

Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership
25th April 2024 at 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre

Chaired by:

Craig McLachlan (CM)

Members (and substitutes members) present:

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, ELC Elected Member (SA)

Phillip White, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PW)

Lindsay Scott, TRA Haddington East (LS)

Phillip Ross, Knox Academy Parent Council (PR)

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

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary Club (LB)

Mandy Harrington, VCEL (MH)

Cllr George McGuire, (GMc)

Others in attendance:

Diann Govenlock, ELC Connected Communities (DG)

Stuart Baxter, ELC Connected Communities (SB)

Lorna MacLennan ELC Business Support Administrator (LM)

Marilyn McNeill, IJB Users Representative (MM)

Apologies received:

Cllr John McMillan, (JMc)

Brian East (BE)

Stuart Pewin (vice Chair) (SPW)

Justine Bradd, ELC CDO Connected Communities (JB)

Cllr Tom Trotter, ELC Elected Member (TT)

Margo Hodge, Humble, E&W Saltoun & Bolton C Council (MH)

	Key Discussion points	
1.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> CM welcomed and thanked everyone to the meeting, especially on this lovely evening.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies are noted above.	
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> CM asked members that if anyone has a conflict of interest at the meeting, then please indicate it at the time.	ALL
4.	<u>Approval of minutes of previous meeting</u> Minutes of the meeting were approved by those at the meeting.	
5.	<u>Matters arising</u> <u>East Coast FM</u> - DG stated that after enquiries laptops could not be provided so the funding requested was provided to East Coast FM. DG asked SA about chairs, as these were also being sought. SA stated, that members of the group were coming to JMH the next day to collect six chairs. <u>Yester Primary School</u> – The applicant was given what was left in the budget (£1,612.68) for the development of a quiet area within the playground. Castle Park staff would be doing the installation. This would be completed in the next couple of weeks.	ALL
6.	<u>Update from community groups (please send in before the meeting)</u> <u>Rotary</u> LB informed members that Haddington Rotary Club, Friends of The River Tyne and Blooming Haddington had started to clear the area where the old Curling Pond used to be. Funding had previously been provided by the Area Partnership several years ago for this purpose and additional funding had been secured from different areas which will help with the project long term. <u>Friends of the River Tyne</u> SA stated there had been a successful litter pick in Haddington by Friends of the River Tyne. <u>John Knox</u> SA made members aware that a plaque has been erected recognising the birthplace of one of the key figures in Haddington's history, John Knox. Haddington's History Society joined forces with Haddington & District Community Council, Haddington East Tenants, and Residents Association (HETRA) and the community payback team for this project. There is a QR code with links to Haddington's History Society website which offers more details.	

Global Intergenerational Week

LP stated that the Intergenerational Training for Trainers and practitioners was held in Musselburgh on 24th April. This was part of the Global Intergenerational Week.

Also, The Compass School, Haddington are to work in partnership on a new project, Growing Friendships, which will bring pupils from the school and people from OCK together to enjoy activities forming friendship across ages. This will be supported by Generations Working Together.

7. Budget update General Budget.

CM stated that the Area Partnership still have a budget although it is 5% lower than previous years. The general Budget for 2024/25 is £45K. He added that while it was good to still have the budget, there had been no increase since the start of the Area Partnership budgets in 2015 so technically the budget had been decreasing in real terms every year.

Amenities Budget

CM stated that in previous years the Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership have had a great rapport with amenities staff. However, with the changes experienced since COVID including, budget, staff, and staff shortages, it had been challenging. However, CM added that it was hoped going forward that the relationships could be improved.

Road Budget

CM stated that we have the roads budget (£50K) back this year, although we are now being given a choice of projects which we can support. There was a discussion around roads and challenges to get 'potholes' repaired and other repairs. It was agreed that members could report information back to the Area Partnership, and these would be taken back to the Roads team. Cllr GMc suggested that there is a walk around Haddington to collate the work that was felt needed repaired. These information could be sent Road Colleagues.

There was a choice of projects this year: -

Project	Cost
Dunbar Road, Haddington (East side Artillery Park to Goatfield) – Footway Resurfacing	Estimated cost £30k
Dunbar Road, Haddington (West side Tenterfield to Goatfield) – Footway Resurfacing	Estimated cost £35k
Main Street, Garvald – Carriageway Resurfacing	Estimated cost £60k
Ford Road. Haddington – Carriageway Resurfacing	Estimated cost £15k

As the meeting was not quorate, an email will be sent out to members asking them to vote for their preferred projects giving all members a chance to vote. This will be due back by the 7th May 2024.

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SB

8.	<p><u>New Applications Form</u></p> <p>DG informed members that a new application form had been produced and would be sent out to members by email. DG asked members to make any comments or changes and send them back via the H&LAP mailbox by 7th May. CM stated that the form was much easier to read and only four sides to complete without lots of repetition.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the different funding pots that were available to organisations, if their application did not fit the priorities of the Area Partnership. CM stated that it was great to have Connected Communities Managers as they were aware of different funding pots. Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL) can also give assistance with funders for third party organisations. SA also mentioned the NHS Charitable Trust. NHS staff can access this funding or match fund certain projects. It is hoped that more of this funding could be brought to East Lothian.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Area Plan</u></p> <p>It is hoped that a draft plan would be available for the Annual Public Meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7pm. CM stated that it would be good to see a good turnout for the evening. There will be posters of the projects funded in 2022/23 and more information on all projects funded over the past 10 years. It is the 10th Anniversary of Area Partnerships, so a double celebration.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Connected Communities Manager report.</u></p> <p>a. <u>Children & Youth Network</u> – The next meeting of this subgroup is on 6th June 2024 (Please note the change of date)</p> <p>b. <u>Health & Wellbeing Network</u> – The next meeting of this subgroup is 2nd May.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Any other business: please notify the Chair prior to the meeting.</u></p> <p>SB stated that new guidance had been prepared for Community Councils. This had been sent to the Association of East Lothian Community Councils (AELCC) who will now consult with members on these documents.</p> <p>East Lothian Forum – this event will take place on Saturday 15th June from 9am to 12.30 at Queen Margarets University. This will be a good opportunity for groups/organisations to network. More information will be circulated.</p> <p>An Intergeneration Event will take place on the 30th June 2024. This will be focussed on dementia. There will be a discussion around how to get younger and older people working together via things like music etc.</p> <p>CM thanked everyone for attending, and added that he looked forward to seeing everyone on the 14th May for the Annual Public Meeting.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Date of the next meetings – all meetings will start at 7.00pm</u></p>	

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