMe declared a conflict of interest. Members voted for the full award £2,500 YES: 7 AGAINST: 1 CONFLICT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 Members voted for the part award £2,093.08 YES: 6 AGAINST: 1 CONFLICT: 2 ABSTAIN:</p> <p>East Lothian Arts Service – ELJAM - £4,972.50 JM advised members of the recommendations from the C&Y network. A discussion took place. Members voted YES: 14 AGAINST: 0 CONFLICT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p> <p>First Step – Summer Childcare Programme - £3,000 Members had not seen this application only the Governance Sub group have seen it. A discussion took place. A decision was taken not to vote tonight but for SMK send this application out urgently tonight and GA asked Members to respond by 3pm the next day. TP/AF declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Musselburgh Pantry – Property Rent - £5,000 CS provided the background for this application. A discussion took place. CS/GA declared a conflict of interest. Members voted YES: 10 AGAINST: 2 CONFLICT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 SMK asked for a vote on who would like more information Members voted YES: 6</p>	
7. Connected Communities Managers Report		
	The meeting over ran but this will be sent out separately.	
8. Area Plan		
	The meeting over ran but this will be carried over to the next meeting.	
9. Sub Groups		
	<p>The meeting over ran and there was no time for updates from the sub groups.</p> <p>Ending Poverty Subgroup</p> <p>Health & Well-being Subgroup</p> <p>Children & Youth Network</p> <p>Active Travel Subgroup</p> <p>Communities Day Subgroup</p> <p>Sustaining Musselburgh Subgroup</p> <p>Governance Scrutiny Subgroup</p>	
10. Chair's Report		

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11. Consultations		
	East Lothian Council - Citizen Space (eastlothianconsultations.co.uk) GA encouraged everyone to have a look.	
12. A.O.C.B.		
	GA thanked everyone for coming along.	
13. 2025 Meeting Dates		
	25/08/2025, 17/11/2025 AGM	Apologies to be sent to Musselburgh-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk