**Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership**

**22nd November 2016, 7-9pm,**

**Chambers, Town House, Haddington**

**Quorum:-**

10 members

**Meeting Chaired by**:

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM)

Phillip White, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PW)

Nick Morgan, Gifford Community Council (NM)

Paul Darling, Haddington & District Community Council (PD)

Rosemary Greenhill, Humbie, E&W Saltoun & Bolton Community Council (RG)

Paul Sales, Bolton Steading Tenants & Residents Associations (PSa)

Louise Elder, Knox Academy Parent Council, (LE)

Judith Warren, Haddington Business Association (JW)

Frances Wright, Haddington Community Development Trust (FW)

Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

Gill Colston, East Lothian Health Network (GCo)

Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start (LP)

Jane Hobbs, Haddington Infant Parent Council, (JH)

Penny Short, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PS)

**Others in attendance**

Stuart Gibb, Area Manager, ELC (SG)

Lorna Maclennan, Business Support Administrator, ELC (LMAC)

Doug Haig, ELC CLD (Bridge Centre) (DH)

**Apologies received**

Ann McCarthy, East Lothian Health Network (AMcC)

Alan Dunton, Haddington East Tenants & Residents Association (AD)

David Roberts, Bolton Steading Tenants & Residents Association (DR)

Gordon Crawford, Yester Parents Council (GC)

Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay, ELC (LL)

Jo Allan, Gifford Community Council (JA)

Al Beck, Humbie, E&W Saltoun & Bolton Community Council (AB)

Karen Stevenson, Haddington Community Development Trust (KS)

Ron Pearman, Haddington Community Sports Hub (RP)

Graham Samuel, Haddington & District Community Council (GS)

Ross Prentice, Haddington Business Association (BP)

Steven Wray, Support from the Start (SW)

Cllr Tom Trotter, ELC (TT)

Brian Baillie, Haddington East TRA (BB)

Sue Cairns, ELTRP (SC)

|  | **Agenda Item** | **Key discussion points** | **Action** |
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| **1** | **Welcome** | Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair. The meeting was quorate. |  |
| **2** | **Apologies** | Apologies were noted |  |
| **3** | **Approval of minutes** | The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a minor change to attendance. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising** | **Cycle Stands** – NM has been in touch with all the Community Councils. Garvald and Morham are putting information on the web re where the cycle stands should erected. Gifford should be installed soon or at least in this financial year. Humbie Hub does not wish them. Bolton, Saltoun have no appropriate place for them to be installed. Once the village hall restoration has been complete, there may be an area to put cycle stand. Amisfield Walled Garden have been in touch and are having portable cycle stands installed, just to arrange delivery.  **Gateway signage** – this is on the agenda.  **Table Tennis Club** – Unfortunately could not make the meeting tonight. They have been put forward for awards in the Sunday Mail and the Sports award. |  |
| **5** | **East Lothian Community Hospital Update** | JM is champion for the East Lothian Community Hospital. JM and SG have met with Miriam Anderson to talk about how the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership can influence and communicate how the public feel about the new East Lothian Community Hospital. At the meeting there was discussion about the car parking and Alderston road entrance. Communications from NHS have been circulated to Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership, and will be sent out when we receive an update.  BE asked about the 1% of costs for Art Project. JM stated that an Arts coordinator has just been appointed. JM will be seeking a meeting early in the new year. This project has to be community project. CM says that there needs to be straight talking communications. |  |
| **6** | **Funding Proposals** | CM stated we have budget to spend and if this is not spent we will lose it.  Everyone in the Area Partnership has a role to play in bringing forward proposals for funding.  **Knox Academy Pipe Band** - In 2012 they received funding from the Scottish Schools’ Pipes and Drums Trust. This funding is being phased out over 5 years and will inhibit the uptake of piping and drumming at Knox Academy and within the associated primary schools. In the last four years the pipe band has worked hard and entered the Scottish School’s Pipe Band Championships three times. This year they were placed third in their class against some stiff opposition from well-established piping schools. The band offers all youngsters the opportunity to learn the pipes or drums, work as part of a team, represent their school and develop positive peer relationships. Pupils gain a sense of self-worth and pride being able to perform to such a high standard at school, East Lothian and national events. The school pipe band also provides a pathway into the Haddington Pipe Band so that piping and drumming is sustained in the town. The school pipe band rehearses twice a week in school and the instructors offer free tuition during the school day for a day each. This pupil-teacher tuition is directly paid for by the SSPDT grant and as that is phased out there is a real chance that a successful school pipe band will die on its feet. It is a proved fact that the earlier someone learns a musical instrument, the more likely they are to stick with it in later life. The original grant secured was £27,000 per year. In the first year the grant goes down to £20,000 leaving a shortfall of £7,000; in year two the grant goes down to £15,00 leaving a shortfall of £12,000; in year 3 the grant is £5,000 leaving a shortfall of £22,000. After a discussion it was agreed to fund the first 2 years for a total of £19,000. The Area Partnership encouraged Knox Academy to try and find other avenues of funding. There was a new line added to the Area Plan around arts and culture to accommodate funding applications like the Knox Academy Pipe Band proposal.  JM asked that it be noted that he was raising a conflict of interest and was not therefore taking part in any discussion on this matter.  **West Saltoun Phone Box** – A proposal was received from West Saltoun seeking funding of £2,500 to meet the costs of purchasing a defibrillator through the Community Heartbeat Trust. This is a charitable organisation which assists community organisations to convert redundant BT phone kiosks to establish a storage facility for a defibrillator. The local Community Council (Humbie, East and West Saltoun and Bolton C.C.) has also agreed to support this initiative for the adoption of the phone box in West Saltoun and for the provision of a defibrillator. Provision of a defibrillator will be done in conjunction with the Community Heartbeat Trust, (CHT) a charity that works with BT to convert old phone-boxes for this purpose. CHT will supply the specialist defibrillator equipment and also advise on the governance requirements. The approximate cost of installing a defibrillator is £2,500. Details of the work of the Community Heartbeat Trust can be found here: <http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk>. The WSCDT is seeking £2,500 in financial support from the Area Partnership. During the discussion concern was raised about ownership - specifically that the group is not currently owner of the phone box, and pending the outcome of the current BT consultation, it was felt that it would not be appropriate to commit Area Partnership funds at this stage. It was agreed that this proposal would be reconsidered once the group are in, or close to, full ownership and that they should be asked to inform the Area Partnership when this is the case.  2 other points were also noted and it was agreed that SG would pass these back to the applicant:   1. Is there an alternative site in the village available for a defibrillator? This is in the event that the phone box does not become available. 2. Has consideration be given to approaching other equipment providers as they may be able to provide this at less cost? A few AP members who live in communities that currently have this equipment gave examples of providers who supplied at less cost. One example mentioned was the British Heart Foundation.   **Gateway Signage** – A proposal for gateway signage for every town within the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership was circulated and discussed. The total cost for this project is £8,600 and would be met in full from the Roads budget. The Amenity Services Team have also agreed to landscape some of the sign locations at a total cost of £1193 – this cost to be met as £893 from the Amenity Services budget and £300 from the general budget. Following a discussion, no objections to this proposal were raised and it the Area Partnership agreed to proceed with this project for delivery by the end of this financial year. | SG |
| **8** | **Budget 2016/17** | Amenity Services – Total spend of £4,239 Roads - Total spend of £27,350 leaving a balance of £22,650  Education Attainment – Total spend of £16,071, leaving a balance of £83,929  General - Total spend of £22,500 leaving a balance of £57,932 |  |
| **9** | **Date of Next Meeting** | The next meeting is on 19th January 2017 in Saltire Room 1 & 2, John Muir House, Haddington |  |

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| **Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership Meetings for 2017** | |
| Thursday 19th January | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |
| Thursday 23 March | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |
| Thursday 25 May | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |
| Thursday 20 July | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |
| Thursday 28 September | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |
| Thursday 2nd November | Annual Meeting Town House, Haddington |
| Thursday 23 November | Saltire Room 1&2, JMH Haddington |