

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 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)  
Louise Begbie, Rotary Haddington (LB)  
Cllr George McGuire, Elected Member, ELC (GM)  
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)  
Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)  
Cllr Tom Trotter, Elected Member, ELC (TT)  
Jill Hyslop, Gifford Community Council (JH)  
Jack Worden, Haddington & District Community Council. (JW)  
Janet Beck, Humble, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (JB)

**Others in attendance**

Diann Govenlock, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)  
Stuart Baxter, Connected Communities Team Manager (SB)  
Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)  
Alison Brown, VCEL Locality Officer (AB)  
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)  
Lorna MacLennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)  
Jon Cooper, SMRC  
David Barrett, HDCC

**Apologies received**

Cllr John McMillan, Elected Member, ELC (JM)  
Beverly Roberts, Yester Parent Council (BR)  
Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW)  
Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)  
Margo Hodge, Humble, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)  
Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)  
Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)  
Debbie Mercer, HT Yester Primary School (DM)

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>CM welcomed everyone for attending. As there were new faces, everyone introduced themselves round the table and online.</p> <p>CM stated that this would be the last hybrid meeting and from now on the meetings would all be face to face meeting. LM stated the meeting was not quorate.</p>	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were noted above.	
3.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>CM stated that members leave their hat at the door when attending Area Partnership meetings as at the meeting they represent the whole community.</p>	
4.	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	The minutes were approved by members	
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>a. <b>Andy's Man Club</b> – this organisation is hoping to start up soon in the Haddington Area. This group meets on Monday evening at 7pm, which is thought to be the worst time for men to commit suicide. JB has had meetings to identify a suitable venue. Callum Colquhoun, Senior Community warden has raised his concerns, while attending the ELHSCP Mental Health Change Board of the number of mental health problems and suicides within the Haddington and Lammermuir Area.</p> <p>b. <b>Roads</b> – The project is progressing – more information on the agenda item.</p> <p>c. <b>Area Plan</b> – this is progressing – more information on the agenda.</p> <p>d. <b>Annual Public Meeting</b> –To be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the Granary Room, Poldrate Arts and Crafts Centre, 11 Poldrate, Haddington (adjacent to the Bridge Centre buildings) a pre-meeting will be held at 6.45 sharp for the election of office bearers (Chair and Vice Chair) followed by the Annual Public Meeting at 7.00pm.</p>	
6.	<b>Update from Community Groups</b>	<p>No information was brought forward.</p> <p><b>Haddington Heritage Network did a short presentation.</b></p> <p>CM introduced Jack Worden (JW) and Jon Cooper (JC) who gave a short presentation on the Haddington Heritage Project promoting the great local historic periods and their impact on the history of Scotland. It was thought that this project could help attract many visitors to the Haddington Area. JW stated the following: "The vision of Haddington Heritage Project is to have Haddington recognised by 2027 as a key destination and an outstanding source of information for visitors and others with an interest in exploring Scottish history and heritage". He added that their mission is to work with national institutions and East Lothian Council to explore Haddington's heritage, share expertise, develop strategies, and promote the town as a centre for tourism and historic discovery. To adopt an inclusive approach to the project, engaging regularly with the local community, local schools, and community organisations to share knowledge, involve</p>	ALL

		<p>local people in the project, and encourage wider ownership of Haddington history. Their aim is to work with expert partners to ensure that their strategies and outcomes are based on robust archaeological methodology and historical research. He also added that they intend to play a constructive and supportive role in the planning and development of town infrastructure (for example, signage, parking) which will be relevant to this project and to maximise the use of high-quality information materials and state-of-art digital technology in order to deliver engaging and imaginative outcomes which will appeal to a wide and diverse audience. JC gave an informative talk about events around the longest siege in Scottish history in 1548 between the English and the Scottish, there was also soldiers from France, Germany, Italy and Spain which joined both sides. More information can be seen using this link <a href="#">here</a>. This was followed by questions and discussions. CM thanked JW and JC for the interesting talk and wished them well with their endeavour. JC left the meeting.</p>	
7.	Budget update	<p><b>a. General</b></p> <p>I. 22/23 final expenditure. All funding was distributed to projects during the year. While there was some funding remaining towards the end of the financial year, it was previously agreed that the chair would use his delegated authority to fund projects submitted during this time with any remaining available funding.</p> <p>£300 allocated to Humble, E&amp;W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council, for 'Toastie Tuesday'. CM stated that in his opinion this was an excellent project where the community had come together for the good of the community for not a lot of money.</p> <p>£3,929.82 was allocated to Support from the Start to help the Family Support Worker with resources to support the groups. CM stated that reading the application form and the report gave an insight into the fantastic work carried out by the Family Support Worker.</p> <p>II. 23/24 budget – CM stated that the budget had remained the same for this year. CM thanked the Councillors for helping to achieve this, in a time when the Council like everyone else is feeling the economic pinch.</p> <p><b>b. Roads</b></p> <p>I. <b>Gifford path widening project 22/23</b> – JH from Gifford Community Council stated there had been road works around this area and they have now gone so the assumption is the work is complete.</p> <p>II. <b>Request – email from HCTRA 23/24</b> – DG had received an email from HCTRA. DG asked SPW to give an outline of what was being asked. SPW gave an</p>	

		<p>outline of the request from several wheelchair users that dropped kerbs on one side of the road did not correspond to the other in the Town Centre. People were having to use the busy carriageway to get onto the footway on the other side. SPW asked if the partnership would consider this issue being taken forward as part of the roads priorities for the area partnership. There was a discussion around this topic and it was agreed to take this forward to ELC Roads Services as this was an equality issue with wheelchair users not able to access the footways safely posing a health and safety risk. This will be brought to the next meeting to be ratified.</p> <p><b>c. Amenity Services</b></p> <p>I. Update on 21/22 outstanding works at Athelstaneford and Seggardean Parks. DG stated that as part of the evaluations for the year 21/22, these projects have not been completed by Amenity Services. DG added that although there had been some staffing issues within Amenity Services there was a financial implication to these outstanding projects. Cllr SA and DG both agreed to take this forward to try and get this situation resolved. There are still 2 benches, 2 picnic table and 2 bins required for Seggardean and 1 bench and 1 picnic table required at Athelstaneford park.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting:- DG and Cllr AS have both emailed Amenity Services. The reply has stated that there will be an 8 to 12 week delay for the benches etc. and this timescale will land in Amenities Services busy period, it is likely to be the end of October before the outstanding park equipment/furniture is installed at both parks.</i></p>	
8.	<b>Funding Applications</b>	<p><b>Can Do – Transport Costs - £1,989.52</b></p> <p>CM enquired if everyone had looked at the application which had come in from 'Can Do' which was previously East Lothian Special Needs Playscheme. CM stated that one of the priorities of the H&amp;LAP is transportation, which H&amp;LAP has one of the highest rates of transport poverty in East Lothian. As Can Do are looking for assistance with transport it seems to be a reasonable request. CM asked members if anyone had any objection to this application and made members aware as the meeting was not quorate that he intended to make a delegated decision on the application. Members present agreed to support the application and for the Chair to take a delegated decision. This would be brought to the next meeting to be ratified.</p>	LM/DG
9.	<b>Community Benefits</b>	<p>DG stated that when contractors receive ELC contracts sometimes they offer community benefits i.e. if a contractor is fitting kitchens there may be an opportunity for them to install a kitchen in a community facility. There is an opportunity for the area partnership members to identify a wish list. DG added that the Bridge Centre would like to put</p>	

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		their name on this list for youth work. SB stated that the Nungate Community Centre, Haddington was also looking for an oven and hob, so could they also be put on the list. DG continued that there were no guarantees, but this may provide an opportunity for some additional funding or resources, within the communities.	
10.	<b>Area Plan</b>	It was agreed it will be a refresh rather than a re-write. Up-to-date statistics and data have been requested which will help inform the area plan priorities. This will help focus funding and links to the Council plan. When the Statistics have been received the plan can be progressed.	SB/DG
11.	<b>Champions</b>	If anyone would like to lead a section of the plan or review an application on behalf of the Area Partnership. This can either be done singly or form a sub group. If interested members were asked to seek further information from DG or CM.	ALL
12.	<b>Annual Public Meeting</b>	As highlighted under matters arising the Annual Public Meeting will take place on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May at the Granary Room, Poldrate Arts and Crafts Centre, 11 Poldrate, Haddington (near The Bridge Centre).  The papers and information will be sent out soon. There will be a short meeting before the Annual Public Meeting to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair. This will be followed by a Chair's report, power point presentation etc. It had also been suggested to ask a couple of projects that had received support from the Area Partnership during 21/22 to talk about their projects. It was suggested that The Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project and Humble Soupsnacks are asked to present. DG to follow up. Refreshments will also be available. CM indicated that he hoped as many members as possible would attend this meeting so that the meeting would be quorate for voting purposes, it was also hoped that members would attend the presentations as part of the APM, he added that the election of office bearers will commence at 6.45pm and the remainder of the APM will start at 7.00pm.	DG/LM
13.	<b>Sub Groups</b>	a. <b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b> – DG informed members that the last meeting of this group was on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March. She added that the group were looking at mapping all the children activities in the H&L Area. She added that since COVID there had been a lot of changes, this will also highlight any gaps. The pump track is still being progressed by Sport Colleagues and should be located in the same vicinity as the skate park. JB informed members that the Bridge Centre is hosting the Battle of the Bands during Haddstock. Each secondary school has been invited to enter a band from the school who will be battling it out, she hoped members would give some time to see the bands.  Members were made aware of an event running on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May at QMU, Musselburgh. There was a famous Early Year Speaker. If anyone is interested please get in touch with DG or LM and they will share this with you. <i>Post Meeting:- This event has been postponed.</i>	

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		<p>The next meeting of the Children &amp; Youth Network is on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 – on line – DG or LM can send you the link if you are interested. Similar to last year the Network will be pulling together a summer what’s on leaflet for the area.</p> <p>b. <b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Sub Group</b> – DG informed members the last meeting of the group was on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The priorities of the group were discussed and can be used to input into the revision of the Area Plan. DG added that Jane Ogden Smith had been in contact regarding a ‘Community Conversation – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 10am to 12.30pm at the Hope Rooms, North Berwick. This Community Conversation event will be chaired by Fiona Wilson, Chief Officer of East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>This will provide an opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show how feedback engagement informed the strategic objectives</li> <li>• Show how strategic objectives can be realised at a local level</li> <li>• Begin the conversation about co-production.</li> </ul> <p>It will also be an opportunity for individual Local Area Partnerships to showcase examples of co-production already happening in their areas and there will also be inputs from Sue Northrop on Meeting Centres and John Niven (East Lothian PPG Forum) on the role of Patient Participation Groups (PPGs).’</p> <p>There is an invitation for 2 members of each partnership to attend this event, please get in touch with DG to note your interest in attending.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p>	<p>No matters were raised.</p> <p>CM reminded everyone about the Annual Public Meeting and encouraged members to attend and to bring a friend. The next Area Partnership meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, face to face at Haddington Bridge Centre.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of the next meetings</b></p>	<p>Next Dates – all meetings will be face to face at 7pm in the Bridge Centre, Haddington.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023</p>	

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Budget Allocation 23/24

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			Amenity Services	Roads	General
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£100,000	£50,000	£50,000
01/04/23	ELC roads	Admin		2,500.00	0.00
27/04/23	Can Do	Transportation			1,989.52
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		<b>Total Spend</b>	£ -	£2,500	£1,990
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£47,500</b>	<b>£48,010</b>