

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership  
9<sup>th</sup> February 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)  
Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)  
Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)  
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)  
Margo Hodge, Humbie, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)  
Susan Forgie, TRA Haddington Central (SF)  
Philip Ross, Knox Academy School Partnership (PR)

**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)

**Apologies received**


Cllr John McMillan, Elected Member, ELC (JM)  
Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)  
Beverly Roberts, Yester Parent Council (BR)  
Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW)  
Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	CM thanked everyone for attending  LM stated the meeting was quorate.	
2.	Apologies	Apologies were noted above.	
3.	Declaration of Interest	Declaration of Interest were declared by:-  PW – Morham Village Hall  LB – Blooming Haddington	
4.	Approval of minutes	The minutes were approved by members	
5.	Matters Arising	a. Heritage Network would like to attend a future meeting to give a short presentation.  b. Mental Health Change Board ELHSCP - Callum Colquhoun, Senior Community warden has raised his concerns of the number of mental health problems and suicides within the Haddington and Lammermuir Area. SA to share meeting information.  c. Andy's Man Club – 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.	DG  SA/DG  ALL
6.	Update from Community Groups	No information was brought forward  There were no updates at this meeting.	ALL
7.	Budget update	a. <b>Amenity Services</b> – the staffing levels are improving for this service. Need projects from the community to be raised at the Area Partnership meetings so they can be put forward as future Amenity Services projects.  b. <b>Roads</b> – The roads budget is an influencing budget. . Our estimated roads budget stands at £37,500.00 as £2,500 covers admin costs. We have already proposed the Gifford path widening project costing in the region of £10K for 22/23.  c. <b>General</b> – the general budget this year remains the same as previous years at £50,000.00. £37,758.00 remaining.	ALL
8.	Funding Applications	There was a discussion around applications and BE asked how the partnership looks at application forms. CM stated that there are some applications which are looked at when they come in but are not presented to the partnership as they do not fit the area partnership priorities. CM also stated that some applications are sent to more than one funding stream. Often the Connected Communities Managers are aware of this and some further investigation has to be sought so that double funding does not happen. All applicants should be speaking to either DG or CM before they put in the application so that they can be guided through the application form process.  A. <b>Blooming Haddington – New Baskets - £2,200.00</b>	

		<p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>B. Friday friends – Costs associated with post-COVID Friday Friends’ sessions and supportive sessions - £4,265.68</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>C. Haddstock 23 - £5,850.00</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>D. Morham Village Hall – help with COVID recovery with running costs - £2,000.00</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 10 members agreed with this project and 1 members abstained.</p> <p><b>E. Haddington Athletic Community Football Club - Saturday Football - £5,250.00</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>F. Support from the Start – Baby and Children First Aid Sessions - £3,162.50</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>G. Bridge Centre – Mental Health Project - £9,000.00</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p><b>H. Steven Gallagher Foundation – Meadowpark Young People £1,800.00</b></p> <p>CM went over the highlights of the project. There was a discussion and the project was approved by members. 11 of members agreed with this project.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone for their input making the decisions on the projects. CM also thanked BE for opening the conversation around applications. There is still some finance left and after discussion, it was agreed there would be a delegated decision made due to the short time before the end of the financial year regarding any late applications. Any decisions made will be reported back at the next meeting.</p>	CM/DG
<b>9.</b>	<b>Community Benefits</b>	<p>DG stated that when contractors receive ELC contracts sometimes they offer community benefits i.e. if a contractors is fitting kitchens there may be an opportunity for them to install a kitchen in a community facility. There is an</p>	

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		opportunity for the area partnership members to identify a wish list. Can members please speak to their groups/organisations and get back to LM, DG, or CM with their suggestions? There are no guarantees, but there might be an opportunity for some additional funding or resources.	ALL
10.	<b>Area Plan</b>	The short life working group of KG, CM, SA and DG met on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November. There has been no other meeting at this time. It was agreed it will be a refresh rather than a re-write. Up-to-date statistics and data are being requested which will help inform the area plan priorities. This will help focus our funding and links to the Council plan. When the Statistics have been received the plan can be progressed.	DG
11.	<b>Champions</b>	If anyone would like to lead a section of the plan or an application on behalf of the Area Partnership. This can either be done singly or form a sub group. If you can seek further information from DG or CM.	ALL
12.	<b>Annual Public Meeting</b>	The short life working group to meet in the new year – CM, BE, LB, FW, LM and DG. CM suggesting it is more successful to link with another event. If anyone knows anything that is being held soon please let DG/LM know so they can follow this up. If this does not material we will have to arrange one of our own.	DG/LM
13.	<b>Sub Groups</b>	<p>a. <b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b> - this meeting last met on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. At the meeting there was a discussion around the Youth Vision development. It was hoped that this might be available to share but there is no set date yet for the launch. A young people's photographic competition is being planned where the photos would be used in the Youth Vision document and other associated publicity.</p> <p>b. There was discussion around the priorities of the group. There was discussion on the role of youth work and positively engaging with young people.</p> <p>c. The next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30 – 5PM online. If you are not sent the details please ask DG/LM for the link.</p> <p>d. <b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Sub Group</b> – There was not update. The next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 10-11.30 online. If you want to attend the meeting and do not receive the link please ask DG or LM.</p>	
12.	<b>Any other Business</b>	<p>There is a new booklet 'Helping with the cost of living crisis'. DG stated that she had some spare copies that members can take to put in their local venues. This booklet is also available online. If more hard copies are required please get in contact with DG.</p> <p>AB stated that there was Wind Power funding – VCEL can assist people to with advice etc.</p>	 <a href="#">ELC_Helping_with_the_cost_of_living_A5_i</a>

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		<p>Most applications are online and there is assistance from VCEL. Some libraries will assist with form filling, you might have to make an appointment for this.</p> <p>The next meeting is at 7pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 face to face. CM stated it would be nice to see everyone then.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of the next meetings</b>	<p>Next Dates – all meetings will be at 7pm in the Bridge Centre, Haddington.</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> April 2023  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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