Meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership

22nd August 2024 at 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre

**Chaired by:**

Craig McLachlan (CM)

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

Phillip White, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PW)

Cllr George McGuire, (GMc)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, ELC Elected Member (SA)

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

Phillip Ross, Knox Academy Parent Council (PR)

Steven Wray, Support from the Start, Haddington (SW)

**Others in attendance:**

Diann Govenlock, ELC Connected Communities (DG)

Stuart Baxter, ELC Connected Communities (SB)

Justine Bradd, ELC CDO Connected Communities (JB)

Lucy Higginson, Policy Officer (Equalities and Tackling Poverty)(LH)

Mandy Harrington, VCEL (MH)

**Apologies received:**

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

Lindsay Scott, TRA Haddington East (LS)

Stuart Pewin (vice Chair) (SPW)

Cllr John McMillan, (JMc)

Cllr Tom Trotter, ELC Elected Member (TT)

Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW)

Lorna Bellany, NHS (LB)

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|  | **Key Discussion points** |  |
|  | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the meeting is not quorate.  |  |
|  | **Apologies** |  |
|  | Apologies as noted above. |  |
|  | **Declarations of Interest** |  |
|  | CM asked members that if anyone has a conflict of interest at the meeting, then please indicate it at the time. | ALL |
|  | **Approval of minutes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | Minutes of the meeting were approved by those at the meeting.  |  |
|  | **Matters arising** |  |
|  | All covered by agenda items.  |  |
|  | **Update from community groups (please send in before the meeting)**No updates. |  |
|  | **East Lothian Plan Update (LH)**A powerpoint presentation was given on the East Lothian Partnership, made up of organisations from across public, private, third and community sectors, working together to make life better for the people of East Lothian.The East Lothian Plan 2017-27 (our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) sets out a range of actions that we want to prioritise over the next few years.These actions reflect our three key themes – Prosperous, Community-minded and Fair.When delivering the plan our focus will be:* Reducing inequalities across our area
* Tackling poverty
* Working to prevent problems - and acting quickly when problems start.

This plan is subject to a full refresh due to global and national events including Covid, cost of living crisis, Brexit, population growth etc. The accompanying timeline runs from July/ August 2024, beginning with the Strategic Needs Assessment through to April 2025, with the launch of the new 2025-2035 East Lothian Plan. Visiting the area partnerships is part of the process. Questions that are needing to be answered as part of this process: Where do we want to get to? What are the priorities for the next LOIP? What priorities are still relevant from current LOIP? How can Community Planning Partnership make a difference to needs?How do we move towards gathering data which is measurable between partners to measure partnership success?Some of the future actions identified:Through our Area Partnerships, continue to help our communities to access resources so they can work out and take forward their priorities for their own area.Implement the Poverty Action Plan arising from the work of the East Lothian Poverty CommissionDevelop joint projects to test how to get the best outcomes for some of our most vulnerable people, through better relationships between public sector partners and also between families and service providers.Further consideration will be given to how the Partnership, its strategic groups and Area Partnerships can tackle the growing problem of social isolation. There followed a discussion about this presentation. CM said this was the first time such a presentation had been made to the area partnerships on the East Lothian Plan and partnership, there had not been any previous communication, and this was very welcome. The area partnership is offering to be involved in the process to help shape the new East Lothian Plan, there is an opportunity for us all to work together. The difficulty of accessing up-to-date data was raised.  |  |

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|  | **Budget update****General Budget.**The general Budget for 2024/25 is £45K. CM encouraged groups to apply early.  |  |
|  | **Applications** Two applications have been received:Athelstaneford Community Group SCIO requesting £2850.Lammermuir Larder Group requesting £4464.CM stated that although the meeting was not quorate that he still intended to ask members if they supported these applications. GMc added that he particularly supported the Athelstaneford application as did MH who added that it would make a huge difference. CM asked members who supported the applications, all agreed. He added were there any that did not support the applications and no members indicated this. Therefore, Members agreed unanimously to support both these applications.CM indicated the last time members had been asked to make a decision via email in May only 5 had responded and a decision had to be carried over until the June meeting. He added that as the applications were time sensitive and as per the constitution he could, following the meeting agree to accept the applications under the chair’s delegated powers.(It was clarified following the meeting that as two members arrived after the start of the meeting and before the applications were discussed that the meeting was indeed quorate. The quorate number being 6 while there were 7 members present during the discussion on the applications and vote). | CM/DG |
|  | **Area Plan**AP members had been asked to feedback about the Area Plan priorities, but nothing so far had been received. There was a brief discussion on some of the difficulties updating the infographic data. LB offering to assist with data from a health and inequalities perspective. SB and DG meeting to progress next week.  |  |
|  | **Road Budget**No feedback on roads budget or priorities previously submitted.  |  |
|  | **Connected Communities Manager report.**1. **Children & Youth Network –** no update not meeting till 5th September.
2. **Health & Wellbeing Network –** The network met today, 22nd August. Lorna Bellany gave an input on Health Equalities data for HALAP, very useful discussion. Jane Cunningham updated on the Mental Health and Wellbeing Collaborative Hubs. Currently, the Community Hospital runs a drop in on a Wednesday 12-2pm. A survey is open till end of September to shape the future of the Information Hub. MH asked that this information be shared.
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|  | **Any other business: please notify the Chair prior to the meeting.**1. Bike Rack, the new bike racks have been installed at Haddington FC/Whittingehame Drive skatepark. The second, at Athelstaneford Village Hall is awaiting drawings from a local member before planning permission is sought.
2. Evaluations received – Haddstock 2024 and Toasty Tuesday Summer 2024. This information is reported on at future public meetings.
3. Haddy Huddle continuing to meet and grow. Meeting fortnightly on a Sunday evening. Informal multi-generational approach, providing space to play football and have a chat with others at the 3G pitch. With the dark nights approaching, a dart board has been purchased. [Eastspace | Haddy Huddle (Haddington Athletic FC)](https://eastspace.org.uk/services/haddy-huddle-haddington-athletic-fc/)
4. New shoots, a number of new community groups are emerging. How do we know what is out there? How do we link up? Discussed briefly models of past and possible future public meetings/ mini community day.
5. Members were updated on the filling of the Business Support Administrator post after Lorna’s retirement. This was to be filled on a 12-month basis, interviews had just taken place and it was hoped this vacancy would be filled soon.
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|  | **Date of the next meetings – all meetings will start at 7.00pm**

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