

APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Network Meeting – Wednesday 4 February 2026 10.30 AM to 12.00PM

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

Street Champion Scheme

Speaker: David Maiden, Street Champion Co-ordinator, Telford & Wrekin Council

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about the Council's community engagement and partnership working with an army of over 1,600 volunteers.

MEA Outdoors – Bringing our stunning parks and open spaces to a new audience through effective social media

Speaker: Lisa Kirkwood, Outdoor Recreation Officer, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about the council's vibrant storytelling and targeted social media content is helping to inspire community engagement and promote the natural resources which are on the doorstep of the local area.

Aberdeen B-lines project

Speaker: Representative, Aberdeen City Council (inv)

This will provide an opportunity for colleagues to hear about the council's partnership with Buglife, helping pollinating insects survive and thrive across the city and beyond.

Parks, Grounds and Streets clinic: Any issue affecting service delivery including:

- **Street litter bins and dealing with graffiti and stickers**
- **Managing mechanical sweeping fleets in large city councils**
- **Promoting grant funding for community groups etc to support initiatives such as tree planting**
- **Ground maintenance standard Minute Values**
- **Play area asset management plans/ strategies**

Speaker: Group Discussion

This is the opportunity for attendees to discuss any challenges and solutions that councils are experiencing and adopting in relation to a particular issue.

APSE Update

Speaker: Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE

The meeting will end at 12.00 PM