

Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 10 January 2018, 7-9pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council (Chair) (FA)
Cllr Neil Gilbert (NG)
Cllr Fiona O'Donnell (FO)
Cllr Lachlan Bruce (LB)
Graeme Jeffrey, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (GJ)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
Diane Whyte, Antiquaries TRA, (DW)
Kelly Evans, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (KE)
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Larry Tomlin, Cockenzie West TRA (LT)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer, ELC (DB)
Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager, ELC (CM)
Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee (JT)

Apologies:

Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)
Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (LL)
Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)
Brian Waddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, ELC (HH)
Gordon Horsburgh, Team Leader Community Learning & Development, ELC (GH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	FA Wished everyone a happy new year and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from 15 November 2017 – proposed by SC and seconded by PB.	SG
3. Matters Arising		
	CAPS Meeting - IS will send out minutes of CAPP once he receives them.	
	Communications Sub Group a meeting has been organised at Port Seton Centre on 17 January at 7pm. One suggestion was to have a social gathering soon to get everyone together informally.	FA/PB/KS
	Participatory Budgeting update - DB reported that he has received over	DB

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p>150 applications so far and has been collating them. Various themes including mental health, youth clubs, outdoor gym equipment etc. CLD will be contacting the young people to see how they can be supported with their applications. Gavin Crosby from Young Scot has been contacted re the voting on line system that they use. IS raised concerns re the tight time scale for these application with the Christmas holidays etc and the group discussed and agreed extending this to the 2nd February. SG will email everyone to let them know new deadline.</p> <p>Cockenzie CARS – DB contacted Jamie Baker and they will bring interested parties in Cockenzie Harbour improvements together.</p> <p>Picnic Benches – SK has been in touch with AH re the benches to assess repairs and if there is a need for a new bench.</p> <p>Membership - DB mentioned that Port Seton Management Committee might be interested in becoming members but they will let us know after their next meeting. JT asked if it is open to Port Seton then maybe the other local community centre Management Committee representatives may be interested in becoming members.</p> <p>Prestongrange Museum Survey– SK had sent an email reminder today and encouraged everyone to complete the survey</p>	<p>DB/JB</p> <p>SK</p> <p>CLD</p>
4. Feedback from Sub Groups		
	<p>A REMINDER TO ALL SUB GROUP CHAIRS – please prepare a short summary from your sub group to report back to the Area Partnership.</p> <p>Sports Hub – ST gave an update and issued a handout with all the information about the sports hub achievements and stats. They are looking to start up a youth hub within the sports hub which could also be link to the H&W group. Looking at ways to target inactive people. Would welcome any ideas from the partnership. They want to be more inclusive and help get more people active. Looking for a chair person to take the lead on this and if anyone knows of someone who would be interested in this position please pass their details on through the area partnership. ND asked if there are opportunities for High School pupils to do coaching qualifications as this could be useful for the young people to then take their skills into a nursery setting. ST explained that there are opportunities and the high school do offer leadership courses which would cover this. JT mentioned the Kick Programme which involve 40 people and maybe the sports hub are unaware of this or other projects that are happening in the community. KE mentioned the mile walk which happens in schools and is great for general health. PB mention Emma Dempsey NHS who looked at the health and environmental benefits a few years ago. SK will look into contacting Emma.</p> <p>Support from the Start – ND wanting to say a big thank you to the area partnership for funding. They were able to provide 40 families with new year parcels which were very well received by the families. Looking at a February Lunch Club.</p> <p>On The Move – Priorities progressing including paths. FO agreed to</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ST</p> <p>SK</p> <p>ND</p> <p>FO</p>

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p>follow up on Cuthill Park-Prestongrange Path. The need for Speed reaction signs will be discussed as a possible project from next year's budget.</p> <p>Cockenzie Box Event GT mentioned the reincarnation of the Box Event. SC explained the fisherman put money in a box and the money was distributed at the end of herring fishing. This was re-enacted in 2000 and there have been a few since then. Potential cost for the event were £8000/£9000. Archie Johnston is heavily involved. JT mentioned that the reaper boat is brought over and there would be a cost for that. An application could be made to the Partnership in next year's short term priorities. SG to send YM an application form.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – projects that have been funded are Pans Pantry, Holiday Club, Trolls in Trees, Roots and Fruits etc. JT mentioned “What matters to you” survey. On the 6.6.18 there will be an event for this.</p> <p>Pans Panty – Now up and running. Would like everyone to encourage families/individuals that would benefit from this service. ND suggested a drop off box in the primary schools if parents would like to hand anything in. Clothing and zero waste were also discussed and everyone was encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting. Fun with fabric was mentioned and DB mentioned Cockenzie House “make and mend”. FD mentioned period poverty and ND said sanitary products were included in the parcels distributed.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>SG/YM</p>
5. Update on Priorities		
	<p>SK circulated the latest update on all budgets. The group all agreed to fund the February Holiday Club. The work on the Port Seton Cark Park began yesterday.</p> <p>Cockenzie House – FA read out the Interim report from Cockenzie House re the funding the partnership awarded. The £4000 has been used to trigger Viridor funds and work has started on the Main Gates. They are looking at signage for the front of the house and this is well underway. They have received the offer of a grant of £628,000 from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the property. This represents 95% of the market value. They are commencing a fund raising campaign to raise funds through the 'Just Giving' crowd funding. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cockenziehouse. The community received TV coverage at the time of the announcement. This is thought to be one of the largest grants the SLF have awarded. Working with DB re “big art” events. Looking into joint events with DB. A joint application has been submitted to “Awards for All” to upgrade the attic area for community groups/adult art learning. FA wanted to formally congratulate Cockenzie House.</p>	
6. Locality Plan		
	<p>SK explained the background of the Area Plan and need for Locality Plan to outline priorities to reach the most disadvantaged communities. All the Chairs from each sub group will be invited to a meeting to look at the locality plan. Please look again at the new area profile which has been circulated so that out work is targeted to projects which reduce inequalities.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
7. Cockenzie Forum		
	The Cockenzie Forum met recently with discussions about the Masterplan. To help the group move forward constructive conversation needs to continue. The Masterplan is long term plan 5 – 25 years. FA will report back at our next meeting.	FA
8. Membership Training		
	<p>Membership training - Area Partnership member training is on the 13th March 2018 at Bleachingfield Dunbar. This is open to all sub groups so please share this. If there is a need for a specific PSG training or refresher course this could be arranged. DW/KE/GJ/SG were all interested in the Dunbar course. SG will check with CLD if they can be booked onto the course.</p> <p>DB mentioned there are other training opportunities that are available and he will send the link to SG to share with everyone.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>DB/SG</p>
9. Evaluation of Projects – Measuring the Impact		
	SK/SG will be sending out reminders to everyone who has received funding to complete their final evaluation/report. This is essential as public funding has to be accounted for and we need to measure impact.	SK/SG
10. A.O.B.		
	<p>FA thanked Caitlin McCorry, new Service Manager for Community & Area Partnerships for coming along to the meeting tonight.</p> <p>This is Caitlin’s first meeting and she wanted to say thank you to everyone for their contribution and support given. She is very impressed with the amazing achievement in reducing inequalities.</p> <p>Budgets - SK/FA suggested prioritising our short-term projects earlier in the year as internal department spend need enough notice for procurement and project planning. All the sub groups to look at their area of the plan and make recommendations to the next Partnership meeting.</p> <p>SK shared a leaflet for a play called 549 Scots of the Spanish Civil War which will be performed in the Town Hall between 7-10 February 2018. This has been co-written by a local lad and he is appearing in the play. Please share this information with the whole community. This fits in really well with the PSG Area Partnership as we have helped support the clean up the Spanish Civil War memorial plaque at the War Memorial.</p> <p>Heritage Connections. We are awaiting confirmation of funding from the Heritage Lottery and if this is successful a sub group will be brought together to be chaired by Andrew Crummy who was involved in the application process. PB mentioned the need for an Economic Sub Group which could be linked to the Heritage Connections Project once underway.</p> <p>Communication Group to consider a plaque which could be put up on</p>	<p>Everyone/ Sub Groups</p> <p>AC</p> <p>FA/PB/KS</p>

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
	<p>each funded project. PB has discussed recycling tins cans which could be embossed with the partnership logo.</p> <p>2018 is the year of the young people, all groups to consider the needs and involvement of young people in their projects.</p> <p>DB is very keen to build a forum of young people involved in PSG Participatory Budgeting and wants to engage with as many young people as possible to get the balance right. Outreach youth workers will support young people in this process.</p> <p>GJ is concerned about the need for a speed reduction sign and this will be discussed at the On the Move Sub Group. DB confirmed that there have been a few near misses with the drivers running red lights. DB confirmed that concerns were brought to the community council meeting last night. SL mentioned that when the houses were built the 30 signage was to be moved. This has not happened yet. DB confirmed this will be done by the end of the month. The community council will be taking it forward.</p> <p>Inspection of Community Learning & Development in Preston Seton Gosford. CM Just wanted to make everyone aware that there is an inspection. The inspectors will be based in the Penny Pit Centre for 1 week from 26th February 2018. The whole community are invited to share information.</p> <p>All dates for future meetings are on the agenda and were all approved.</p> <p>The next Area Partnership meeting on Wednesday 7th March 2018</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>