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

**24th October 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)

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

James Weddell, Yester Parent Council (JW)

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary (LB)

**Others in attendance:**

Diann Govenlock, ELC Connected Communities (DG)

Justine Bradd, ELC CDO Connected Communities (JB)

Caroline Rogers, ELC Head of Communities and Partnerships (CR)

Mandy Harrington, VCEL (MHa)

Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)

**Apologies received:**

Stuart Pewin (vice Chair) (SPW)

Cllr John McMillan, (JMc)

Adam White, Gifford Community Council (AW)

Jack Worden, Haddington & District Community Council (JW)

Stuart Baxter, ELC Connected Communities (SB)

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|  | **Key Discussion points** |  |
|  | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions made as meeting attended by CR. The meeting is 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 this at the time. CM reminded everyone that we leave our ‘hats’ at the door. JB expressed an interest in one of the funding applications. | ALL |
|  | **Approval of minutes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | Minutes of the meeting were approved by those at the meeting. |  |
|  | **Matters arising** |  |
|  | * 1. Under no.9 Applications CM mentioned the time sensitive decision on the 2 previous applications. It was originally thought that the meeting was not quorate, but this was not accurate. The meeting was quorate, and the devolved decision was not required. CM stressed the importance of operating to the standing orders for the Area Partnership.   2. Under AOCB e. CM gave an update on the Business Support Administrator post, it is filled but they will not be attending meetings or taking minutes at Area Partnership meetings. CM stressed the importance of having a minute of the meetings as this is a matter of public record and provides the required audit trail. The area partnerships were previously prioritised. CR responded that there are ELC restrictions in place, recruitment had taken place, but it was not on a like for like basis. The current post holder has a wider remit than the previous Business Support Administrator. A meeting will be held with the Area Partnership Chairs and Simon Davie, acting Service Manager.   3. SA asked about the Roads budget. There has been no update from ELC Roads department following the submission of our road priorities. PW informed the meeting that Garvald are getting roads work done and drains repaired. |  |
|  | **Update from community groups (please send in before the meeting)**  No updates. |  |
|  | **Budget update**  **General Budget.**  The general Budget £45K for 2024/25 currently stands at £37,686. To date the area partnership has approved 2 funding applications of £2850 and £4464. |  |

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|  | **Applications**  Two applications have been received:  **Knox Academy S2 activities week requesting £1280.**  This application is targeted at 16 pupils whose families can’t afford to take part in this programme. MH suggested using minibuses, but this wasn’t felt to be a viable transport option. Those present all approved the application. SA suggested Red House Home Trust could be applied to in the future. [Red House Home Trust | Azets UK](https://www.azets.co.uk/red-house-home-trust/)  **Haddington Bridge Centre youth club trip to the pantomime requesting £910.** MHa suggested the Brunton Theatre as a more local option. The tickets for the Festival Theatre pantomime have already been purchased for this year, the tickets had been discounted with 4 free adult tickets. JB will consider the Brunton for future trips.  Those present all approved this application. |  |
|  | **Area Plan Short Life Working Group**  To progress the area plan it was suggested to form a short life working group – those interested in being involved are SA, LP, CM and DG. This group would share the draft plan with the rest of the area partnership for comment. | CM/DG |
|  | 1. **Children & Youth Network –** the meeting on 10th October was postponed due to number of apologies. A future meeting date has still to be arranged.   **b. Health & Wellbeing Network –** meeting was held on 3rd October. Sue Northrop from Dementia Friendly East Lothian (DFEL) gave an input on the pioneer workshop to be held at the Maitlandfield House Hotel on 21st November from 10am – 2.30pm. This event will focus on the Meeting Centre model for Haddington. To find out more or to book your place contact [sue@dfel.org.uk](mailto:sue@dfel.org.uk). Booking for the event is via Eventbrite. [The Meeting Centre Approach: A workshop for the Haddington area Tickets, Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-meeting-centre-approach-a-workshop-for-the-haddington-area-tickets-1034985428277?aff=oddtdtcreator)  The next Intergenerational meeting will take place on 26th November 10am – 12 noon at the VCEL offices, Tranent. Contact LP for more information.  DFEL next Gathering is on 14th November 10am – 3.30pm at Fisherrow Centre. The topic is Nourishing our Neurons – Healthy Brains.  To book - please contact April: [april@dfel.org.uk](mailto:april@dfel.org.uk)  or book via eventbrite: [Nourish your neurons - booking link](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fnourish-your-neurons-how-to-keep-your-brain-healthy-tickets-1038866406387&data=05%7C02%7Cdgovenlock%40eastlothian.gov.uk%7C4766b5faa48349e7f54908dcf1991f9c%7C85e771afe90a4487b4071322ba02cc82%7C0%7C0%7C638650887170543580%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qy7yQdRQCwN7MW%2BdtYOEjMaDgVFPfnsvXNLOTPCikMA%3D&reserved=0)  **The next Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Network meeting is on 12th December 10am – 11.30am online.** A face-to-face meeting is also being scheduled for the network to review the HWB priorities. |  |
|  | **Any other business: please notify the Chair prior to the meeting.**   1. Evaluation and photographs have been received from East Lothian Play Association (ELPA) for their application for Mud Day, a pop-up Adventure Day and play ranger sessions. This information will be reported on at a future public meeting. DG is meeting with ELPA to discuss this project and future recommendations. LP said ELPA are now known as Choose Play. 2. MM reported on the review of services for older people that is currently taking place. Musselburgh Day Centre has been paused with Day Centres forming part of the review, but a contract is still in place till 25/26. A paper copy of the survey was handed out at the meeting. DG to issue the online survey link to MH. [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/pops-consultation](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/pops-consultation) 3. SA reported back from the CAPP about the concerns of the speeding issues on Pencaitland Road, Haddington. Meetings have taken place with ELC transport team, funding through Sustrans will allow the painting of speed signs on the road. However, it was suggested that a speed reactive camera would be helpful. An application will be applied for on behalf of the CAPP. The cost is in the region of £4.5K. CM suggested relocating another speed reactive sign from another area as drivers get used to existing speed signs and don’t alter their driving behaviour. MHa said Musselburgh residents are getting training on using speed guns. There was a discussion about where the cut-out police figures are located. They are apparently kept by the police and the police have the responsibility to display them. CM to find out more about the legality of the cardboard cut-out police being displayed. 4. SA mentioned the book by Ann Burnett which launched at the Festival Theatre in October. The book is called A Last Journey the story of her and her husband’s struggles with dementia. There will be a local launch at the John Gray Centre, details to follow. 5. LP mentioned watching Dementia the Musical at the Studio, Edinburgh. The show is on tour, and it would an idea to bring it to the Brunton. 6. CM is following up about a new sports hub rep and is in discussions with HAFC about possibly having a rep on the area partnership. |  |
|  | **Date of the next meeting – all meetings will start at 7.00pm**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 06.02.25 |  | |  |

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