

Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
12 May 2022, 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)

Adam White, Gifford Community Council

Alison Brown, VCEL, (AB)

Erica Muirhead, Haddington and District Community Council (EM)

Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)

Roger Harris, Morham and Garvald CC (RH)

Cllr George McGuire, Elected Member, ELC (GM)

Others in attendance

Diann Govenlock, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)

Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)

Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)

Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)

Lucy Daniels, East Lothian Foodbank (LD)

Debbie Mercer, Head Teacher Yester on behalf of the Haddington Cluster of Schools

Apologies received

Olive Paxton, Haddington TRA (OP)

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

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

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)

Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

Cllr John McMillan, Elected Member, ELC (JM)

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>CM thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to introduce themselves. CM welcomed new members. CM gave a brief input on the role of the partnership and how the monies are devolved to the partnership. There are an Amenities and Roads Budget which are influencing budgets. The General Budget members can vote on projects as to whether the applications meet with the Area Partnership priorities. When each member attends Partnership meetings each member should 'leave their hats at the door', they should remember that this meeting and their role is for the good of the whole Haddington and Lammermuir Community. If you have an interest or are involved in any way with a group/organisation that is making a request for funding this has to be declared. DG and CM are looking to put on very informal training sessions as soon as they can. The aim will be to make sure everyone is up to speed on how things work.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting were quorate.</p>	
2.	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
3.	Declaration of Interest	<p>Declarations are made when voting. A declaration should be made when voting if you have made an application or if you are associated with an application.</p> <p>PL has a declared an interest on the Haddington & District CC application.</p>	
4.	Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
5.	Matters Arising	There were none.	
6.	Community Groups	<p>Blooming Haddington – FW were at the last farmers market and have 2 new volunteers. It is hoped that the hanging baskets will be up earlier in time for the Platinum Jubilee although FW was not sure if any groups have events planned for that weekend.</p> <p>Day Centre – TT stated that the Day Centre are holding a Jubilee celebration at the Day Centre.</p> <p>Gifford –Pleased to see the new sign up at Gifford regarding the success in the Keep Scotland Beautiful awards.</p>	
7.	Budget	<p>a. General – The general budget this year remains the same as previous year at £50,000.00</p> <p>b. Roads – The roads budget is an influencing budget and is £47,500.00 as £2,500 covers Admin costs.</p> <p>c. Amenity Services – This is an influencing budget where the Partnership pay for materials on any project but men and machines come from the budget.</p> <p>FW stated that Blooming Haddington had some ideas of projects they wanted to take forward in the coming months and had spoken to Amenity Services to be told that the service did not have the capacity to take anything forward.</p>	

	<p>CM asked DG if she could discuss this with Amenity Services or Andrew Hogarth and clarify how the service could assist this year. Everyone understands that COVID has had a huge impact but moving forward it was hoped that partnership working could resume.</p> <p>d. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places – this budget was accessed last year for £341 to help with walking initiative taking place on 19th June 2022.</p>	<p>DG</p>
<p>8. Funding Applications</p>	<p>The applications will be voted on tonight followed by an email vote to members. The emails must be sent back to ensure the vote is quorate and there is an audit trail. Please do not speak to applicants about their applications before the meeting and the voting by members is completed. If anyone has any questions regarding applications these should be send to handl-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk so that the queries can be dealt with by Diann or Lorna. They will let the applicant know they have been successful or not.</p> <p>CM gave a brief summary of each project in turn, taking any questions as he went through the applications. Applications seeking staffing costs and building costs should not be considered by the partnership. The partnership should be considering how the application meets the local priorities and works towards reducing poverty and inequalities in the ward.</p> <p>Overview - £50k in general budget which we have always used to fund- a variety of projects where we can make the funding go as far as possible by using match funding, encouraging funders to look at other funding and steer them in the correct direction for additional funding. This is what we should aim for in this financial year especially as COVID has not gone away and there are other economic challenges out with our control which relate to the challenges we face within our ward. Going forward we should be mindful of these challenges.</p> <p>A. Made in East Lothian – The Art Award £11,150.00 – This sounds a great project but would use 20% of our years funding. It was noted this group have recently been granted lottery funding which they have chosen to use for other projects. CM asked took questions and a lengthy discussion took place, it was decided that MADE would be asked to give a presentation at a later meeting. DG will go back to MADE advising them that we can't the support project Management costs. The application also mentioned being open to people across East Lothian and not just the Haddington and Lammermuir ward. This application is on hold.</p> <p>B. Nungate Gala – Dresses and New Robe - £1,110.00 – We have supported the Nungate Gala previously. They are restarting the Gala after the pandemic and need a new Robe for the Queen and other dresses. Both the robe and dresses will be used in future years. The Nungate is one of the areas of deprivation within our ward and should be supported. One</p>	<p>CM/DG</p>

		<p>of the members stated that it took some persuasion to get the group to apply for the Area Partnership funding. They would look at other funding avenues but like other applicants these funds are not as easy to find at the moment due to COVID. DG stated that she had had a conversation with the Nungate Gala who now have a loan of one of the laptops which were bought with digital funds for communities /groups /organisation to borrow.</p> <p>C. East Saltoun – Speed Camera - £6,000.00 – We have supported speed camera’s in the past. We need the support of Roads for this to be installed. Since the application had been submitted the CC Chair had informed the partnership they had found a cheaper speed camera. There was a discussion and it was decided that DG would work with the CC to investigate other options which could be more beneficial to the area such as the work that has been carried out in Gifford i.e. speed cushions. This application is on hold.</p> <p>D. Haddington and District – Haddington Festivals – This application is time critical but if it had been sent in, say at the end of last year, we could have directed the group to seek equipment from other groups. Discussion took place regarding the application and the difficulties regarding the very short timescale for this application.</p> <p>It was noted the Festival was an event the community could enjoy especially after the last 2 years when events could not be held. Due to the timescales, CM and DG would set up a separate meeting with HDCC. It was agreed CM would use delegated power to help this application meet its time deadline.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DG</p> <p>DG/CM</p>
<p>9. Sub groups</p>		<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 DG stated that the last meetings were on the 3 February 2022 and 10 March 2022. The next meeting will be on the 19 May 2022 focusing on planning the summer provision for those around the table.</p> <p>b) Health and Wellbeing Sub Group The last meeting was 24 March 2022 where Shared Lives gave an input on their work and a video link was shared with those in the group. There was a health and wellbeing group today, a member from the Athelstaneford group that had been funded through H&LAP, talked about how the project has grown and developed. The next meeting is on 23 June 2022.</p> <p>c) Smarter Choices Smarter Places DG stated that £341 had been received to fund the Big Fit Walk in Haddington. This funding will help meet the costs of leaflets, refreshment, raffle etc. The Big Fit Walk will take</p>	

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		place on Sunday 19 th June 2022 starting at 10am from Haddington Bridge Centre. There are walks of various lengths and a taster session in Nordic Walking. All welcome.					
	Any other Business	<p>There was none.</p> <p>SA asked if she could take a screen shot to publicise the Area Partnership and the meetings on social media. Everyone who agreed stayed on screen.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone very much for their important input and reminded everyone that the next meeting is on the 16 June 2022 at 7.00pm. CM reminded everyone to look out for the training dates which would be circulated. CM thanked everyone for attending.</p>					
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