

Musselburgh Area Partnership

Minutes of Musselburgh Area Partnership Meeting Annual General (Business) meeting Monday 24th November 2025, 7pm – 8pm Teams On Line

Members (and substitute members) present:

Gaynor Allen, Chair (GA)
 Alister Hadden, Vice Chair (AH)
 Cllr. Ruairh Bennett (RB)
 Cllr. Shona McIntosh (SM)
 Cllr. Andy Forrest, (AF)
 Cllr. Fiona Dugdale (FD)
 Janice MacLeod, Health & Wellbeing (JM)
 Christine Shaffer, Levenhall TRA (CS)
 Mandy Harrington, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (MH)
 Grant Hamilton, Bridges Project (GH)
 Laura Munro, Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council (LM)
 Tina Pollock, First Step (TP)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, ELC (SG)
 Scott McKail, ELC Connected Communities Manager (SMK)

Apologies:

Margaret Stewart, Musselburgh & Inveresk CC (MS)
 Beryl Stevenson, Wallyford Community Council (BS)
 Richard Munro, Campie Primary School Parent Council (RM)
 Linda Finlayson, Beach Lane TRA (LF)
 Callum Maguire, Queen Margaret University (CM)
 Ranald Leask, Musselburgh Conservation Society (RL)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	GA welcomed GH along to his first business meeting. Welcome, Introductions and apologies were noted.	
2. Conflict of Interest		
	GA asked if anyone has a conflict regarding any application being looked at tonight to please declare this.	
3. Approval of Minutes - 25th November 2024, 25th August 2025		
	The minutes from last years 2024 AGM were approved by CS and seconded by MH. GA advised the 25.8.25 minutes would be approved at the next meeting on 12.01.2026. There was a discussion about the previous years APM and business meeting and approval of minutes.	
4. Confirmation Membership Organisations for Coming Year		

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	<p>GA asked each member if they would like to remain on the Musselburgh Area Partnership and all confirmed they are happy to stay. A few updates needed regarding main contact name for a few of the organisations. These will be updated.</p> <p>GA has been the Chair for 3 years and AH has been the Vice Chair for 2.5/3 years. Anyone can express an interest in becoming Chair or Vice Chair by contacting map-@eastlothian.gov.uk.</p> <p>FD asked what is the general rule for time in these roles. SMK advised the Standing Orders advise a 2 year term. Sub groups chairs can change at any time – no term governance for sub groups.</p> <p>GA asked each Sub Group Chair if they would like to remain as Chair. If anyone would wish to be Chair of any sub group please say now. AH confirmed like to remain Chair of Musselburgh Communities Day. CS happy to remain as Chair of the Ending Poverty and Inequalities SMK added with the New Area Plan we will be looking at the draft priorities and need to make decision regarding sub groups. Make sure we have the right ones.</p> <p>JM confirmed like to remain Chair of Health & Wellbeing JM confirmed she would like to step down as Chair from the Children & Youth Network but would like to still attend the meetings.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to put sub groups on the agenda for the next meeting in January 2026.</p> <p>GA happy to remain Chair of the Governance sub group unless any one else would like to take up the position.</p> <p>GA confirmed happy to remain Chair of Sustaining Musselburgh sub group</p>	
5. Applications – Festive Provision Pennypit Development Trust		
	<p>Lots of discussion and concerns raised relating to financial information within the application.</p> <p>GA asked Members to vote on the application as it stands Members voted YES 0 NO 12 ABSTAIN 0 CONFLICT 0</p> <p>GA asked Members to for food vouchers only – If clarification/concerns were answered Members voted YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 CONFLICT 0</p> <p>GA asked Members to for Primark/Clothing vouchers only – If clarification/concerns were answered Members voted YES 10 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2 CONFLICT 0</p> <p>SMK will seek clarification about financial questions. Decision to part fund £2,615</p> <p>GA thanked everyone as this was not an easy decision. Keen to ensure early planning next year.</p>	
6. AOCB		
	<p>SM wanted to discuss with Members the 4 roads proposals that were shared and discussed previously. Alan Stubbs required a decision on which project the MAP would like to proceed with as soon as possible.</p>	

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	Location	Town	Description of Works	Estimated Cost	
	Edenhall Crescent	Musselburgh	Carriageway Resurfacing	£60,000	
	Park Lane	Musselburgh	Carriageway Resurfacing	£54,000	
	Macbeth Moir Road (Galt Drive to Moir Crescent)	Musselburgh	Footway Resurfacing	£59,940	
	Beach Lane	Musselburgh	Footway Reconstruction	£27,000	
	<p>SM confirmed Active Travel Sub Group decided it felt the group was not able to make an informed decision. Beach Lane has been on the list for many years. SM proposed that Beach Lane be considered for the Roads Project £27,000 but that also £10,000 of the Roads Budget allocation could be used to do a special traffic survey of Musselburgh and Wallyford to gather data/evidence. Liz Hunter from ELC has suggested this 1 day survey can give a snap shot and evidence regarding traffic in Musselburgh and Wallyford. A discussion took place.</p> <p>GA asked Members to vote on Beach Lane for the Roads Project and £10,000 for the traffic survey both from the £50,000 Roads Budget Allocation.</p> <p>Members voted YES 9 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2 CONFLICT</p> <p>Proposed New Start Time for Meetings</p> <p>TP proposed to start the meetings at 6.30pm instead of 7pm. A discussion took place.</p> <p>Members voted YES 8 (but some added happy either way) No 2 - preferred the current start time of 7pm.</p> <p>GA advised we can always try the 6.30pm and see how it goes but will write out to everyone so we can include Members who were unable to attend tonight.</p>				
7. Date of next meetings 2026					
	Monday 12th January 2026 Monday 2nd March 2026 Monday 11th May 2026 Monday 22nd June 2026 Monday 17th August 2026 Monday 16th November 2026 AGM				