

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
25 August 2022, 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre**

Chaired by:

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)

Quorum:-

10
members

Members (and substitute members) present:

Philip White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW)
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)
Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW)
Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)
Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)
Beverly Roberts, Yester Parent Council (BR) online
Margo Hodge, Humbie, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)
Louise Begbie, Rotary Haddington (LB)
Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)
Phil White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW)

Others in attendance

Diann Govenlock, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)
Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)
Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)
Sue Cook, Head Teacher Knox Academy on behalf of the Haddington
Cluster of Schools
Alison Brown, VCEL Locality Officer, (AB)

Apologies received

Philip Ross, Parent Council, Knox Academy (PR)
Erica Muirhead, Haddington and District Community Council (EM)
Cllr George McGuire, Elected Member, ELC (GM)
Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)
Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)
Cllr John McMillan, Elected Member, ELC (JM)
Gayle Bell, CAB

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>CM thanked everyone for attending. CM stated that there were a few new faces so everyone introduced themselves, including the person online.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting was quorate.</p>	
2.	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
3.	Declaration of Interest	CM asked members to declare any interests for items on the agenda. BE stated that he has a declaration of interest for Made In East Lothian as he does their book keeping.	
4.	Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
5.	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made in East Lothian – DG has a meeting with the organisation at the end of the month. • Training – there were only 2 people who turned up at the meeting but it was a very interesting session. We need to arrange other face to face, informal training sessions. There has been a change in the membership and it would be good for everyone have the chance to attend. • Nungate Gala – an email had been received asking for £211 for a licence fee to enable the event to go ahead. CM took the decision to pay the application as it was time sensitive. <p>POST MEETING: - after the meeting, it was noted that no paper work had been received by the Nungate Gala, therefore no payment had been made. Nungate Gala were contacted, to see if funding was still required. ELC had paid for the licence. This funding was not required to be paid from area partnership funds.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>ALL of noting</p>
6.	Update from Community Groups	<p>VCEL – East Lothian Poverty Conference will be held at The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club on Thursday 8th September from 9.30am to 5pm. There are still a few place left.</p> <p>Post note: - this event was fully subscribed with a waiting list.</p> <p>Crown Estate Scotland Community Capacity Grants Programme Foundation Scotland</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid training Volunteer Centre East Lothian (volunteereastlothian.org.uk).</p> <p>Alison has shared funding and training information. Any questions please get in touch with Alison Brown at alison@volunteereastlothian.org.uk</p> <p>OCK – held their official open day at Our Community Garden on Friday 12th August 2022, there was a short presentation at Haddington Bowling Club followed by a walk over to the garden where the Lord Lieutenant performed the opening ceremony. This event was well attended and it was a beautiful day for the opening event.</p>	

Rotary – The Rotary have a community chest fund of £3000 which is split into 10 monetary awards of £300. Applications open to community groups.

Litter Pick – 30 people cleaned the Whittingehame Drive area of Haddington. LB stated that it was lovely that groups helped and would encourage other groups to get involved.

Yester Primary School – Yester Primary School are having a Fair on the 10th September at 1.30pm in the school grounds.

BR asked if the P7 reps in the school could apply for funding for the Ben More trip as there are families that are struggling. BR was advised that they could apply to the Education Trust. SA said to speak to her off line about funding.

Cost of Living Crisis - SA stated that the ELC have produced a booklet with useful contacts for people who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. The booklet is called 'Helping with the cost of living crisis' and information is also



on line. [ELC_Helping_with_the_cost_of_living_crisis](#)

The Scottish Welfare Fund can assist with fuel payments. There is a campaign to help ensure all benefits are claimed, a number of pension benefits are not claimed every year.

Knox Academy – There are a number of events taking place at the school for example the Volunteer Fare; Christmas Fare and Diversity information – the pupils will be reaching out to the community. More information will be sent out when available.

Sport – BE stated that if some pupils are struggling with 'kit' then groups can help with this. They can also approach the Sport Hub who can also provide guidance/help with this.

There was a discussion around after school activities which are better in some schools than others, although Active Schools and staff are trying hard after COVID to provide activities.

SC stated that Knox Academy have more after school activities now than there was before COVID. SC stated that if the partnership could help with giving senior staff the opportunity to obtain coaching qualifications then they could use this within the primary environment.

BE stated that there was a gentleman who is keen to encourage young people to take up tennis and help to move forward with this.

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		JB stated that there was a new Senior Youth Worker, who has good links with the school, who will be the link between school and the community. This post is for 2 years.	
7.	Budget	<p>a. General – The general budget this year remains the same as previous year at £50,000.00. LM stated there was £45,269.00 remaining after the 5 projects had been funded.</p> <p>b. Roads – The roads budget is an influencing budget and stands at £47,500.00 as £2,500 covers Admin costs. Project are needing to be identified by members so these can be taken to Roads Colleague.</p> <p>c. Amenity Services – This is an influencing budget where the Partnership pay for resources and materials on agreed priority projects but staff and machines come from the Amenities Service. Amenities are operating with 30% less staffing and this has had an impact on delivery. Projects can be carried out, weather dependant, during autumn and early in the New Year. At the moment we are looking to identify projects to share with Amenity Services. Applications are required as is prior consent of the partnership before agreeing to cover any material costs that are required for projects.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
8.	Cycle Racks Funding	<p>Additional £10,000 external funding is available for cycle racks, dropped kerbs and signage for pedestrians and cycling. Community Councils were asked to report back identified local needs marked on a map by the middle of September. Please return to CM, DG or LM.</p> <p>There was a suggestion about the skatepark/Whittingehame drive football park area for cycle racks.</p> <p>There is a short lead time to take up this opportunity, please come back quickly with suggestions.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
9.	Funding Applications	<p>At the moment we have not received any applications to the partnership. With the cost of living crisis, communities/ groups/ organisations were reminded to keep this in mind when applying for funding.</p> <p>MH stated she had submitted an application which she had hoped be in before the meeting but had not managed to do that.</p>	
10.	Annual Public Meeting	<p>It was hoped to have an annual meeting this year as the last one had been in March 2020. DG was waiting to hear back from the HT at Letham Mains Primary School. LB stated that she had a meeting to look at the raised beds next week. CM stated that it was hoped to have this by the end of September. FW had started the process but is on holiday at the moment, DG will catch up with FW to clarify arrangements. In the meantime DG and LM would arrange a visit to the proposed venue.</p> <p><i>Post Minute: - DG and LM visited the school. The dining room area and the outside space adjacent to this would be suitable. A date needs to be arranged so the premises can</i></p>	<p>DG/FW /LM</p>

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		<i>be secured and publicity information produced. It is thought that a map would also be useful with directions.</i>			
11.	Sub groups	<p>CM stated that the partnership previously had champions who lead the sub-groups and reported back to the partnership. This would be a good model to revisit. However it is good to see some subgroups being re-established.</p> <p>a. Children & Youth Network – This group met on the 18th August. Kelly McInnes from Northern Star to commissioned to draft the new Youth Strategy or Youth Vision. This group’s next meeting is on the 6th October online – anyone who like to attend the meeting please ask for the link.</p> <p>The consultation on the pump track was live during the summer. The outreach staff have taken ipads onto the streets to enable them to engage with young people to help them complete the survey. We are waiting on the results.</p> <p>There was a discussion around youth anti-social behavior which was much less at Whittingehame area but members stated that it had moved to the retail park.</p> <p>b. Health and Wellbeing Sub Group – Next meeting is on the 1st September at 11.00am. Chris Milne the Behavior Change Officer now has a new role, and it is hoped that his predecessor will work with the group. There are lots of challenges with the cost of living crisis both for individuals and for community organisations. As previously reported the Big Fit Walk had lots of good feedback and a report had been shared. DG had lots of walking leaflets for Haddington, Gifford and the Abbey Trail. Everyone was asked to take with them or they can request these at any time for events.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DG</p> <p>ALL</p>		
12.	Any other Business	<p>CM stated that membership of the partnership, the Area Plan, and the Standing Orders were required to be looked at. We are also looking for champions to take on the lead roles of sub groups or networks.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone for coming to the first face to face meeting since 2020 and also for joining online.</p>	ALL		
13.	Date of the next meetings	<p>All future meetings will be hybrid starting at 7.00pm i.e. you can either attend in person or join online. Please ask for the link to the meeting, if you require this.</p>			
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Budget Allocation		22/23						
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			Amenity Services	Roads	General	Scottish Gov Money	scottish gov IT monies	outside funding
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£ 100,000	£ 50,000	£ 50,000			
23/05/22	Haddington & District Community Council	Festival			850.00			
23/05/22	Nungate Gala	Dresses and Robe.			1,110.00			
21/06/22	Blooming Haddington	The Haddington Siege Commemoration Garden			2,000.00			
21/06/22	North Berwick Health and Wellbeing Group	East Lothian Walking Festival			560.00			
00/01/00	Nungate Gala	Licence			211.00			
12/09/22	Humbie, West & East Saltoun and Bolton Community Council	Wednesday Soupersnack lunch". Winter 22-23			900.00			
00/01/00	Nungate Gala	Paid elsewhere so not required			211.00			
		Total Spend	£ -	£ -	£ 5,842	£ -	£ -	
		Balance	£100,000	£50,000	£44,158			
			Amenity Services	Roads	General			
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