

Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

2nd December 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)

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)

Olive Paxton, Haddington TRA (OP)

Janet Beck, Humble, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (JB)

Sue Cook, HT Knox Academy (SC)

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

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)

Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

Others in attendance

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

Lorna MacLennan Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)

Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)

Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)

Michael Williams, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for East Lothian

Apologies received

Cllr Craig Hoy, Elected Member (CH)

Alan Dunton, TRA (AD)

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

Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM)

Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)

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Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	<p>CM welcomed everyone, especially new members, to the meeting. CM went round the screen and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting were quorate.</p>	
2. Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
3. Speaker	<p>CM stated that Michael Williams (MW) was going to talk about the Queen Green Canopy which is an initiative to plant trees for the Queen Platinum Jubilee. CM introduced MW. MW thanked CM. This was quite an achievement for a monarch and will be not be seen again in our life time. The Deputy Lord lieutenants' within East Lothian are promoting this initiative. The planting will be from October 2021 until March 2022 and October 2022 to March 2023, the tree planting season. There is a map online which people are encouraged to mark their tree planting. The Lord Lieutenants are also trying raise money so they can give people trees to plant during this time. All groups are encouraged to plant a tree(s). School have also been encouraged to plant a tree within their area. Please make contact with MW if you want to discuss about planting a tree(s). There has been a large planting done at Butterdean Wood just outside Gladsmuir on the Haddington side. MW asked if there were any questions. CM stated that if anyone could not find anywhere to plant a tree that he had land which they could be planted on. CM thanked MW for sharing this information.</p>	ALL
4. Declaration of Interest	Declarations would be made when voting.	
5. Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved with adjustments.	
6. Matters Arising	<p>Update from community groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blooming Haddington Volunteers – FW -the group have been planting crocus near the Rugby club on the Mill Wynd wall. They have planted 8,000 which will fill up the grass area in the Neilson Park. Blooming Haddington are also looking for additional volunteers, so if anyone is interested please contact anyone in Blooming Haddington. • Rotary – LB – Planning low level planters at the Mercat Cross for the 60th Anniversary of the Rotary. The planters will be planted for the spring next year. Santa Sleigh is on the 19th December 2021 around Haddington. There is a Christmas appeal for Lammermuir Larder and the Bridge Centre Toy appeal which has always been successful but this year the focus will be very local. • Foodbank – EY – there is donation/collection boxes in local shops for donation all year round. There are Jingle Bags for Christmas Dinner and New Year Bags go out every year. Thank everyone for their donations they are very much appreciated. There are also meat vouchers available. • PL thanked everyone for the donation to Lammermuir Larder which have been great. The referrals have gone up considerably. The Larder will be closed during Christmas. Lammermuir Larder is hoping to move to bigger premises, they are working with ELC to try and achieve this. • VCEL – have funding of £278,832.73 for Health and Wellbeing they will administer on half of Scottish Government. The link to the information is here If people are looking for volunteers VCEL hold a register which might be able to help, if anyone would like to volunteer please get in touch so the correct legislation can be gone through and then people can be added to the volunteering list. This is to keep everyone safe. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yester Primary School – BR – There are various events being held in Gifford, everyone is welcome. On the 23rd the kids are doing their nativity play and will be recorded so that parents that could not see their child(ren) will be able to see this. The parent council are trying to get funding for equipment for the playground and to extend the outside gym. Gibson’s in Haddington are having an event where some of the profits will be given to funds, please support. There is also tickets for hampers which will be available until Monday from some shops in Gifford. • Humbie Hub – JB - They were very grateful for the monies received for the ‘lunch in a bag’ which is well received by the 25/30 people that are supported. <p>CM suggested that this item be kept on the agenda and everyone will be able to contribute to this item – could groups please send in the updates before or after the meeting so that it can be included in the minutes.</p>	
<p>7. Budget</p>	<p>a. General – There is still a fair amount of money still in the budget for this financial year. Volunteers are doing an astounding job and still working very hard at various projects. With the restrictions still being in force and change all the time it’s hard for new projects to come to light. There was a long discussion around what the funding could be used for and what it could not be used for. There was a discussion around a funding application which had gone out to people but withdrawn due to it being a capital spend project. FW stated that she has looked at the handbook, the plan and could not find this in writing. Could someone please get clarification? Please encourage people to apply for funding which are within the priorities. DG will send out an email with application and plan.</p> <p>b. Roads – It was hoped that all the worked agreed by Roads Colleagues would be able to be completed by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>c. Amenity Services – This funding is for staff and machines. This financial year they will be installing benches, picnic benches and bins for H&LAP.</p> <p>d. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places – This fund is to help projects which make travel greener by promoting cycling, walking and smarter travel etc. This fund would be match funded by the AP general budget. There is £3000 which can be made up to £6000 with match funding. Please contact DG if you have a project that might fit into this funding.</p> <p>DG stated that maybe a few people get together and see what ideas could be put together to benefit the community. SA; PL and LB stated they would be willing to help with this.</p> <p>There was some discussion around some ideas and DG would check to see if these would fit in with the criteria of smarter choices, smarter places.</p> <p>PL stated that the H&LAP are not visible enough and some people just don’t know that the group exists. CM stated that if members reported back to their groups then this would help with publicity.</p> <p>Scottish Government allocations</p> <p>e. Food and welfare – This money has all been allocated.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>ALL</p>

		<p>f. Digital – This has all been spent. The bridge centre will purchase some devices, licences and add on. These will be available for people to hire out.</p> <p>g. Youth Work & Holiday lunch club funding – The Bridge centre is looking at the moment to see what activities can be offered.</p> <p>All this funding has to be allocated by the end of the financial year.</p>	
<p>8. 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. Seggarsdean Park – 2 benches, 2 picnic benches and 2 waste bins (after updated costs given) £4,071.98. There has been questions relating to who would empty the bins. ELC Amenity services have agreed to empty these bins when installed. All bases had been installed when the park was upgraded. An email would be sent out after the meeting for members to vote on this project. <i>Post meeting:- there were 13 members came back with yes. This application was approved. LM would speak to Andrew Hogarth to make sure costings were correct. The equipment has been paid for and ordered through Amenity Services.</i></p> <p>B. Athelstaneford – 1 bench and 1 picnic bench £1429.00 (the existing concrete bases would be used to install these). This application is the second application, which had gone to North Berwick Coastal AP. This was objected by NBCAP and has come back to HALAP to ask for additional funding for a bench and picnic table. Athelstaneford sits within the HALAP ward, not North Berwick Coastal. There was a long discussion about how challenging it was for small village to get funding to upgrade/replace outdoor furniture due to there not being enough council houses within the small villages. These facilities are important as we go forward to encourage people to use outdoor spaces.</p> <p>BE had been out clearing rubbish and noted that the ditches are full of rubbish but hoped that the benches would stay in better condition. He also noted that all the public bins were full which was not helping with the litter in the ditches. A vote will be sent by email please complete and send back to LM so they can be collated. Once there is a quorate vote the application would be funded. <i>Post meeting:- there were 13 members come back with a yes. This application was approved. LM would speak to Andrew Hogarth to make sure costing were correct. The equipment had been paid for and ordered through Amenity Services. Please note that items have a long lead time for all the equipment that have been ordered.</i></p> <p>DG stated that there had been email from the ELC Ranger service regarding the funding awarded for signage at Traprain Law. The story board had cost less than previously estimated and they wondered if they could use the rest of the money to put fencing near where the wall had started to collapse so the ponies do not get onto the road. It was agreed at the meeting the monies could be used for the new fencing. DG will contact the Rangers and let them know the outcome.</p> <p>C. DG stated that there was still a pending/on hold application from the Table Tennis Club to buy some new table tennis tables. Last time this has come to the meeting there was discussion around where the tables would be stored. The applicant had thought there</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>DG</p>

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		<p>would be space within the hall at Corn Exchange to store the tables. CM stated that the table tennis would have to resubmit their applications highlighting that storage could be an issue. FW and TT stated that they had been issues with storage throughout this. Both asked if DG could go back to the table tennis club and ask if there was another way of storing the tables. DG stated she would go back and speak to them also asking them to update their application. This application will be held over until the answer of storage can be resolved.</p> <p>POST MEETING:- <i>The Corn Exchange has been leased to Lothian Health Board for the next year (2022) so this will not be available for the table tennis club to use at this time.</i></p>	DG
9.	Sub groups	<p>CM stated that the partnership has lost some champions and it was great to see some subgroups being re-established.</p> <p>a) Children & Youth Network The next meeting of this group is 3rd February 2022.</p> <p>b) Health and Wellbeing Sub Group This group has only met once. The next meeting had to be cancelled as apologies were received. There is no date at the moment but the theme of the next meeting will focus on mental health as COVID has had an effect on a lot of people's mental health over the past 18 months.</p>	
10.	Partnership Roles	<p>CM stated that there was a formal training session that all partnership members have to attend but it would be good to have an informal meeting where everyone gets together to discuss the aims and objectives of the partnership and how it works. CM felt this should happen when face to face meetings were allowed as it's not the same on Zoom. CM asked DG to see what could be done re face to face meetings.</p> <p>TT stated that it would have to be informal as restriction do not permit face to face meetings. It could be informal meeting in an informal setting and a mixture of both newer and present members.</p>	
11.	Any other Business	<p>DG stated that Planning Solutions Consulting are working with East Lothian Council to prepare a Visitor Destination Management Plan for the Council. The aim is to develop a fully joined-up destination management plan that links together key aspects of the visitor experience, whilst safeguarding environmental concerns, ensuring good sustainable economic growth and safeguarding the quality of the experience by those visiting East Lothian. They hope to contact Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership representatives to ask specific questions about the area. DG will send out an email for members to give feedback directly to the company.</p> <p>BE reminded everyone about the funds that the Tennis Club have available to enable all young people who wish, can have the equipment required to play tennis. There are some children/youngsters who are referred but there is more funding available.</p> <p>PR stated there had been a meeting about the internet poverty within the Haddington and Lammermuir area especially with home schooling and people working from home. Is there anything that can be done about this? No one had an answer.</p> <p>PL stated that HDCC was paying someone part time to perform admin duties for the HDCC and keep the town website up to date, and this could be used to advertise the Area Partnership.</p>	

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		<p>FW asked about housekeeping regarding membership and members/substitutes of the partnership. When should this be done and who does this? LM stated that she had circulated an email requesting members and substitute details but not everyone had replied to this so in the new year she would resend the email, hoping that members reply.</p> <p>VCEL stated that if people are looking for volunteers, they could assist with this. They could also help new groups who are setting up or with new legislative work that was required. They are there to support the 3rd Sector and guide others if need be.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See everyone in 2022.</p>							
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of the next meetings</p>	<p>All meeting will be hosted electronically starting at 7.00pm</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>10-Feb 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>28-Apr 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>16-Jun2022</td></tr> <tr><td>25-Aug 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>27-Oct 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>01-Dec2022</td></tr> </table>	10-Feb 2022	28-Apr 2022	16-Jun2022	25-Aug 2022	27-Oct 2022	01-Dec2022	
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