

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership  
24 June 2021, 7pm, on ZOOM**

**Chaired by:**

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)



**Quorum:-**

10 members

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)  
Rosemary Greenhill, Humble, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (RG)  
Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)  
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)  
Pat Lemmon, Haddington and District Community Council (PL)  
Margo Hodge, Humble, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)  
Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)  
Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)  
Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM) left at 7.25pm  
Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)

**Others in attendance**

Diann Govenlock, Manager, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)  
Lorna MacLennan Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)  
Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)  
Doug Haig, Community Development Officer (DH)

**Apologies received**

Cllr Craig Hoy, Elected Member (CH)  
Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)  
Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting was quorate.</p>	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were noted.	
3.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	Declarations would be made when voting.	
4.	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Minutes were approved.	
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	There was nothing outstanding.	
6.	<b>Clodagh Coyle – Mental Health Youth Worker – Knox Academy</b>	<p>CM introduced and welcomed Clodagh Coyle, Mental Health Youth Worker in Knox Academy. With all the mental health challenges the pandemic has brought it was good to see the each secondary school has a MHYW. Within the H&amp;L AP area that have been a significant number of suicides and with someone to talk to before youngsters leave school might give them the tools to seek help rather than take their own lives. CC explained 'The MHYW team aim to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and wellbeing by promoting a whole school cultural approach to mental health support. The MHYWs coordinate, and signposts pupils to both universal and targeted support, as well as delivering targeted one to one and group work interventions to pupils requiring additional support. The MHYW currently deliver low intensity anxiety management and wellbeing sessions (these include support with low mood, self-harm, self-esteem and motivation &amp; routine) as one to one support and when COVID restrictions allow deliver resilience development group work and sessions for growth (support with change, loss and transitions).'</p> <p>TT asked if the kids have access to external links i.e. for self-harm for instance – would they know who to turn too? They also used CAMHS – and other professional organisations.</p> <p>MH asked if the service was self-referrals or teachers that refer. CC stated that GP's can also refer, self-referral or the young person can speak to guidance staff.</p> <p>SA asked what the gender split that they were seeing. CC stated that the split is more 60/40 pro females. This does not help with the amount of male suicides that were happening at the moment.</p> <p>There were some discussions around this topic. CM thanked CC for taking the time to introduce herself and the service. The meeting was asked if anyone had any questions.</p> <p>CM thanked CC for attending and giving the meeting an insight of the service.</p> <p>CM stated to the meeting that it was concerning the split of gender is 60/40 when the issue within the area is more prominently male suicides. Suicides with this area are 4 males to 1 female. There have been 9 male suicides this year. It the very old fashioned male way of not talking and it is something that needed to be addressed to remove this stigma. He had hoped that the having someone within the school who they can talk to without prejudice may be a start in helping address this worrying trend.</p> <p>There were also concerns about children/young people during the pandemic. There needs to be early intervention. LP stated that</p>	

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		there was support and hopefully giving the youngsters the tools to cope as they go through life.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<p><b>a. General</b> This year's general budget is £50k</p> <p><b>b. Roads</b> The roads budget is £47,500k as £2,500 is taken for administration.</p> <p><b>c. Amenity Services</b> This budget is £100,000 for influencing projects and working together with Amenity Services. This fund steadily decreases over time. The funding covers staffing costs, machinery and materials/resources that are required to be purchased for the project.  JM stated Haddington in Bloom were delighted with the early delivery of plants.  Working with the Amenity Services offers and encourages the H&amp;LAP the opportunity to influence and highlight community priorities. This way of working benefits all and improves the local areas for community benefit.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Funding Applications</b>	<p>During this last year with lockdown and the impact of COVID, we have had to consider the applications in a slightly different light. Some of the applications may be deemed to be more capital funding rather than being funded through our general funds. We have had to support applicants to explore different funding sources as well as apply to our £50k general budget. A recent scrutiny meeting took place i.e. a small subgroup to look over the latest applications to make recommendations to the wider membership. For example the Amisfield, East Saltoun, Bridge Centre and Athelstandford benches were recommended by the scrutiny group and will now go out to the members to cast their vote. The remaining applications were discussed at length, it was agreed to offer voting options for some of the funding applications so the partnership members could decide their thoughts.  LM will send out the votes by email after this evening's meeting.</p> <p><b>a. Amisfield Gardens – Greenhouse - £5,000</b>  Many people from all walks of life volunteer within the gardens and having a greenhouse that lets people with disabilities use the facility better would make this more inclusive. RG stated that they had received the monies from the Mushroom Trust. Following discussion the scrutiny group recommended this application. Votes would be taken after the meeting.  <i>Post Meeting: - The votes were as followed: - 12 Yes; 0 no; 1 DoI, no abstains. This project was agreed. All paperwork would be sent out to the applicant and processed.</i></p> <p><b>b. Saltoun Community Association – Defibrillator - £600</b>  CM stated that we had funded West Saltoun's defibrillator, however this application is from East Saltoun. The community has raised much of the funding themselves and this application is to complete the purchase of the community defibrillator. After discussion the scrutiny group recommended. Votes would be taken after the meeting.</p>	LM

*Post Meeting; - The votes were as followed: - 13 Yes; 0 no; 0 DofI; 0 abstain. This project was agreed. All paperwork would be sent to the applicant and processed.*

**c. Bridge Centre – Summer Activities - £627.68**

This application is to offer some summer activities for secondary aged pupils to try and engage with young people who are experiencing isolation and anxieties during the pandemic. Scrutiny group recommended. Votes would be taken after the meeting.

*Post Meeting: - The votes were as followed: - 13 Yes; 0 no; 0 DofI; 0 abstain. This project was agreed. All paperwork would be sent to the applicant and processed.*

**d. Haddington & District CC – Benches for Athelstaneford Park - £2435**

The project are looking for 1 Picnic Bench and 1 Bench from H&LAP. This project has also applied to North Berwick Coastal for half the funding. LM had contacted Andrew Hogarth Head of Amenity Services to request costings. Both benches should be in the region of £1500 but the prices are very changeable at present so this is just an approximate cost. The fitting of the benches will be completed by Amenity Service. Following discussion the scrutiny group recommended. Votes would be take via email votes after the meeting.

*Post Meeting: - The votes were as followed: - 13 Yes; 0 no; 0 DofI; 0 abstain. The project was agreed. The paperwork would be sent to the applicant and processed. After the votes had been counted the benches were ordered. The time scale for the order being fulfilled is not known due to shortages. Amenity Services will purchase and fit the equipment.*

**e. Knox Academy – Bikes - £3,130**

After asking for evaluations, it was brought to our attention that the previous Knox Academy Scaladale Residential project had not gone ahead due to the impact of the pandemic. The H&LAP had agreed to fund this project £2568.68 paid in the financial year 19/20. This project would not be able to go ahead this financial year for the same reason. Last year £6250 was given to an application for the Knox Bike Project. CM suggested that Knox Academy should be helping with school projects as H&LAP has been funding this since 2016. There was a long discussion on evaluation (covered under evaluations). It was agreed there should be a vote on whether to give Knox Academy £3,130 in the new application or whether to let them use the £2568.68 from the funding in year 19/20 for the purpose of the bikes.

*Post Meeting: - votes for £3130 to be awarded to the project, votes were 1 yes; 11 no; 1DofI; 0 abstain. Votes for the £2,568.68 to be used from previous funding: - 9 yes; 3 no; 1 DofI 0 abstain. DG to get in touch with the applicant to discuss. It was agreed that the previous funding could be used to purchase the bikes. No additional funding was awarded.*

		<p>f. <b>Haddington Rugby Club – Fencing - £5,220</b></p> <p>This application is to reduce anti-social behaviour by preventing young people climbing on the roof. Following discussion with the applicant they indicated they are looking for a cheaper fencing option but this was still to be confirmed. After discussion the recommendation is to offer to fund 50% i.e. £2610, the votes would be taken after the meeting by email.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: - The votes were as followed: - 9 yes; 1 no; 2 DofI; 1 abstain. This project was carried. All paperwork would be sent out to the applicant and processed.</i></p> <p><i>There was an email from the applicant regarding the previous funding, they have appointed a Development Officer who will be working with the minis and School of Rugby at Knox to grow participation and ultimately improve performance at all levels. This could also help improve the health and wellbeing of the young people.</i></p> <p>g. <b>Wee Red Upcycle – Summer Activities for Children with Additional Needs - £6,800</b></p> <p>There had been a long discussion at the scrutiny group meeting about this project. The application has now submitted an amended application requesting less funding. Children with additional needs used to be able to access activities in the summer but apart from the East Lothian Special Needs Play Scheme now known as CanDo which has a long waiting list, most children will never get the opportunity to attend. There was lots of discussion around this, the main concerns were the very short lead in times and time scales, the costs, and if all the children/young adults participating in the project were from the H&amp;L AP area? Most felt that this was a great project but timescales were just too tight. It was agreed to offer several options for voting i.e. fund, no funding; it is a good idea but needs more preparation time; if additional funding was secured from elsewhere H&amp;LAP would reconsider.</p> <p>DG to follow up with Lyn.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting: - not everyone voted for all the options – Fund- 1 Yes; Not fund 1 no; Look further yes *; if money from elsewhere – 6 yes.</i></p> <p><i>DG to contact the applicant to discuss the application, feedback from H&amp;LAP and suggest future options.</i></p>	
9.	<b>Evaluations</b>	<p>There was much discussion about the evaluations. Organisations/groups that receive funding must be encouraged to return an evaluation to the area partnership. LM has agreed to send out the evaluation with the decision form and the logos. The evaluations would be requested 6 months after the decision form is sent out.</p> <p>LM would re-issue evaluations which had already been sent out but not returned. SA asked if she could speak to LM re the evaluations.</p> <p>DG and LM will go over the evaluations and make telephone calls to encourage people to complete the evaluations and offer assistance.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>DG/LM</p>

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		20/21 still have to be sent out and this will be done as soon as possible by LM.	LM			
<b>10.</b>	<b>Sub Groups</b>	The Children and Young people's group had met and the next meeting will be on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September at 3.30pm.  The Health and Wellbeing is on hold at the moment.				
<b>11.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	Budgets – There is an additional £18k from Scottish Government for food and welfare related projects. People can apply with a standard application form.  FW asked if she could have a talk with CM, LM, DG and DH after the meeting.				
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of the next meetings</b>	All meeting will be hosted electronically starting at 7.00pm <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">26-August</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">28-October</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">02-December</td></tr> </table>	26-August	28-October	02-December	
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