

Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

10th February 2022, 7pm, on ZOOM

Chaired by:

Craig McLachlan, Chair (CM)



Quorum:-

10
members

Members (and substitute members) present:

Pat Lemmon, Haddington and District Community Council (PL)
Frances Wright, Vice Chair (FW)
Philip White, Morham and Garvald CC (PW)
Philip Ross, Parent Council, Knox Academy (PR)
Cllr Tom Trotter Elected Member, ELC (TT)
Cllr Shamin Akhtar, Elected Member, ELC (SA)
Loreen Pardoe, Support from the Start, Haddington (LP)
Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)
Brian East, Haddington Community Sports Hub (BE)
Graham Samuels, Haddington and District Community Council
Adam White, Gifford Community Council
Rodger Harris, Garvald and Morham Community Council
Margo Hodge, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community
Cllr Craig Hoy, Elected Member (CH)
Jason Baker, Yester Primary School (JB)
Cllr John McMillan Elected Member, ELC (JM)

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)

Apologies received

Stuart PeWin, TRA Haddington Central (SP)
Olive Paxton, Haddington TRA (OP)
Janet Beck, Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council
(JB)
Sue Cook, HT Knox Academy (SC)
Elaine Morrison, East Lothian Foodbank (EM)

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	Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>CM welcomed everyone, especially new members. CM went round the screen and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>LM stated the meeting were quorate.</p>	
2.	Apologies	Apologies were noted.	
3.	Declaration of Interest	Declarations would be made when voting. A declaration should be made when voting if you have made an application or if you are associated with an application.	
4.	Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
5.	Matters Arising	All matters arising were now been completed	
6.	Community Groups	<p>Blooming Haddington – FW stated that Blooming Haddington would be at the Farmers Market in April to promote their work and to try and recruit new volunteers. The group will also be doing a leaflet drop to the new houses in Haddington to try and encourage new people to get involved with volunteering.</p> <p>Lammermuir Larder – PL stated that Lammermuir Larder had moved to 5b Mitchell Close, Haddington. If anyone would like to pop in please do. Lammermuir Larder continuing to work successfully in partnership and receiving referrals from a range of agencies such as Health Visitors.</p>	
7.	Budget	<p>a. General – There remains £33, 411.34 in this budget but many applications for this meeting to consider.</p> <p>b. Roads – COVID has impacted negatively on the roads budget and the ability to get work undertaken. This money is more of an influencing budget. If anyone has anything they feel would be a roads priority for the Partnership, please get in touch with DG, LM, CM or FW.</p> <p>c. Amenity Services – This is an influencing budget which decreases every month. If anyone has identified any amenities priorities that they feel could be carried out by ELC Amenity Services please get in touch with DG, LM, CM or FW.</p> <p>d. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places DG suggested a few people get together to discuss projects that could benefit the local community, fitting with the budget criteria. DG had had a meeting with Chris Milne who is the Council’s Behaviour Change Officer with a focus on promoting green travel. DG will put an invitation out to everyone to progress this.</p>	
8.	Funding Applications	<p>There was so many applications for this meeting that a small scrutiny group met to go through the applications prior to this meeting. A summary of the recommendations were sent out to members for them to look over and ask any questions. Questions were sought prior to tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>The applications will be voted on tonight followed by an email vote to members. The emails must be sent back to ensure the vote is quorate and there is an audit trail. Please do not speak to applicants about their applications before the meeting and the voting by members is completed. If anyone has any questions</p>	

regarding applications these should be send to handl-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk so that the queries can be dealt with. Diann or Lorna will let the applicant know they have been successful or not.

CM gave a brief summary of each project in turn, taking any questions as he went through the applications. Applications seeking staffing costs and building costs should not be considered by the partnership. The partnership should be considering how the application meets the local priorities and works towards reducing poverty and inequalities in the ward.

- A. **Our Community Kitchen – running costs for the year £12, 257.29.** OCK have been in receipt of a significant share of the Scottish Government COVID food and welfare monies during 21/22 and for this reason the small scrutiny recommended that this latest application should in this case not be supported. This does not undermine the fantastic work carried out by OCK.
- B. **Bins - £800** – proposed location for the railway walkway. However, Amenity services have stated that bins need to be accessible for staff to empty them. One bin will go in the railway walk and the other near the new retail park. There followed a long discussion around who should be providing litter bins within this location. It was suggested that the retailers should be providing bins. Cllr Trotter stated that when development are at the planning stage litter bins should be included. Cllr McMillan suggested that Blooming Haddington who are seeking new volunteers could leaflet the new developments or speak to the local Rotary, TRA's or the Community Councils to sponsor/buy additional bins. The small scrutiny group recommended members support this project.
- C. **Bridge Centre Motor Cycle Project - £11,736** – This project struggles to get funding from other sources and only applies when funding is left at the end of the year. This is an excellent project working with young people who have disengaged from school. Small scrutiny group recommended members support this project.
- D. **Fantooshart – Sketch & Wander - £2,400** – There was a long discussion about this project. There has been very positive feedback from Fa'side area about the work of this project. After consideration and taking into account the fact the preparation time is included in the hourly rate, the small scrutiny group recommended supporting this project.
- E. **Humbie, West & East Saltoun & Bolton – Soupersnacks - £450.00** – this is a rural project which has been running throughout the pandemic and this recent application will assist them to continue their work. The group recommended supporting this project.

- F. **Haddington East TRA – Mental Health Peer Support - £2,000** – Although the AP has funded this project previously. People felt the need for this type of project has increased, mental health is one of our biggest challenges due to the impact of COVID and isolation. The group recommended members support this project.
- G. **Lammermuir Larder – Cost for moving - £3,390.88** – this project is moving to new premises and these costs are towards start up and running costs. Planning permission is required for the hand rail but the funding will cover that cost. The group recommended members support this project.
- H. **Bridge Centre – Developing outside Classroom - £4,077.89** – this project meets some of our inequalities relating to working with children and young people in our Area Plan. There was a long discussion and questions around all aspect of this project from the price of items to the size of the benches and play equipment. There will be a mixture of sizes of benches suitable for children, youngsters and adults. The group recommended members support this project.
- I. **Athelstaneford Village Hall – Restarting the community - £560** – This project is to try and bring people together after COVID. This is a small amount of money which could have huge community benefits. The group recommended members support this project.
- J. **Friday Friends - restarting after COVID - £2,483.00** – This project only ever ask for the very minimum amount of funding yet their work is invaluable, helping to support very vulnerable people. The group recommended members support this project.
- K. **Keep the Heid – Mental Health Café - £8,822.00** – This project is an excellent idea but the sum they are asking for is more than the partnership could support. In addition some of the costing are not something the partnership would fund such as the staffing and evaluation costs. It was recommended that this project could be part funded to help with rent and catering costs. DG will email the applicant to explain the funding decision. The group recommended members support a revised sum of £1,100.
- L. **Gifford Community Council – Signage - £500** – The new signage is to recognise the Keep Scotland Beautiful award. DG will get in touch with ELC Roads Colleagues once recommendation is approved.

There was further discussion around the remaining General Budget funding and how it could be best distributed. It was identified that there are a couple of organisations who operation on a shoestring and it was agreed to support them with

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		additional funding if they were able to extend/develop a project. These organisations would be asked to submit a further application which will be circulated to the small scrutiny group for approval.						
9.	Sub groups	<p>CM stated that the partnership has lost some champions and it was great to see some subgroups being re-established.</p> <p>a) Children & Youth Network The next meeting of this group is 3rd February 2022.</p> <p>b) Health and Wellbeing Sub Group This group met on 20th January, DG was on leave but the group was chaired by LP. The meeting focused on mental health and the impact of the pandemic. "You're on Mute" - lockdown living films launched Scottish Rural Network</p>						
	Any other Business	<p>There was none.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone very much for their important input and remember the next meeting is on the 28 April 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>						
10.	Date of the next meetings	<p>All meetings will be hosted electronically starting at 7.00pm</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>28-Apr 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>16-Jun 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>25-Aug 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>27-Oct 2022</td></tr> <tr><td>01-Dec 2022</td></tr> </table>	28-Apr 2022	16-Jun 2022	25-Aug 2022	27-Oct 2022	01-Dec 2022	
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Budget Allocation 21/22

			Amenity Services	Roads	General	Smart choices smart places	Scottish Gov Money	scottish gov IT monies	Educ monies for Hol Hunger	SfS
Date Approved	Organisation	Project	£100,000	£50,000	£54,800		£18,00.00	£3,750	£4,500	£20,000
05/07/21	Amisfield Gardens	Glass house			5,000.00					
05/07/21	Bridge Centre	Summer Activities			627.68					
05/07/21	Haddington RFC	Fence to stop vandalism on the roof and safety			2,610.00					
05/07/21	Saltoun Community Association	Defibrillator			600.00					
05/07/21	ELC Amenity Services	Bench and Picnic bench at Athelstaneford			1,500.00					
07/09/21	OCK	COVID Recoovery					9,474.84			
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13/10/21	doug haig	ZOOM license						119.90		
13/10/21	Lammermuir Larder	equipment					1,530.00			
13/10/21	Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton CC	Souper snack Lunches - Scottish Gov Money					1,250.00			
29/10/21	Haddington History Society	Creation of an information panel on the site of the Abbey of St Mary, Haddington. Creation of an Abbey Trail			750.00					

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		guide for walkers linking sites associated with the Abbey.								
10/11/21	OCK	Christmas - Scottish Gov Money					3,642.50			
10/11/21	Haddington Day centre	Christmas - Scottish Gov Money					500.00			
16/11/21	Haddington Bridge Centre	IT Equipment						3,630.10		
29/11/21	Lammermuir Larder	Lammermuir Larder Kids					606.26			
29/11/21	Sfs/Care free Kids	Support worker								20,000.00
08/12/21	Amenity Services	Bench and Picnic bench at Athelstaneford			1,429.00					
08/12/21	Amenity Services	bench x 2; 2 x picnic benches; 2x bins			4,071.98					
21/02/22	Athelstandford Hall	Reconnecting our community			560.00					
21/02/22	Bridge Centre	Motorcycle Project			11,589.00					
21/02/22	Bridge Centre	Outside Classroom			4,077.89					
21/02/22	Fantooshart	Sketch and wander			2,400.00					
21/02/22	Friday Friends	reopening after COVID			2,483.00					
21/02/22	HTRA	Peer Group			2,000.00					
21/02/22	Keep the Heid Café	Cost of rent and refreshments			1,100.00					
21/02/22	Lammermuir Larder	running costs for the year			3,390.88					
21/02/22	Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton CC	Soupersnacks			450.00					
21/02/22	Roads Colleagues	Signage for Gifford			880.50					
21/02/22	Yester Primary School	Climbing equipment			585.00					

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