

PSG Area Partnership

MINUTES

Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership,

2nd July 2014, 7-9pm

Port Seton Centre, Port Seton, EH32 OBG.

Interim Chair:

Ray Montgomery, Head of Infrastructure, East Lothian Council (RM)

Members (and substitute members) Present

Aaron Doidge, Preston Lodge High School Pupil Council (AD)

Cllr Steven Brown, Elected member, East Lothian Council (SB)

Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (EC)

Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)

Ian Patterson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (IP)

Jim Melvin, Cockenzie West TRA (JM)

Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Infant School Parent Council (LW)

Rachel Menzies, Prestonpans Primary School Parent Council (RMz)

Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans Community Council (ZI)

Others Present

Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council (HH)

Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (KS)

Lori Tragheim, Community Development Officer, East Lothian Council (LT)

Paolo Vestri, Service Manager Corporate Policy and Improvement, East Lothian Council (PV)

Veronica Campanile, Policy Officer, East Lothian Council (VC)

Apologies

Cllr Margaret Libberton, Elected member, East Lothian Council (ML)

Cllr Peter MacKenzie, Elected member, East Lothian Council (PM)

Cllr Willie Innes, Elected member, East Lothian Council (WI)

Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie West TRA (IR)

Janice Finney, Longniddry Community Council (JF)

Jeni Gibson, Preston Lodge High School Pupil Council (JG)

Jimmy Yule Prestonpans Community Council (JY)

Karen Caldwell, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (KC)

Laura Manson, Prestonpans Infants School Parent Council (LM)

Gillian Neilson, Prestonpans Infant School Parent Council (GN)

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Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
<p>1. Welcome</p>	<p>RM opened the second meeting of the Area Partnership and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recapped on his role as interim chair which was to help establish the partnership and that it was expected that members would appoint a community chair within the first year. He noted that the first meeting had dealt with procedural matters in order to establish the Area Partnership and that this meeting was the beginning of the substantive work to develop the Area Plan.</p> <p>The apologies received were noted (as above).</p> <p>RM noted that the meeting was quorate but a few key individuals and organisations were not present perhaps due to the upcoming holiday period (and that a number of apologies had been received today). He proposed therefore that this meeting would cover the presentation on the key statistics for the area with an open discussion and leave the in-depth workshop till the next meeting. The presentation could be circulated with a note of the meeting which would enable those present today to discuss matters with their organisations and networks over the summer.</p> <p>DECISION - This proposal was agreed</p>	
<p>2. Approval of the minutes</p>	<p>There were no corrections to the minutes.</p> <p>DECISION - The minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising</p>	<p>a) Communications – KS said that information had been received from members with some confirming their emails could be used publicly and others that they wished them to be kept blind. As from today she would assume that the remaining emails could be on the public list unless anyone present today said otherwise.</p> <p>b) Other matters arising - there were none.</p>	
<p>4. Beginning a strategic assessment of the needs and issues in the Preston Seton Gosford ward - presentation</p>	<p>VC introduced a presentation on the key points arising from the Preston Seton Gosford Area Profile as a framework for the group work to follow at the next meeting. She said that copies of the presentation would be made available and Area Profiles would be distributed tonight for reference.</p> <p>The presentation is available at: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/15636/psg-a_statistical_overview</p> <p>The discussion following collected points from the presentation which particularly stuck out or surprised people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street in Prestonpans: surprising that the footfall had increased. The least busy High St but the third largest town 	<p>Action – those not present at the meeting to look at the presentation and begin thinking about what this means for issues and priorities in their area</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The levels of out-commuting • Greenspace / Openspace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surprised at the high levels of satisfaction when in Preston some had already been lost for housing and the Astroturf (although this is still counted as greenspace). - Noted that another huge open space may be on the way out. - The Coastal Regeneration Forum survey of 1600 people found that people wanted more open space. • Deprivation - obvious pockets of deprivation – feeling that in some cases people/families don't want to help themselves. Aspiration needs to be addressed • This overview helps to widen our knowledge and see the links across needs/service areas, which comes at a time of structural change in the Council to join up services and also reduce spending. Some of this is very long-term and there is tension with the pressure for quick returns. • Challenge in how to engage people to help themselves and also in how to get more people involved in community activities. <p>Hard copies of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Profile were distributed. The profile can also be downloaded at http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/7351/preston-seton-gosford_ward_profile_november_2013_v2</p>	
5. Next steps	<p>KS explained that, as agreed earlier, the next session will be workshop based and designed to consider the key statistics and the four key areas in the presentation to enable this partnership to share their views on what has been improving and what has been getting worse – exploring trends and issues in the area.</p> <p>She noted also that the Partnership needs to be aware of other sources of information (such as the Coastal Regeneration Survey mentioned earlier) and other interventions underway or planned so that the future Area Plan can take account of and support them.</p>	<p>Action – All to consider the information and whether it fits with their lived experience in the area.</p> <p>Action – All s to forward any relevant reports / survey findings etc to psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>
6. AOCB	<p>There were no additional items of business.</p>	
7. Date of Next Meeting	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 27th August , 7pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Port Seton Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Members and substitutes are specifically both invited to attend this meeting as it will focus on identifying key issues for the area.</i> 	<p>RSVP apologies to: psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>

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