

**APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds & Streets Advisory Group Meeting –
Wednesday 29 November 2023 10.30 AM to 12.00PM**

Welcome: Cllr Norman Hampshire, East Lothian Council

Speakers and discussion items

**Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
allotment and community growing inquiry report – recommendations**

**Speaker: Emma Henderson, Organic and Community Food Growing Policy
Officer, Scottish Government**

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear about developments following the report recommendations.

**South Ayrshire Council and Ayrshire College Partnership - Belleisle Park's
Masonry Repairs**

**Speaker: Fiona Ross, Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services, South Ayrshire
Council**

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to hear from South Ayrshire Council in terms of their partnership with Ayrshire College and how their conservation grade wall within Belleisle Park is benefiting from a masonry repairs course.

Biodiversity establishment of a sub-group

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and agree the scope and outcomes for the Biodiversity sub-group which was agreed would be established following the discussions which took place at the last meeting (6 September). This discussion would look for volunteers to take part in the sub-group and for the main group to agree aims and initial areas of work.

Community engagement and supporting volunteers

Speaker: Group Discussion

This will provide the opportunity for colleagues to discuss and share information on their community engagement and work with volunteers. Given the increase strain on budgets colleagues can share initiatives and projects which have seen community involvement and empowerment.

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

- **No Mow May**
- **Charging for events in parks**
- **Attracting Skilled Arborists**
- **Grass cutting frequencies**
- **Rain Garden Maintenance**

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

About the meeting

Any PowerPoint slides and a link to related briefings and research will be made available to participants after the event.

The meeting will end at 12.00 PM