

Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 21st September 2016, 7-9pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans

Members (and substitute members) present:

Peter Ford, Chair (PF)
 Cllr Margaret Libberton, Elected Member (ML)
 Cllr Willie Innes, Elected Member (WI)
 Cllr Peter MacKenzie, Elected Member, ELC (PM)
 Liz Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton CC (LC)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton CC (SC)
 Philippa Barber, Longniddry CC (PB)
 Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
 Angela Bonnar, Prestonpans PS Parent Council (AB)
 Ruth McGill, Cockenzie PS Parent Council (RM) Nichola Ma, Cockenzie PS Parent Council (NM)
 Angela Davie, Pennypit Community Dev Trust (AD)
 Stuart Thomson, Community Sports Hub (ST)
 Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)
 Keith Forrester, Longniddry & District Rotary (KF)

Others in attendance:

Janice Thomson, Port Seton CC Management Committee (JT)
 Sheila Laing, Head Teacher, Prestonpans Infant School (SL)
 Sue Cairns, EL Tenants & Residents Panel (SC)
 Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
 Carlyne Murray, Business Support Administrator, ELC (CMu)

Apologies:

Cllr Steven Brown, Elected Member (SB)
 Janice Finney, Longniddry CC (JF)
 Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge HS Parent Council (LL)
 Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, ELC (HH)
 Gordon Horsburgh, CLD, ELC
 Andrew Crummy

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	PF welcomed new members to the meeting and apologies received were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	15 June 2016 – Approved proposed by PB and seconded by ND.	
3. Matters Arising		
	There were no matters arising.	
4. Preston Seton Gosford Priorities Update		
	SK distributed the list of short term priorities identified at the last 2 area partnership meetings for discussion/approval and noted that the amount of priorities identified would be a challenge to achieve this financial year. Highest ranking and lower ranking from the villages had been listed to try and achieve equity across the ward and taking into account the overarching aim of reducing inequalities. Evaluations forms will be issued shortly to projects funded in the last financial year which would need to be completed and returned to help report on funded projects at the APM.	

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	<p>SC asked about the benches and cycle rack approved for Cockenzie & Port Seton which have not yet been installed. SK to check with Iain Reid, Sustainable Transport Officer, ELC re installation.</p> <p>The area partnership then reviewed the priorities list (available online at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/presetgosap in the '21 September 2016' meeting papers) and approved those identified. Additional comments were recorded as noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.2 carried forward from 2015/16 unfortunately due to changes in staffing at the War Memorial Trust there have been requests for further information. It is hoped that phase 1 will start in January/February 2017. • 17.1 the Children & Youth Network are meeting tomorrow to finalise costs of proposals submitted for the attainment budget. • 4.4 ND provided an outline of the proposal for a full time family support worker from Support from the Start (SftS). Concerns were raised regarding the long term commitment of employing staff; however the post will be a 1 year temporary contract with employment responsibility lying with the Pennypit Trust. ND noted that moving forward SftS would seek external funding to retain the post. SL added that SftS were working in conjunction with ELC's principal educational psychologist in order to evaluate the impact of the post and ND commented that success will also be measurable against the level of engagement by families. PF thanked ND and commented on the approval of the proposal by members present and as WI had intimated it would be issue for the council to fund such posts so a community solution is welcomed. • 2.1 SK suggested that a sub group be created to look at implementing a vision for Prestonpans High Street. There is a Charrette process that could be utilised which is very intensive but it does bring local people together. It was noted that the Charrette process be considered for next year. • 2.1 Capital Credit Union – Meetings have been held with both Capital Credit Union and relevant departments within ELC with regard to opening a pilot branch within Aldhammer House and while not yet confirmed as going ahead discussions are proving positive. £2,000 has been set aside in the area partnership general budget to cover rental of space and support the need to raise awareness of the benefits within the community. • 8.3 PF advised the members that he had written to the Health and Social Care Partnership in an effort to get answers as to plans for the local health centres. PF called on elected members to also add their lobbying power. With the pace of development in the ward the health service provision has to be increased, no doubt this will still be on our priorities in 10 years time but we need to keep the pressure on. Following further discussion it was agreed to invite Dr Jon Turvill to a future Area Partnership meeting. • 1.1 PF suggested that a representative from the Coalfield Community Futures group would be a positive addition to the members of the area partnership. The group are a good resource for external and match funding. • 14.4 ELC Roads department have advised that the request for traffic calming at Kirk Street wasn't possible. SL advised that there was 	<p>SK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PF/CM</p> <p>HH</p>

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	<p>currently a consultation ongoing at Prestonpans Infant School re road safety around the school grounds at school start and finish times and that others schools within Prestonpans are also involved with all parent council have been contacted and where previously the problem had been no enforcement of new rules this situation was set to change with the decriminalising of parking enforcement in East Lothian. SK agreed to talk to Iain Reid and Marshall Greenfields at ELC to ask them to look at alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.8 Pavement Repairs – (Edinburgh Road) SK to revisit site with Keith Scott, ELC and a community council representative to ensure that the correct area is being considered. This will remain in the area plan but will not be possible in this financial year. • 15.3 SK advised that a discussion had been held with the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club re the path from Cuthill Park to Prestongrange Mining Museum and they are unwilling to give permission for the path on their land. WI is arranging for ELC officers to look at ways of forming the path without encroaching onto the golf course and expressed his disappointment at Royal Musselburgh’s decision. PF will write on behalf of the area partnership and outline our support for the path and the benefits for the community. • 11.8 ST gave a brief explanation of his role at Pennypit and that it was not just about coaching but also to encourage volunteers and thereby improve employability. Good links have been created with local colleges and universities to help progression. The challenge has been getting adults involved and he had attended a good recruitment fair held by STRiVE in Haddington and suggested that something similar held in the heart of the community would help increase awareness of volunteering opportunities. SK advised that the Communications sub group have been discussing a ‘Communities Day’ type event with a main day and then road shows to get the word out. • 15.3 Waggonway/The Heugh – SK advised that the Baron of Prestongrange has applied for funding to improve the Waggonway and following on from a very successful ‘Streets Ahead’ project in Tranent organised by the Children’s Parliament it has been suggested that a joint project with Tranent and Prestonpans schools to create mural’s in the underpass be supported. <p>SC expressed concern about the poor level of street cleaning currently and that the area partnership is talking about improving walkways but if they are dirty why are we doing it. SK agreed to talk to Andrew Hogarth and asked the Community Council to also raise it with ELC as part of their remit. SK also agreed to talk to Andrew Hogarth about the tree roots coming up through the path to the east of Seton Sands just past the bend.</p> <p>PF expressed his disappointment that Barga twinning hadn’t featured in identified priorities as there is a distinctive link with Scotland and Prestonpans. SL agreed to raise with cluster Head Teachers to look at renewing interest within the schools.</p> <p>GS asked about the mess left by travellers who were recently evicted from beside the power station site and whether it was Scottish Power’s responsibility to clear it. WI advised that it was ELC’s responsibility if on</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>CM/PF</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SL</p>

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	<p>public land only however Scottish Power can seek ELC assistance if they wish. SK agreed to email Scottish Power and advise that the matter had been raised at an area partnership meeting.</p> <p>The short-term priorities outlined were approved by the PSG Area Partnership.</p>	<p>SK</p>
5. Communications Sub Group/Annual Public Meeting		
	<p>SK reported that it was proving difficult to convene a joint communications meeting with North Berwick Coastal and Musselburgh area partnerships and CMu will continue to seek suitable dates for all. In the meantime another meeting of our communications sub group will be arranged.</p>	<p>SK/CMu</p>
6. Health & Wellbeing Sub Group		
	<p>It had been agreed at the previous area partnership meeting that a Health & Wellbeing sub group would be created tonight Ruth Davie and Stuart Thomson (Community Sports Hub) were nominated to join JT who had already volunteered to be a part of. SK asked that if anyone else was interested to let CMu know as soon as possible so enable a meeting to be arranged.</p>	<p>ALL/CMu</p>
7. Cockenzie Forum Update		
	<p>As Chair of the Cockenzie Forum PF gave a brief update to the members. The CRA were unsuccessful with their appeal re plans for the Greenhills and PF will continue to encourage CRA's input with the Forum and it remains important to keep all parties involved. David Rogers, Project Manager, East Lothian Council is gathering information to take forward to master planning. Because of the strict confidentiality imposed by Scottish Power regarding negotiations it's not possible to update with regards to current status. PF hoped that if ELC is not successful in buying the Greenhills site then the master planning already completed will be very useful for a new owner and would hope that they would take cognisance of the plans however it may be a long time before there are any tangible answers. There is a meeting next week where it will be looking at how the master planning is taking shape and PF will report back to the partnership.</p> <p>WI added that the Cockenzie Forum is a pivotal part of the master planning process and it was really important that it continues to get involved in influencing and directing the master plan. Scottish Power had stopped all negotiations while the CRA appeal was ongoing. However the master plan is most important regardless of who owns the site and if the master plan is approved and embedded in the Local Development Plan then it is very difficult for a new owner divert from this. The CRA are currently reviewing their next steps and may launch a community right to buy action.</p>	<p>PF</p>
8. Community Rail Partnership Update		
	<p>Members were advised that the AGM of the CRP was being held on Monday 26 September 2016 to which they were welcome to attend if they wished to.</p>	

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9. AOCB		
	<p>ST advised the meeting that the community sports hub were holding a Festival of Sport at Preston Lodge High School on Saturday 1 October. ST to forward information to CMu for inclusion in FYI briefing. ST also advised that the Community Sports Hub had recently agreed to fund free places in local sports clubs.</p> <p>PF thanked SC, retiring Chair of Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council on behalf of the Area Partnership for all her help and while no doubt there would be many tributes from Cockenzie & Port Seton he wished to add that in the years he has known her he has found her to be resourceful, thoughtful and an asset to the community and wished her a long and happy retirement.</p>	ST/CMu
10. Date of Next Meeting – Annual Public Meeting		
	<p>PF advised the members that unfortunately he would be standing down as Chair at the next meeting and that nominations for an interim Chair are sought from within the membership of the Area Partnership. He has enjoyed the last 15 months as Chair but unfortunately due to business commitments he doesn't feel that he can give the position the time needed. Members were asked to consider taking on the role and forward nominations to the area partnership inbox. SK will send out the relevant paperwork.</p> <p>The next meeting is the Annual Public Meeting on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p> <p>Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>