Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership 24th August 2023, 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre

Quorum:-

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members

Chaired by:

Stuart PeWin, Vice-Chair and TRA Haddington Central (SP)

Members (and substitute members) present:

Philip White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW) Roger Harris, Morham and Garvald CC (RH) Louise Begbie, Rotary Haddington (LB) Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA) Cllr Tom Trotter, Elected Member, ELC (TT) Susan Forgie, TRA (SF) Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE) Margo Hodge, Humbie, E&W Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH) Phillip Ross, Knox Academy Parent Council (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)

Apologies received

Cllr John McMillan, Elected Member, ELC (JM) Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW) Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP) Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM) Cllr George McGuire, Elected Member, ELC (GM) Lorna Maclennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM) Jack Worden, Haddington & District Community Council (JW)

	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action				
1.	Welcome & Introductions	of welconned everyone to the meeting. of stated that he was					
2.	Apologies						
3.	Declaration of Interest	SP asked that members leave their hat at the door, at the meeting members are representing the wider community.					
4.	Approval of minutes	Accepted as read by those present.					
5.	Matters Arising	None – all covered by the agenda.					
6.	Update from Community Groups	JB gave an update about the summer youth programme. The trip to East Links with 22 young people had been very successful, 'Holiday hunger' funding reduced financial barriers to participation and the funding covered the cost of lunch.					
		Haddington Bridge Centre youth group has been selected as one of the charities to receive a donation from Lothian Relic who are holding a metal detecting event in Whittingehame on the weekend 8-10 September. Young people and their parents are invited to the event to experience what metal detecting is all about.					
		SA gave an update about HETRA who have appointed a secretary, Abbotsview might have a future ask of the amenities budget. Gifford Community Council have identified additional lighting as an area for improvement within the village.					
		Mental Health partners' online meetings had started meeting during lockdown. Jane Cunningham ELC Strategy Officer has re-invigorated these meetings by holding a speed networking event on 22 August at Haddington Bridge Centre. Future developments might include mapping services and linking up with Eastspace, the online directory. AB will re-issue the Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) information.					
7.	Budget Update	 a. General I. 23/24 budget – there is £48, 010.00. (amend this to include £1,820 awarded to Dementia Singing) 					
		 b. Roads Request – email from HCTRA 23/24 update DG to follow up if the previously suggested cycle racks at Athelstaneford and 3G pitch plus the dropped kerbs at Gifford have been actioned. 					
		 c. Amenity Services I. Update on 21/22 outstanding works at					
8.	Funding Applications	Haddington Central TRA Haddington (Anne Traill) - Dementia Singing Group - £ 2,120.					

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		LB had reported that this group had applied to the Rotary Community Chest grant for £300 and had been successful awarded this at the beginning of August.	
		BE suggested funding rules needed to be applied for consistency and suggested the application should have changed their dates on the application form. SB had advised the group to do this. SA said that Anne Traill had been recognised as a Community volunteer/ hero as part of the HDCC festival.	
		The members present were supportive of the application on condition that the figure awarded be reduced by £300 to reflect the Community Chest funding. DG to follow up with CM about making a devolved decision as the members were in agreement this should not wait till the next meeting to approve.	
9.	Community Benefits	There has been a slight change, each Area Partnership or locality is now limited to suggesting their top 3 projects of a max. £2K per project.	
		For HALAP this list is currently: Nungate Community Centre – oven and hob Bolton Community Association – new kitchen/ new toilet HBC – new kitchen cupboards	
		SB reported that the Nungate has met with the contractor who will provide the oven and hob. However, there is an issue with the current cabling not being suitable and now requires 6mm cabling to be installed costing in the region of $\pounds1906$.	
10.	Area Plan	Standing item – no further update at present. Action to progress.	
11.	Champions	Standing item – DG suggested this could be someone from the partnership with an interest in either the Children & Youth or Health and Wellbeing Network.	
12.	Sub Groups	a. Children & Youth Network – Meeting in person on Thursday 31 st August at 3.30pm at HBC.	
		b. Health & Wellbeing Sub Group – Meeting planned for Thursday 5 th October at 10am, details tbc. Andrew Main and Jane Odgen Smith will be attending for an input on the Older People's Survey.	
14.	Any other Business	14.1 Standing Orders This had not been sent out as a paper copy and therefore could not be discussed at tonight's meeting. Everyone needs to have received the Standing Orders at least 2 weeks in advance. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.	
		14.2 TT raised the question about the number needed at an area partnership meeting for it to be quorate This currently stands at 40% +1. TT suggested this is be reviewed. BE asking if meetings are quorate at certain points of the year. There followed a discussion about the impact on AP attendance and losing the Educational budget.	

		SB made members aware that part of his role was to support Community Councils and made an offer to attend a Community Council meeting to the community council members present.	
		Hannah McBride is organising the S3 Big Help Out Friday 17 May 2024 at 11am. SA asking if any organisations are able to offer volunteering opportunities that day.	
		SA asked that members are reminded that attendance at Area Partnership meetings are important to make timely decision. Members are asked if you can't attend the meeting to please send a substitute.	
15.	Date of the next meetings	Next Dates – all meetings will be face to face at 7pm in the Bridge Centre, Haddington. 26 th October 2023 30 th November 2023	

Budget Alloca	tion	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
24/08/23	Haddington Central TRA	Dementia Singing Group			1,820.00
30/08/23	Haddington	Haddington Dementia			
	Central TRA	Singing Group			300.00
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		Balance	£100,000	£47,500	£45,890
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