

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
28 October 2021, 7pm, on ZOOM**

Chaired by:

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)



Quorum:-

10
members

Members (and substitute members) present:

Pat Lemmon, Haddington and District Community Council (PL)

Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)

Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM)

Philip White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW)

Philip Ross, Parent Council, Knox Academy (PR)

Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)

Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)

Olive Paxton, HaddingtonTRA

Janet Beck, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council

Others in attendance

Diann Govenlock, Manager, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)

Lorna MacLennan Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)

Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)

Doug Haig, Community Development Officer (DH)

Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)

Alan Stubbs, ELC, Service Manager for Roads – left the meeting at 7.40pm

Apologies received

Cllr Craig Hoy, Elected Member (CH)

Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

Alan Dunton, TRA (AD)

Sue Cook, HT Knox Academy (SC)

Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)

Margo Hodge, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)

	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. CM went round the screen and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting were quorate.</p>	
2.	Apologies	<p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
3.	Speaker	<p>Alan Stubbs, Service Manager for Roads</p> <p>Alan Stubbs gave an overview of the Roads Services and the areas of work they deliver. The team deals with mainly with road repairs such as potholes, pathways, maintenance etc.</p> <p>'The Sands' repairs should be completed next week. High Street repairs are being planned and hoped to be started next week both in the High Street and Market Street.</p> <p>Garvald road markings – these had been completed including the repainting of the road junction.</p> <p>Each Area Partnership has a £50K devolved budget. Roads colleagues are open to priorities and suggestions from the Area Partnership on works that they would like to see completed.</p> <p>There is still funds left allocated to the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership for some small repairs, such as dropped kerbs etc., which could be carried out before the end of the year.</p> <p>For example in other areas, road colleagues have given a future list of works to be tabled and the Partnerships selected their priorities. This perhaps could happen in the future for H&LAP, if this helps identify areas in need of repair.</p> <p>There were questions from members around line painting to parking areas (TT), give way signs and stop signs and also speed reactive signs. Speed reactive signs (PR) were considered if the area was deemed to be suitable or if the sign would be effective.</p> <p>AS stated that there was a survey on East Lothian Council Consultation Hub around the 20mph within East Lothian. He encouraged everyone to give their views and to encourage others to complete this. This consultation would form the basis on whether 20mph would become the norm within the towns and villages within East Lothian. The feedback will be considered within the report that will be taken to the 'Council' for approval. The link to the consultation is here.</p> <p>PL asked why details of a person's sex, age and income are required for the Council online consultations.</p> <p>JM thanked AS for coming along. DG stated that PW had confirmed that the markings had been completed at Garvald. Future road queries to Callum Redpath. CM thanked AS for coming and talking to members.</p> <p>Post script from AS in response to PL's question. East Lothian Council ask people to complete personal information questions but this is usually not a compulsory question. We don't 'require' people to give their personal information.</p> <p>Information such as sex, age, income assists analyse responses according to key characteristics of respondents (e.g. is there a</p>	

		<p>difference in views of women and men? Is there a difference depending on the age of respondent?. This helps with analysing how representative the responses are of the general population.</p> <p>By law (The Equality Act) we need to monitor how we provide services for people with 'protected characteristics' (such as age, sex, race, sexuality) so asking for personal information in surveys helps us gather information about the views of people according to their personal circumstances and helps us to assess whether we might be discriminating against people.</p>	
4.	Declaration of Interest	Declarations would be made when voting.	
5.	Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
6.	Matters Arising	<p>Update form community groups DG stated that this item is on the Agenda as JM asked if the Communities Councils and community groups could give an update on what they have been doing or what was coming up in the near future. CM stated that that was a good idea and hoped that groups would give an update at the next meeting. This to become a standing agenda item.</p> <p>FW stated that Blooming Haddington had been awarded the Gold Medal from Beautiful Scotland in the medium town category; Gifford also won the gold medal for the best newcomer. The AGM went very well and FW is Chair of Blooming Haddington for the next year.</p> <p>ELC had received an award for electric charging points and vehicles. (JM)</p> <p>Smarter Choices Smarter Places - Reminder that there is £3000 funding available, matched through the AP to encourage sustainable and active travel such as encouraging walking, cycling etc. If anyone has any idea please get in touch with DG.</p>	
7.	Budget	<p>Scottish Government Funding</p> <p>Food and Welfare - There is an allocation of funding to help the community in HALAP with COVID recovery. There is approximately £5k left. Anticipating an application from OCK to support Christmas provision.</p> <p>Digital Funding – there has been a request from the Lammermuir Larder for a computer and from a couple of community groups for zoom licences. These can be accommodated within an application from the Bridge Centre who will purchase on behalf of the community groups and provide laptops with zoom licences, for the community to borrow.</p> <p>Additional Youth Work Funding – there is additional allocation for Youth Work funding to address issues of anti-social behaviour. This funding will help support youth provision in the Haddington and Lammermuir Area to support diversionary activities.</p> <p>'Summer of Fun' funding allowed a varied summer programme to be delivered, for example outings to Edinburgh Dungeons. The programme was well received and feedback indicated the positive benefits to the young people who attended.</p>	

		<p>General Budget</p> <p>LM was asked about the budget for H&LAP. LM read out the figures. JM asked that the budget could be sent out with the minutes. This was agreed and LM apologised for the oversight.</p> <p>Amenities Budget</p> <p>For new members this budget operates as work in kind, i.e. benches have been purchased for Althelstaneford Park and the Amenities Team will install. This is considered to be an influencing Budget. The impact of COVID and Brexit means that materials are harder to source, prices can vary and the lead in times are significantly longer. The Area Partnership relationship with the Amenities Team is one of partnering and is a relationship that works well. The Area Partnership buys the materials and the Amenities Team carry out the installation work.</p> <p>Roads Budget</p> <p>This was covered by AS input, again this is an influencing budget. Over time this has become more of a partnership and will hopefully continue to develop as such. The funding for Partnerships is £50k but we can influence where repairs can be done within the area or put the funding to help with a larger project. The minimum amount for a project is £6K.</p>	
8.	<p>Funding Applications</p>	<p>CM stated that other applications had been received but were received after the papers had gone out for the meeting. Please note that papers should be submitted at least 3 weeks before and no less than 2 weeks before a meeting. This gives time to consider the applications and clarify any points before being shared with the partnership.</p> <p>A. Haddington History Society</p> <p>CM stated that this was to formalise this application. The Haddington History Society had submitted a letter to the last meeting and they had been asked to apply on our application form. They are requesting £750.</p> <p>There was a very long discussion around the application and potential improvements i.e. larger print run and move to be electronic to help with the tourism in Haddington.</p> <p>It was agreed by all voting members attending to support this application. If the Haddington History Society would like to print additional leaflets they can re-apply.</p>	
9.	<p>Sub groups</p>	<p>CM stated that the partnership has lost some champions and it was great to see some subgroups being established.</p> <p>a) Children & Youth Network</p> <p>The next meeting of this group is 18th November 2021 at 3.30 until 5pm. The MS Teams link will be sent out but if anyone is interested in attending, please let DG or LM know so they can pass on the link to the meeting.</p> <p>b) Health and Wellbeing Sub Group</p> <p>The next meeting is the 17th November 2021 at 9.30 to 11am. If anyone would like to attend this meeting please let DG or LM know and they will forward the link to the meeting.</p>	

<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>Membership</p> <p>In the email that was sent out everyone was asked to think about if they would like to consider taking the post of Chair or Vice Chair. No one has come forward. CM stated if the partnership were in favour of him to remain in post, he was happy to do this. FW stated that as per the last meeting she would like to stand down as vice chair but would remain in post until a new vice chair was found. CM stated that he was very sad that FW was standing down as she has been a great right hand (wo)man and a grounding force. He would be sorry to see her step down. We are now looking for a vice chair. FW would like to stay on the partnership but as a member only. If anyone is interested in being the vice-chair please get in touch with DG, CM or LM.</p> <p>VCEL has asked to become a member of the partnership. There was some discussion around this. Organisations had previously asked to become members and attended regularly but with change of personnel this has changed with no-one from that organisation now attending. This affects the quorate numbers for the meeting. CM stated that VCEL would need to give their reasons for being part of the Partnership and understand that it affects quorate numbers when there is a no show.</p> <p>It was also discussed that membership details have to be updated and organisations will be contacted who have not attended for some time.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone for their participation in tonight's meeting. Reminded everyone that applications to the partnership needed to be in three weeks before the meeting. Enjoy the rest of your evening. JM gave his apologies for the next meeting.</p>	<p>DG/LM</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of the next meetings</p>	<p>All meeting will be hosted electronically starting at 7.00pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px 10px;">02-December</div>	

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