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

**6th February at 7pm, Haddington Bridge Centre**

**Chaired by:**

Craig McLachlan (CM)

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

Stuart Pewin (vice Chair) (SPW)

Heather Bowsher (HB)

Phillip White, Garvald & Morham Community Council (PW)

Philip Ross, Knox Academy Parent Council (PR)

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

James Weddell, Yester Parent Council (JW)

Cllr George McGuire, ELC Elected Member (GMc)

Cllr John McMillan, ELC Elected Member and Rotary (JMc)

**Others in attendance:**

Diann Govenlock, ELC Connected Communities (DG)

Stuart Baxter, ELC Connected Communities (SB)

Mandy Harrington, VCEL (MHa)

Lorna Bellany, NHS Public Health (LB)

**Apologies received:**

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

Adam White, Gifford C Council (AW)

Louise Begbie, Haddington Rotary (LB)

Cllr Shamin Akhtar, ELC Elected Member (SA)

Justine Bradd, ELC CDO Connected Communities (JB)

Cllr Tom Trotter, ELC Elected Member (TT)

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|  | **Key Discussion points** |  |
|  | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Round the room of introductions as this was HB’s first 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. Applications are largely agreed by consensus and not by a show of hands.  However, noted JMc will not vote on any applications.  HB declared an interest in Haddington Athletic Community Football application.  LP declared an interest in both the SftS and Choose Play applications. | ALL |
|  | **Approval of notes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | Under no. 6 Friday Friends should read…..This has been made possible as there is now an excellent functioning kitchen area in the centre which was organised and funded by Friday Friends and Haddington Common Good Fund. |  |
|  | **Matters arising** |  |
|  | Previous matter arising: Cardboard cutout police located and have been in situ at Humbie. |  |
|  | **Update from community groups (please send in before the meeting)**  JMc reported Rotary progressing work on curling pond. Community chest funding £300 to primary school and Knox Academy. Rotary looking for new members.  LP said Choose Play Unboxed film clip highlights the positive impact of the event.  LB reported that an Information base will be held at the John Gray Centre on 29 March from 12 noon – 2pm. Contact LB for more details. JMc said this was the same time as the Farmers Market. |  |
|  | **Budget update**  **General Budget.**  The general Budget £45K for 2024/25 currently stands at £24,055.58 |  |

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|  | **Applications**  Nine applications have been received and the members considered each one individually. There was a discussion about projects moving towards being more sustainable and the refunding of organisations.   1. **The Haddington Bridge Centre** – Bridge Centre Youth Nights **£2337.20** 2. **The Haddington Bridge Centre** – Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project **£5541.63** 3. **Knox Academy** – S2 WRAP 2025 **£1140** 4. **Meadowpark** – Duke of Edinburgh **£2360** 5. **Karele** – Breathing Spaces **£2317.97** 6. **Amisfield Preservation Trust** – Tools for Volunteers **£618** 7. **Choose Play** – Pop Up Play in Haddington **£5433** 8. **Support from the Start** – Tea and Tots **£720** 9. **Humbie, East & West Saltoun and Bolton CC** – Toasty Tuesdays **£1000**   Each application decision was reached by consensus.  All 9 applications were approved by those voting members present (except JMc).  A late application had been received from **Haddington Athletic Community Football Club £2580 for kitchen installation costs.** Whilst a decision could not be made at the meeting, there was support from those present to fund. In accordance with the standing orders CM agreed to use his delegated powers to approve the funding of the application at a date following the meeting.  **Other sources of funding to share with community groups:** **NHS Scotland Community Benefit Gateway**, simple form to complete. HB gave 3 examples of funding applied for and received by Lammermuir Larder.  <https://nhsnss.service-now.com/community_benefit> |  |
|  | **Area Plan**  A draft copy of the area plan will be circulated before the next AP meeting. | CM/DG/ SB |
|  | 1. **Children & Youth Network –**had not met since the last area partnership meeting. DG to progress. 2. **Health & Wellbeing Network –** had not met since the last area partnership meeting. DG to progress. |  |
|  | **Any other business: please notify the Chair prior to the meeting.**   1. SB asking if there were any portable defibrillators for an event. HB offered one from HACF club. 2. East Lothian Community Resilience workshop being held 9.30am – 1pm on Saturday 1 March at Haddington Corn Exchange open to Community Councils, local groups and organisations. 3. Garvald and Moreham Community Council addressed fuel poverty by conducting a survey and offer to 199 households. The results were 103 households claimed the £100, 11 households claimed the extra support payments, 5 households have submitted claims for the installations support. This covers three Air Source Heat Pumps, one PV battery storage and one for secondary glazing. <https://www.garvald.org.uk/> 4. VCEL has a one off large number of wooden pallets if any group is interested. |  |
|  | **Date of the next meeting – all meetings will start at 7.00pm**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 24.04.25 |  | |  |

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