Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership 26th August 2021, 7pm, on ZOOM

Chaired by:

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)

Members (and substitute members) present:

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)

Pat Lemmon, Haddington and District Community Council (PL)

Margo Hodge, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (MH)

Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)

Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM)

Philip White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW)

Philip Ross, Parent Council, Knox Academy (PR)

Others in attendance

Diann Govenlock, Manager, Connected Communities Team Manager (DG)

Lorna Maclennan Business Support Administrator, ELC (LM)

Justine Bradd, Community Development Officer (JB)

Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)

Elaine Morrison, East Lothian Food Bank (EM)

Heather Young, VCEL

Apologies received

Cllr Craig Hoy, Elected Member (CH)

Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)

Alan Dunton, TRA (AD)

Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)

Doug Haig, Community Development Officer (DH)

Beverly Roberts, Small School, Yester Primary (BR)

Sue Cook, HT Knox Academy (SC)

Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)

Steven Wray, Support from the Start (SW)

Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)

Rosemary Greenhill, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council (RG)



	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome &	CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. CM went round the	ACLION
	Introductions	screen and everyone introduced themselves.	
		LM stated the meeting was <u>not</u> quorate.	
2.	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
3.	Declaration of Interest	Declarations would be made when voting.	
4.	Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
5.	Matters Arising	DG had contacted colleagues in the Road Department to find out about the road markings at the Garvald junction which had been due to repainted. However this junction had been missed of the recent line painting. To date there has been no reply. PW asked if he could be kept in the loop on this topic.	
6.	Budget	A. General This year's general budget it £50k. There is £39,662.32 still to be allocated from this budget.	
		B. Roads The roads budget is £47,500k as £2,500 is taken for administration. Due to COVID it was unlikely that project would be completed but if members would like to come forward with projects that could be put forward to road colleagues, please let DG, LM or CM.	
		C. Amenity Services	
		This budget is £100,000 for influencing projects and working together with Amenity Services. This fund steadily decreases over time. The funding covers staffing costs, machinery and materials/resources that are required to be purchased for the project.	
		Working with the Amenity Services offers and encourages the H&LAP the opportunity to influence and highlight community priorities. This way of working benefits all and improves the local areas for community benefit.	
		D. Scottish Government Monies	
		DG stated that there has been £18,000 for Food/Welfare from the Scottish Government which has to be spent by the end of the financial year i.e. end of March 2022. DG has contacted previous groups/organisations who have received support from other Scottish Government money to let them apply for monies. Lammermuir Larder, OCK and Haddstock have applied. There has been £3,750 given for Digital Inclusion. DG put the suggestion that the Bridge Centre apply to buy laptops, dongles and licences to be stored in the Bridge Centre. These can be used by groups in the community who have members that could benefit from the use of one. It was agreed to email out to members to identify digital priorities that could be addressed from this funding. JM suggested that we should look at some of the ideas that the young people had identified, such as an outdoor cinema. This idea will be explored further. This could also be funded by Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership as a free event for everyone with the area which would also help with people/families who are finding themselves in hardship at this time. There was a long discussion about concerns that equipment would lie in cupboards and not be fully utilised. However in the main there	

		was support for the purchase of digital equipment. There was also discussion around data projectors. LM stated that there are data projectors which can be borrowed by organisations as well as display boards.	
7.	Funding Applications	A. Haddington History Society	
		CM stated that we had received a letter from Eric Glendinning asking for a contribution towards a historic sign. DG stated that she had gone back to EG asking how much they are seeking. EG stated that they were looking for £750. CM stated that an application should be sent to the History Society and ask that an application be completed. The work does fit in to some of the criteria. The application should go to the next meeting for consideration. DG to contact the History Society and ask them to complete an application form.	DG
		B. Haddstock 2022	
		CM this application can be taken in two halves. Element 1 is card readers and element 2 Food Vouchers. As this type of industry have been hit very heavy with COVID it was felt that the food vouchers were a good idea as they cover both local businesses and the performer. The food element of the application could come from the Scottish Government additional monies.	
		There was a long discussion around the card readers. There were concerns about the busking element and need to have a licence etc. We are still using money and that we should remember that conflicting information had been given that money can spread COVID. However this has not been proven and the advice is that money can still be used. Using a card machine can also be detrimental to people in poverty, a hat or tin would be the best way forward and someone can give as they feel fit rather than a card machine where there will also be fee etc. It was also felt that if you are advertising a free event then saying here is my card reader for donations did not sit well. HY from the Foodbank stated they did a collection in a local supermarket and had the best collect ever. DG was to make contact with Rebecca and explain what has been decided by the partnership.	DG
8.	Evaluations	All 2020/21 evaluations have all been sent out. Some of the organisation have come back with evaluations. These would be followed up in due course.	LM
9.	Any Other Business	FW asked if DG had contacted the Wee Red Upcycle. DG stated she had tried to phone but in the end had emailed to explain instead. CM stated that members will see that the Standing Orders had been sent out with the meeting papers. This is to draw your attention to the fact that we have not re-elected/elected a chair for some time. Also FW has stated that she may or may not continue as vice chair. CM stated that he was happy to stay as chair but if anyone would like the opportunity to be Chair or vice chair to think about it and this would be brought to the next meeting. FW would let DG know whether she would like to continue or not in due course. JM stated that the Lieutenant who is part of the Queen's Green Canopy is hoping that everyone will join the tree planting from	

		October 2021 to October 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 The link here will give some information:- Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust
		JM asked if at the next meeting that the groups that attend the meeting give an update of the type of things that you are doing in their community. This might see if things are overlapping or where there are gaps. CM stated that this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting. CM thanked everyone for attending on this lovely evening.
10.	Date of the	All meeting will be hosted electronically starting at 7.00pm
	next meetings	All meeting will be nosted electronically starting at 7.00pm
		28-October
		02-December

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