**Notes of meeting of the Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership**

**5th December at 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre**

**Chaired by:**

Craig McLachlan (CM)

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

Cllr George McGuire, (GMc)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, ELC Elected Member (SA)

Janet Beck, Humbie, E&W Saltoun & Bolton C Council (JBe)

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary (LB)

Stuart Pewin (vice Chair) (SPW)

**Others in attendance:**

Diann Govenlock, ELC Connected Communities (DG)

Justine Bradd, ELC CDO Connected Communities (JB)

Stuart Baxter, ELC Connected Communities (SB)

**Apologies received:**

Cllr John McMillan, (JMc)

Phillip White, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PW)

Mandy Harrington, VCEL (MHa)

Philip Ross, Knox Academy Parent Council (PR)

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

James Weddell, Yester Parent Council (JW)

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

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|  | **Key Discussion points** |  |
|  | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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. | ALL |
|  | **Approval of notes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | At a recent area partnership Chairs meeting the issue of a lack of admin support to take minutes of meetings was raised, this situation remains. Going forward the Connected Community staff will record a bullet point note of the meeting and will not record verbatim.  A note of the previous meeting was approved by those at the meeting. |  |
|  | **Matters arising** |  |
|  | 10 c CM has not located the cardboard cut-out police. This was raised at recent CAPP meeting. The community PC is trying to locate too. |  |
|  | **Update from community groups (please send in before the meeting)**  Email received on 2nd December from PW.  Some good news we now have a brand-new tarmacked road in Garvald, please let Craig know and our thanks from all in the village.  Notes received on 4th December from LB.  Work on the Curling Pond project continues, with tree planting planned for Friday 6th December. There are 210 Alder and Willow to plant which have been sourced from Alba Trees by Friends of the River Tyne.  The ELC Countryside Rangers are involved and bringing along the Junior Rangers from Knox Academy in the afternoon to help. There is further excavation work planned for the pond in January/early February.  Recent applications to the Rotary Haddington Community Chest fund have been granted to:  Haddington RFC to assist with costs involved for the under 13's and 14's rugby tour to Darlington, Knox Academy to assist with the costs in organising a Diversity Evening in March 2025 and Knox Academy to assist with the S2 pupils activity week in 2025.  The Friday Friends Christmas Lunch is taking place on Tuesday the 10th of December in the Nungate Community Centre, with 28 members of the group attending.  This has been made possible as there is now an excellent functioning kitchen area in the centre which was organised and funded by HALAP.  Rotary are donating the cost of the food (a traditional turkey and trimmings), with myself and Frances Wright preparing, cooking and serving the lunch.  The Rotary Santa Sleigh event is taking place on Saturday the 21st of December.  Rotary were approached by Tesco to ask if Santa could visit the store in the afternoon to be included in the event they are running all day.  It has been agreed Santa will arrive in Tesco for 3pm before heading off on his usual route around the town at 4pm.  JB Celebration of Saltire awards held at Haddington Bridge Centre on 13th November. The Provost issued certificates to young people volunteering at BCMP, East Coast FM and the youth clubs.  SPW HCTRA holding regular meetings about PO closure, sought matched funding for tonight’s application.  JBe now in full winter mode i.e. Toasty Tuesday’s now running weekly inc. wellbeing sessions. Christmas lunch planned. |  |
|  | **Budget update**  **General Budget.**  The general Budget £45K for 2024/25 currently stands at £35,496. To date the area partnership has approved 4 funding applications of £2850, £4464, £1280 and £910. |  |

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|  | **Applications**  Six applications have been received and the members considered each one individually. Each application decision was reached by general consensus.   * **Choose Play (East Lothian Play Association) £1800**   Unboxed – play, create, recycle ideas and inspiration   * **Haddington Central Tenants and Residents Association £500**   Community Christmas Storytelling event   * **Haddington Table Tennis Club £2000**   Table Tennis Development in Haddington & Lammermuir   * **Letham Mains primary school £2027.28**   Letham Mains outdoor learning development   * **Haddington Community & Police Partnership (CAPP)** **£4613.14**   Speed Reactive Camera   * **Amisfield Preservation Trust £500**   Signage  Query to be raised with APT to make signage accessible including format.  All 6 applications were approved by those voting members present. |  |
|  | **Area Plan Short Life Working Group**  A small group LP, CM and DG met to progress the area plan. The proposal is to radically reduce the number of actions under the main priorities. The previous actions were not achievable. Future draft plan to be shared with members. | CM/DG |
|  | 1. **Children & Youth Network –**met on 5th December. DG gave an overview of the network meeting. Notes of the meeting are available on request. 2. **Health & Wellbeing Network –**A face-to-face meeting was held on 26th November to revisit the HWB priorities. DG gave an update.   The next Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Network meeting is on 12th December 10am – 11.30am online. |  |
|  | **Any other business: please notify the Chair prior to the meeting.**   1. CM proposed a representative from Haddington Community Athletic Football club joins the area partnership. All agreed. CM to share the contact details which will be added to the database. 2. CM also trying to get a replacement for our Sports Hub rep, this is a work in progress, 3. Haddington Common Good has a very small amount of funding remaining, approx. £1k. |  |
|  | **Date of the next meeting – all meetings will start at 7.00pm**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 06.02.25 |  | |  |

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