

**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
15 June 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)
Jack Worden, Haddington & District Community Council. (JW)
Janet Beck, Humble, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (JB)
Susan Forgie, TRA (SF)

Others in attendance

Diann Govenlock, Connected Communities Manager (DG)
Stuart Baxter, Connected Communities 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)
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)

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| | Agenda Item | Key discussion points | Action |
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| 1. | Welcome & Introductions | CM welcomed everyone for attending. CM stated that the meeting was quorate. | |
| 2. | Apologies | Apologies were noted above. | |
| 3. | Declaration of Interest | Declaration of Interest CM stated that members leave their hat at the door when attending Area Partnership meetings as at the meeting they represent the whole community. | |
| 4. | Approval of minutes | The last minutes approved by members. | |
| 5. | Matters Arising | <p>Area Plan – CM explained that due to personal circumstances he had to postpone some planned meetings but hoped that he would be able to progress this soon.</p> <p>Public Meeting – CM stated at the pre meeting for members, CM had been re-elected as Chair and SP was elected as Vice-Chair both for the next two years. CM thanked everyone who attended. He added that the Public Meeting was well attended and thanked SB, DG and LM for setting this all up.</p> <p>Applications –CM made members aware that at the last meeting it was stated the meeting was not quorate. Due to a new member who had been missed in the count, the meeting was indeed quorate. The application for Can Do was agreed at the meeting and as a result a delegated decision was made to approve this application.</p> <p>CM added that there were also 3 other applications received but although these were great projects they did not fit with the priorities of the Area Partnership. These were Gifford Community Woodland (looking for a log splitter); Haddington Swim Club (French Exchange) and Made in East Lothian. Each applicant was guided to other funders and also to VCEL.</p> <p>CM added that applicants should call CM, DG or SB, when thinking about applying to the Area Partnership so that they can either be given advice on how to complete the application, if the project fits the Area Partnership Priorities, or given information on where to look for alternative funding. There are occasions when applications can be put on hold awaiting further or alternative information from the applicant which can delay the process.</p> | |
| 6. | Update from Community Groups | There was no updates. | |
| 7. | Annual Public Meeting Update | Discussed above. | |

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| 8. | Budget Update | <p>a. General</p> <p>I. 23/24 budget – there is £48, 010.00.</p> <p>b. Roads</p> <p>I. Request – email from HCTRA 23/24 update. SP was collating the information required. Hoped to have it in the next couple of weeks. SB explained that 10 localities would cost around £8K to 12K.</p> <p>c. Amenity Services</p> <p>I. Update on 21/22 outstanding works at Athelstaneford and Seggardean Parks – Since the last meeting some of the equipment for the parks have been installed. It is hopefully the rest will be in later this year.</p> | |
| 9. | Funding Applications | <p>Some applications had been dealt with in Item 5 under matters Arising.</p> <p>Knox Academy – Breakfast Club. DG informed members that she had been approached by Knox Academy to start up a breakfast club within the school. DG and CM have visited Knox to speak with the applicant to give her ideas on how to make this project sustainable. This is a brilliant initiative and long overdue. Work is ongoing to identify people to help with this initiative and to also look at sources for food.</p> <p>Dementia Music at the Maitlandfield – DG stated that she had not heard anything else from this group.</p> | |
| 10. | Community Benefits | <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 their name on this list for youth work. SB stated that the Nungate Community Centre, Haddington was also looking for an oven and hob and luckily work to provide this is ongoing. However this requires an additional electrical supply that is currently being looked at. DG continued that there were no guarantees, but this may provide an opportunity for some additional funding or resources, within the communities. VCEL also stated that NHS do something similar which VCEL can help with, along with other funding.</p> | |
| 11. | Area Plan | <p>Dealt with in Item 5, Matters Arising.</p> | |
| 12. | Champions | <p>CM asked members that if anyone would like to lead a section of the Area plan or help review an application on behalf of the Area Partnership. He added this can either be done individually or a sub group can be formed to do this. He asked any members interested to seek further information from DG or CM or SB.</p> | |

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| 13. | Sub Groups | <p>a. Children & Youth Network – DG informed members that this group are not meeting until August. However following a discussion in the group around available activities DG made members aware that she was pulling together a list of activities within this area. She added that most of the information received were links to websites. However she intended to send out this information soon.</p> <p>b. Health & Wellbeing Sub Group – DG stated that the group have been looking at the priorities linking to the Area Plan. There is a meeting on 26th June 2023 at 10am in the Granary. AS stated that the local H&W group are important as they can also feed into the Health and Social Care group.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join either group, please get in touch with DG.</p> | |
| 14. | Any other Business | <p>Mental Health Event – VCEL are hoping to run a mental health event. More information to follow.</p> <p>CM stated that he had been approached by the local Police, who are trying to set up a boxing club in Haddington, there used to be one but they had to leave their premises. CM added this would be great for the community. There is manpower, willingness and funding to run this project but they require a venue. Discussions had taken place around suitable venues and if anyone knows anywhere that might be suitable and available, please get in contact with CM or DG or SB.</p> | |
| 15. | Date of the next meetings | <p>Next Dates – all meetings will be face to face at 7pm in the Bridge Centre, Haddington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24th August 2023 26th October 2023 30th 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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| | | Balance | £100,000 | £47,500 | £48,010 |