

Preston Seton Gosford
Area Partnership

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Preston/Seton/Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 4th November 2015, 7-9pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans

Meeting Chaired by:

Ferhan Ashiq, Vice Chair (FA)

Members (and substitute members) present:

CLlr Willie Innes, Elected Member, ELC (WI)

CLlr Peter MacKenzie, Elected Member, ELC (PM)

Janice Finney, Longniddry CC (JF)

Philippa Barber, Longniddry CC (PB)

Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans CC (ZI)

Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie West TRA (IR)

Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)

Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge HS Parent Council (LL)

Rachel Menzies, Prestonpans PS Parent Council (RM)

Jim Hislop, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (JH)

Andrew Crummy, Three Harbours Arts Festival (AC)

Angela Davie, Pennypit Community Dev Trust (AD)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)

Stephanie Kerr, Local Community Planning Officer, ELC (SKerr)

Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, ELC (HH)

Pat Gordon, Community Development Officer, ELC (PG)

Sean Watters, STRiVE (SW)

John Ford, Port Seton resident (JFo)

Veronica Ford, Port Seton resident (VF)

Janice Thomson, Port Seton Centre Mgmt Committee (JT)

Carolyne Murray, Business Support Administrator, ELC (CM)

Apologies:

Peter Ford, Chair

CLlr Margaret Libberton, Elected Member

Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council

Shona Brash, Coastal Regeneration Alliance

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome		
	FA welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Carolyne Murray as the newly appointed Business Support Administrator for the Area Partnership.	
2. Apologies		
	Apologies received were noted.	
3. Minutes from Previous Meetings		
	FA advised that as the meeting was not quorate these minutes would need to be carried forward to the next meeting for approval.	

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4. Priorities – Area Manager Update	<p>SK presented her report and reviewed progress of the agreed budget priorities. Discussion ensued and the following items had actions/decisions agreed as noted:</p> <p>Cockenzie & Port Seton Playing Fields - Amenity Services agreed to cut the grass for the moment however in the long term land use will needed to be agreed with Scottish Power. PG agreed to try and find out if any of the local football teams use it.</p> <p>Signage – entering leaving village/places of interest – SK to speak to Community Councils to establish if information boards were required. IR commented that there is nothing to tell tourists/residents everything that is in Cockenzie House. SK noted IR’s comment but advised that allocation of funds wasn’t specific to Cockenzie House.</p> <p>Longniddry Cycle Path Improvements – SK advised that she needs specific details of improvements that are required in order to ensure a productive site visit takes place. On the A198 she is aware that the path is particularly bad at Highland Plant Hire Ltd and Seton East. LL and JF advised that the undergrowth around Seton Collegiate Church is badly encroaching on the cycle path. SK will do more investigative work for this project.</p> <p>Prestonpans Morrison’s Haven – History Boards – SK advised the Area Partnership that Susan Smith in Economic Development has a template for history boards but the content is up to the community. SK is meeting with Kate Maynard, Principal Museums Officer to discuss. SK asked if anyone wished to be involved in this project. ZI offered her services. PM asked what would be going on the boards and that he had a book on the history of Morrison’s Haven which would be good to have included in some way. SK asked PM for details in order to pass to Kate Maynard to direct her research. SK also advised that may be a possibility of match funding for the story boards.</p> <p>Greenhills seating – SK asked ZI to update the Area Partnership on progress with this project. ZI advised that she had been speaking to Margaret Kay who had said that the Coastal Regeneration Forum has not been active for a few years and there is money in the bank account allocated to the Greenhills - £2,000. M Kay had asked that it be highlighted to the Area Partnership as being available. AC noted that he was still awaiting moulds of the spitfire from David Ostler for the bollards, there have been delays. ZI asked if it was worth spending money if we are unsure what is happening with the area. AC advised that the Greenhills will stay in place it is the industrial area of the power station site that is being discussed at the moment. SK noted that S Pryde had advised if there were long term issues with the area seating would be moved and ZI confirmed that the proposed benches were moveable and that M Kay had suggested having the benches along the John Muir Way.</p>	<p>PG</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>PM</p>

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	<p>SK asked how could the Area Partnership move forward with this project and suggested that a sub-group be set up with M Kay involved.</p> <p>Miners Memorial – ZI forwarded a funding form to Tom Ewing which has not yet been returned. SK to chase in order payment can be made.</p> <p>Cuthill Park (Seating, Community Garden) – ZI advised that funding applications had been made to the Civic Pride fund and the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. If funding received this will be used to provide soft planting for Amenity Services to plant, street signage to the park and new metal brackets for the totem poles (in addition to that already received from the Area Partnership). Feedback from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust had said that a lot of applications have been received for young people and not for the elderly. ZI also noted that she will be arranging a meeting with S Pryde regarding Cuthill Park and they were planning to walk the old pathway to the mining museum to look at what could be done.</p> <p>SK reminded the meeting that the Amenity Services budget was man hours and equipment only.</p> <p>War Memorial – The deadline for applications to the War Memorial Trust are end November or end March but due to issues over ascertaining ownership of the land the end of November was unlikely to be achievable. SKerr waiting on Planning coming back to her with regards to the listed status of the monument and what can be done. There some discussion regarding how best to commission the work and who would hold the funding meantime. SK confirmed that the Area Managers will be meeting with Jim Lamond, Head of Council Resources and this will be discussed.</p> <p>Youth Provision - £2,000 has been awarded to the Pennypit Development Trust and the remaining £5,000 will be allocated by the newly formed Preston Seton Gosford Children & Youth Network.</p> <p>All Areas Three Harbours Festival Support – AC advised the meeting that the current management committee of the Three Harbours Festival was stepping down. At the Extraordinary AGM on the 18 November 2015 a new committee would be appointed. The new committee will then take forward the funding allocation from the Area Partnership and return the funding form.</p> <p>JT asked why there was no longer mention of the Sports Hall on the priorities list. SK advised that the this facility would not be built in this financial year however it will be included in the area plan and as such will be considered and prioritised accordingly at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>ZI</p> <p>SK</p>
<p>Backup Project List</p>	<p>SKerr highlighted to the meeting that there was a list of backup projects detailed on the back of the priorities list for consideration in March next year should there still be funds unallocated. FA reminded the meeting however that as the Area Partnership was not quorate tonight then these</p>	

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	<p>were purely for information only and would need to be approved at a future meeting but if anyone had any questions please feel free to ask.</p> <p>VF asked about the tree planting at Longcraigs and why were more planned as the developers have said they will be planting too and where would they all go and also that JFo and herself were unaware it was a right of way as there are no signs. IR advised VF that this priority had been identified before the developers were involved and that it was likely it would come of the backup projects list. The Council have identified it as an aspirational core path and are aware that the farmer has closed the gateway and ploughed right up to the hedge. The Area Partnership is awaiting a response from Jennifer Lothian, Outdoor Access Officer for East Lothian Council after she visits the site. JT advised that she had seen a Countryside Ranger onsite. SK advised that this will come up at the EL On the Move meeting on Monday night.</p> <p>ZI advised the meeting that Prestonpans Primary School had been granted money by Prestonpans Community Council to buy fruit trees already so this could come off the list. SKerr commented that perhaps the money could still be allocated for more trees. RM to check with the Primary School.</p>	<p>RM</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>SKerr asked the meeting for approval to contact member organisations with poor attendance by means of a friendly email asking if they wished to remain on the Area Partnership if no response within 28 days their membership will be brought back to the Area Partnership for approval to remove. No concerns were raised.</p> <p>WI commented that the standing orders for the Area Partnerships do need to be reviewed when a meeting has a good turnout like tonight but is not quorate. SKerr advised that the standing orders had been based on those of the East Lothian Partnership but perhaps 40% + 1 should be looked at instead of the current 50% + 1. WI advised he would contact the Council's Legal team to see what can be done.</p>	<p>SKerr</p> <p>WI</p>
<p>5. Sub-group Updates</p>		
<p>Health Inequalities Sub Group</p>	<p>SKerr provided an update on the Health Inequalities Sub Group which had recently held their last meeting having met 6 times since February 2015. The recommendations were laid out in the document distributed by SKerr at the meeting.</p> <p>During discussion concerns were raised regarding targeting of resources to those who are in most need, problems with continuing engagement of young people, expanding support provision for the nursery age group and accurate information being given to the Area Partnership in order to ensure correct decisions are made. SK was able to inform the members that up to date information regarding young people in the area will be fed back to the Area Partnership through the PSG Children & Youth Network</p> <p>SKerr noted that the group may get together again to discuss the main issues and to make sure of inclusion in the Area Plan.</p>	<p>Paper Attached</p>

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	<p>ZI commented that statistics provided to the Health Inequalities sub-group show that there is a phenomenal amount of work to be done. SK noted that she has started conversations in particular with the Pennypit Community Development Trust about building existing capacity.</p> <p>FA raised the subject of Prestonpans GPs not accepting new patients. The Press had become aware of long waiting times for appointments and made a big issue of it which had prompted the GPs' to stop accepting new patients and to remove people no longer resident in the Ward. This freed up space but had a knock on effect on neighbouring GP surgeries resulting in them implementing the same conditions. The concern here is of course that due to planning applications in the area increased capacity is needed.</p> <p>WI commented that it was difficult to get GPs to the table to discuss these issues. WI noted that the Dentists in Prestonpans had foreseen the need for increased capacity and now provided a teaching service also at the larger dental centre. WI felt it was important to write to the GPs to invite them to come along and discuss the Area Plan.</p> <p>ZI commented that it was difficult to get the medical centre to engage with the local community and that the Community Council had tried previously to have a community notice board for example in the medical centre but it wasn't allowed.</p> <p>WI raised the point that with regard to providing counselling in schools the Area Partnership can't fund a post or ongoing costs but perhaps money could be allocated to the schools for them to use to fund counselling services. WI noted that the difficulty in managing recommendations is that Health Services are looking at benefits in 10/15 years but budgets have to deal with the here and now.</p> <p>SKerr advised if no concerns from the members the recommendations would be worked into the Area Plan.</p>	<p>SKerr</p> <p>SKerr/SK</p>
PSG Children & Youth Network	<p>SKerr updated the meeting on progress so far of the Multi-agency action group which has now been renamed as the Preston Seton Gosford Children & Youth Network. Primarily this group had been set up to tackle antisocial behaviour and had achieved a lot of success however it was felt that it could be doing more for the young people not just those at risk of anti-social behaviour. The PSGC&YN therefore reconvened under the new name and have met once already which was in the main an opportunity to talk with like minded individuals and make new connections with the next meeting on the 12th November 2015.</p>	
Prestonpans War Memorial Group	<p>Update provided in SK's report at agenda item 4.</p>	
Employability	<p>SK advised the meeting that one key point coming out of the health discussions was 'where are the jobs'? SK highlighted the need for further exploration of the issue at a local level and that options for doing this were being explored with partner agencies including EL Works.</p>	<p>APship</p>

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6. AOCB		
Disabled Go	Item carried forward to next meeting.	
Big Conversation	<p>FA gave a brief rundown of his and SK's experiences at the 'Big Conversation' event held in the Brunton Hall on 30 October 2015.</p> <p>This was the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership's first major all-day consultation event. The theme - "Re-imagine a healthy community and what an ideal health and social care service would look like".</p> <p>FA and SK shared some examples of initiatives shown on the day – smart technology reducing visits to GPs surgeries, playground litter bins that make a sound of an item falling down a deep well to encourage pupils to pick up litter, car park tickets that are made of soap to encourage young visitors to hospitals to wash their hands and thereby contain spread of disease etc, Sweden are reducing speeding offences by running a speeding lottery if cameras register you are adhering to the limit a message flashes up informing them of an entry in the lottery if the driver breaks the speed limit a message flashes up thanking them for contributing to the prize draw!</p> <p>JT added that she had attended 'conversations' discussing devolving care into the communities with secondary symptoms as a result of isolation for example being dealt with by community resources and primary symptoms treated by a clinician eg GPs, District Nurses.</p>	
Local Website Update	SKerr advised the meeting that an Area Partnership website meeting had been held and a sub group was being setup to move forward with a community based website. If there was anyone who wished to contribute to this sub group please let CM know via areapartnership@eastlothian.gov.uk	APship
7. Date of Next Meeting		
	The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 20 th January 2016, 7 til 9pm in the Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans.	Apologies to be sent to psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk

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Update from the Health Inequalities Subgroup

The subgroup has met 6 times since February 2015 and consists of 12 attendees from a variety of groups both local and East Lothian wide. 5 of these attendees are members on the Area Partnership.

Health Inequalities Sub-group members

Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, Prestonpans

Cllr Peter MacKenzie,

Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council

Ian Patterson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub

Sheila Lang, Support from the Start

Cllr Steven Brown

Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie West TRA

Elaine Johnston, Changes

Sheila Chambers, Harbours Medical Practice Patient Forum

Sean Watters, Strive Inequalities Worker

Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee

Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council

The group formed through the Partnerships recognition that they needed to explore health inequalities in their community further and were supported by NHS Lothian who held a session highlighting local needs in January 2015. The subgroup have used a life stages approach throughout their discussions - an approach recommended by Health Scotland to enable health improvement initiatives and resources to be targeted at priority population groups with similar health needs.

The subgroup have now concluded their discussions and agreed the health related projects they would like to take further. This paper presents those recommendations and asks the PSG Area Partnership to agree these recommendations and for their inclusion in the Area Plan.

These recommendations are:

Life stage - Early years and parenting

The Area Partnership work with Support from the Start to:

- 1) Deliver more local provision for mums experiencing post natal depression with activities such as Healthy Minds, Happy Babies and/or art therapy for mums
- 2) Develop and deliver inclusive out of school provisions for children with additional support needs

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- 3) Develop and deliver wraparound care to support children of working parents – current provisions are no longer big enough
- 4) Provide options for income maximisation to address poverty of young children

Life stage – Children and Young People

The newly formed Children and Young Peoples Network to take forward the development of:

- 5) A programme of out of school activities for children and young people that divert them from anti-social behaviour
- 6) Training and learning opportunities for the community around addiction issues and “legal highs”
- 7) A Counsellor in schools to support children and young people with mental health and substance misuse issues and for the partnership to consider funding this post in future years
- 8) The exploration of the needs of Looked After Children in the community and the issues that affect them and put community based support in place

Life stage – Adults

Many of the health related topics that the subgroup discussed were linked to the levels of deprivation in the Ward and the subgroup felt that these could be addressed with the development of a health initiative such as a “Community Health project”. This would provide people at a local level with the local solutions that they need to improve their own health and meet their own social and educational aspirations by providing access to a range of services. Similar models of community led health initiatives already exist such as....

Pilton Community Health Project

<http://www.pchp.org.uk/> and

Health all Around

<http://www.healthallround.org.uk/>

- 9) The Area Partnership agrees to support the development of this type of community led health initiative further
- 10) To improve the access to employment and services for people with disabilities

Life stage – Older people

- 11) To support the development of a dementia friendly PSG