

PSG Area Partnership

MINUTES

Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership, 4th March, 2015, 7-9pm The Pennypit - Prestonpans

Chair

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

Members (and substitute members) Present

Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans CC (FA)

Steven Brown, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (SB)

Janice Finney, Longniddry CC (JF)

Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans CC (ZI)

Margaret Libberton, Elected Member, East Lothian Council (ML)

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

Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie West TRA (IR)

Jen Welsh, Prestonpans Infant and Primary School Parent Councils (JW)

Willie Innes, Elected member, East Lothian Council (WI) – part attendance

Iain Stewart, Longniddry CC (IS)

Andrew Crummy, Three Harbours Arts Festival (AC)

Shona Brash, Coastal Regeneration Alliance (SB)

Others Present

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

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

Stephanie Carr, Asst Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (SC)

Sandra King, Area Manager, East Lothian Council (SK)

Apologies

Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton CC (BH)

Rachel Menzies, Prestonpans Primary School Parent Council (RMz)

Leeane Campbell, Prestonpans Infant and Primary School Parent Councils (LC)

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

Sharon Malcolm, Cockenzie Parent Council (SM)

Aaron Doidge, Preston Lodge Pupil Representative and MSYP (AD)

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1. Welcome	RM welcomed members to the meeting of the PSG Area Partnership.	
2. Approval of the minutes	<p>Due to the absence of more than fifty percent of Area Partnership members, RM noted this meeting was without quorum, thus minutes from previous meeting could not be officially approved nor any Partnership-wide decisions made.</p> <p>Although not approved, minutes were noted by those present as being an accurate record.</p>	
3. Matters arising	<p>a) Appointment of Area Managers</p> <p>RM welcomed and introduced SK, the newly appointed Area Manager for the PSG and North Berwick Coastal wards. Formally starting in April, SK explained her role in supporting the Area Partnership to carry out their objectives in the Local Area Plan and being a key voice in liaison with East Lothian Council, the voluntary sector and local community groups. SK reflected on her extensive experience having worked both in North Berwick and Port-Seton, as well with key organisations such as Changes, First Step and Midlothian Healthy Living.</p> <p>RM noted SK's appointment as a highly positive step forward for the PSG Area Partnership, and thanked SK for attending the meeting.</p> <p>b) Process in moving towards a Community Chair</p> <p>KS distributed a proposal for discussion relating to the process of the Area Partnership in moving towards a community chair. She emphasised this document as a proposal rather than a finalised decision, and encouraged those present for some initial thoughts and ideas on how this could be taken forward in PSG.</p> <p>The question was posed how advertising would take place 'widely'. KS pointed out the intended use of existing networks, facilities and schools as well through local newspapers and newsletters. KS emphasised this is also something for the Area Partnership to provide feedback and ideas on.</p> <p>It was put forward that despite someone external to the Partnership having the degree of impartiality, it would also be a significant learning curve for the successful applicant, with a lot for them to learn.</p> <p>WI highlighted the Community Chair as a key position, and emphasised</p>	

	<p>the Community Chair should have a sense of ownership, and connection with the area. He also noted the potential of the application form for this position potentially being quite daunting from the applicant's perspective, and emphasised the importance of not dissuading people, but encouraging them to come forward as much as possible.</p> <p>There was further acknowledgement of the pros and cons to opening up this position beyond the Area Partnership. One view was that only current members have the detailed understanding and insight into aspects such as the flow of the meetings, however also an acknowledgement that many Partnership members are already very heavily involved in their own groups, and may not have the availability or capacity to carry out a Community Chair role in addition.</p> <p>KS pointed out, in the case an Area Partnership member did become Community Chair, they would be also need to take on the degree of impartiality required and no longer represent their specific group- with the idea the Partnership is not chaired by one of the organisations. RM also highlighted that perhaps keeping this position open to those outside the Partnership, could widen choice, and noted this still would not exclude Partnership members.</p> <p>KS also highlighted the requirement for the PSG Area Partnership to hold an annual meeting as per the Area Partnership framework. She suggested aiming to have official Chairmanship at that point following Summer.</p> <p>There was consensus this document should be taken back by Area Partnership members to the groups they represent for further discussion.</p> <p>With agreement from those present, RM noted each group will submit their response to the proposal in advance of the next Area Partnership meeting (within the next three week period).</p> <p>c) Budget Confirmation</p> <p>KS referred back to the last Area Partnership meeting which provided confirmation of the devolved budgets to each of the Partnerships. KS explained a series of workshops have now been scheduled to assist both staff and Area Partnership members in developing a clear and shared understanding of how these budgets can be utilised.</p> <p>KS noted the scheduled budget workshop for PSG is taking place on Tuesday 21st April (at the Port Seton Centre) <u>(Please refer to flyer attached with minutes).</u></p> <p>KS emphasised the informative nature of these meetings - explaining the session's value in providing insight into the constraints and opportunities of these allocated budgets, and ensuring a realistic understanding amongst all involved.</p> <p>KS also reinforced the value of these workshops for staff from ELC's</p>	<p>Action: ELC staff to distribute document: 'Process in moving towards a community chair' electronically with minutes.</p> <p>Action: AP to submit responses to the proposal no later than Monday 13th April.</p> <p>Action: AP RSVP to budget</p>
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	<p>amenity and transport services as an opportunity for them to gain a sense of what is being talked about in the Area Partnerships, and what the priorities are of the local community.</p> <p>KS encouraged as much as attendance as possible, and noted the RSVP date is Friday 17th April by emailing psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk.</p> <p>d) Update: Multi-Agency Working Group</p> <p>LT gave an overview of the projects and initiatives which have now begun and are being implemented as a result of the work of the group.</p> <p>The following short-term actions/interventions are now in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Girls Group and Boys Group established focused on ‘feel-good’ and well-being activities and building self-confidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Targeted at young girls engaged in risk-taking behaviour • Preston Lodge Attendance Officer who started January 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fulltime staff member focussed on attendance Jan- June 2015 - Being resourced from internal re-allocation of Preston Lodge resources • Re-instatement of midnight football- began on 13th Friday <p>The following short-term actions/interventions will be in place within the next month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxing- in school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sessions provided in-school by the Community Warden: Callum Colquhoun • Breakfast Bus Pilot- identified group of low-attendees, helps to create feeling of belonging and looks to build relationships, while aiming to increase attendance. • Further group work activities established by Fiona Cunningham working alongside Kenny Black: Targeted diversionary activity <p>LT confirmed the next meeting of the Multi-Agency Working Group will be taking place on Wednesday 11th March.</p> <p>e) Update: CAPP</p> <p>IS noted the meeting of the CAPP took place the previous Friday. He acknowledged the recent period has overall been remarkably peaceful, but there still remain youth problems in certain areas. Damage to Roots and Fruits sheds in a school has been one example of recent police priority.</p> <p>IS also highlighted the relocation of community police officer John Fleetwood to another area will unfortunately be a significant loss for the</p>	<p>workshop by Friday 17th April.</p>
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	<p>PSG community.</p> <p>The Smart Water initiative was noted to be highly successful, and is hoped to be rolled out further in the near future.</p> <p>f) Health Inequalities Follow-up Meeting</p> <p>SC explained the first health Inequalities meeting for PSG took place on Wednesday 11th February following the initial workshop in January to bring discussions and plans of action down to the local level.</p> <p>FA brought to light some key concerns and topics which were discussed at this session, noting in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An acknowledgement of a degree of divide between the ‘old’ and ‘new’ Prestonpans- not ‘meshing’ as one. - Concerns surrounding drug and alcohol use. - The integration of minority groups in the community - An identified deficit in adult education. - The huge success of the ‘Sleep’ Program. <p>FA and PM spoke positively of the dynamic of the people who were around the table. SC highlighted the next follow-up session would be taking place on Wednesday 25th March, and hope to have in attendance, as per requested by the group, representation from a local health practitioner to provide a different perspective in understanding the root of the identified issues.</p> <p>g) Any other matters arising.</p> <p>No Other matters arising.</p>	
<p>4. Local Area Plan: Refocusing our priorities Sustainable communities and Sustainable economy</p>	<p>KS distributed a document outlining the consolidated and prioritised themes as identified by the AP at previous meetings Please find this attached in Appendix 1.1.</p> <p>KS referred to the themes entitled ‘Children and Young People’ and ‘Health and Well-being’- noting the work of the Multi-Agency Working Group and follow-up Health Inequality sessions were working on these themes and will bring proposed action back to the AP for inclusion in the Area Plan.</p> <p>KS highlighted the themes of 3 and 4- ‘Local environment and development and local housing need’, and ‘Economic Development’- explaining detailed discussion had not taken place on these as yet.</p> <p>KS refined these down to the concepts of ‘Sustainable Communities’- in other words, creating places people want to be, and ‘Sustainable</p>	

	<p>Economy’- ensuring healthy economic development.</p> <p>WI brought to the Partnership’s attention the historical significance and associated community pride of the War Memorial in Prestonpans, highlighting its position as a main focal point in the town. WI expressed the need for refurbishment of the War Memorial, and the potential for it to become part of a whole monument square. He voiced the opportunity for involvement by The Royal British Legion and suggested the establishment of a subgroup to explore this project further.</p> <p>Discussion around the War Memorial refurbishment placed emphasis on the concept of community pride and the importance of celebrating both heritage and the ‘now’.</p> <p>KS requested those in attendance to break into 2 working groups to discuss and record their thoughts and ideas on the themes of Sustainable Communities and Sustainable Economy.</p> <p>Records of discussion, and comments noted on A3 sheets can be found in <u>Appendix 1.2.</u></p>	
<p>5. AOCB</p>	<p>SC briefly explained the importance and value of having a representative from the PSG Area Partnership on the East Lothian Community Rail Partnership. An invitation to the next meeting of the Rail Partnership was distributed, which will be taking place on the 31st March.</p>	<p>Action: AP to email psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk if interested in representing the AP on the EL Comm. Rail Partnership.</p>
<p>6. Date of next meetings</p>	<p><i>Core Dates</i> Wednesday 13th May - Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans Wednesday 2nd September (venue tbc) Wednesday 4th November (venue tbc)</p>	<p>Please send apologies to: psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>

Appendix 1.2 *Preston- Seton- Gosford- Consolidating key themes*

1.

❖ **Children and Young People**

- A. Provision and/or maintenance of services and activities.
- B. Increasing Attendance and Addressing Anti-Social behaviour.

2.

❖ **Health and Well-being**

- A. Challenges to living a healthy lifestyle, for example, access to sports facilities, healthy eating initiatives etc.
- B. Access to health services including mental health and preventative services.

3.

❖ **Local environment and development and local housing need**

- A. Maintaining a balance between the impacts, opportunities and benefits that may arise from any development in the area.
- B. Access to safe, secure and affordable housing.

4.

❖ **Economic Development**

- A. Prestonpans Town Centre
- B. Local Employment Opportunities
- C. Supporting training and employability

5.

❖ **Personal resilience and community Cohesion**

- A. Ensuring the community is able to confidently respond to change in constructive ways
- B. Strengthening community activity and connections.

Appendix 1.2

Record of Discussions 4th March Agenda item 4: Refocusing our priorities

Sustainable Community

Key Issues:

- Cuthill Park Project- Community Garden is 50% completed, including £8000 received for play equipment. This requires more investment: needs pathway and street lighting from the road to Woods, as well as connecting of Woods to the Mining Museum.
- Prestonpans: Communication needed bringing all community groups identified and coming together
- Partnership Accountability
- 'Chill-out' space or cafe at Longniddry: At present, kids lacking enthusiasm to go to Longniddry community centre.
- One perspective: Longniddry, perhaps not same camaraderie as other communities
- Community Cafe- more use of community centre
- War memorial in Longniddry
- Expansion of Longniddry community centre,
- Traffic (calming) control in all Areas
- Identified 'closeness' of Prestonpans and Port-Seton communities
- More participation in community events
- Number of people living on their own: must be considered

What is already being done?

- Electronic signs for calming traffic but lacks in effectiveness
- Are people socializing? Do they visit each other?
- How do we identify vulnerable people?

What else needs to happen?

- Develop harbour as the hub of the community
- More community wardens
- Prestonpans: Platforms for community engagement
- Prestonpans/Port-Seton: Greenhills as a Public Community events area
- Should we actually have high-density housing? – creatively-designed.
- Opportunities at Prestonpans War Memorial

Sustainable Economy

Key Issues:

- Boardwalk at coast
- Communication from local planning (roadwork)
- Social enterprise for Young People
- Town Hall Regenerated
- Opportunities at Prestonpans War Memorial
- Lights at Port-Seton: add lighting along the coast
- Council bathrooms in P/Pans
- Hawthorn Road
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Too much focus on *Negative* areas - anti-social behaviour, the minority not majority

What is already being done?

- Total Fabrications building
- Tourists
- Greenhills
- John Muir Way
- Mural Trail
- Cycle way 76
- Coastal Regeneration Alliance- Vision Awaiting Development
- Coastal Regeneration Forum- Consultation Report is Awaiting Development
- Try for life rugby
- Use train track Cockenzie

What else needs to happen?

- Signposting (Pennypit)
- Place for people to spend money
- Food and drink places along coast
- Non-food shops
- Money is in food and drink, no necessarily the art/attractions that people come to see
- Good fish restaurant in Prestonpans
- Circular walk way, treasure trail
- Train station parking at Longniddry and Prestonpans

- Cockenzie Harbour and Port-Seton
- Burns Monument
- Parry 'train'
- Major Art Project e.g. Kelpies
- We approach the businesses we want to see
- Schools employability
- Prestonpans ... (The Youth are brighter than we give them credit for)
- Promote the mining museum as a destination site
- Car parking
- Fife Coastal Trail: walk, restaurants, arts- the importance of having places to see