

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership**

**Wednesday 7 March 2018, 7-9pm**

**Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council (Chair) (FA)  
 Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)  
 Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans Community Council (ZI)  
 Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (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)  
 Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (LL)  
 Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)  
 David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)  
 Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)  
 Ruth Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (RD)  
 Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)  
 Liz Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (LC)

**Others in attendance:**

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)  
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
 Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)  
 Nicole Millar, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NM)  
 Gary Donaldson, 1722 Waggonway Heritage Group (GD)  
 Marilyn McNeil, User Rep for IJB, (MM)

**Apologies:**

Larry Tomlin, Cockenzie West TRA (LT)  
 Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee (JT)  
 Brian Waddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)  
 David Ostler, Coastal Community Regeneration Alliance, (DO)

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<b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>		
	FA welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
<b>2. Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>		
	Minutes from 10 January 2018 were agreed.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<p><b>Communications Sub Group</b> has reconvened and have set up a new Facebook page for the area partnership. Please like and share the page. The group is hosting an informal spring connections night on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Thorntree Inn, Cockenzie.</p> <p><b>Picnic Benches</b>, AH looking at this.</p> <p><b>Membership</b> - Port Seton Management Committee (JT) and The Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NM) requested membership</p>	

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	<p>of the PSG Area Partnership and this was agreed by the members present.</p> <p><b>Membership training</b> – The Area Partnership member training is on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Bleachingfield Dunbar. The course is now full.</p> <p><b>Education Scotland - Inspection of Community Learning &amp; Development</b> in Preston Seton Gosford. Inspectors will return after the Easter Holidays to complete their inspection due to the recent weather conditions some meetings had been postponed.</p>	<p><b>All voted</b></p>
<p><b>4. Heritage Connection</b></p>		
	<p>A quarter of a million pound has been awarded from the Heritage Lottery for the Heritage Connections Project. The induction session last week was cancelled due to adverse weather. The Heritage Connection steering group will include representatives from each Community Council in the area with Andrew Crummy as chair. The project aims to impact on tourism, employability and volunteering. This will involve the many heritage related organisations strengthening connections and building capacity. This is an exciting project that will bring everyone together.</p>	
<p><b>5. Feedback from Sub Groups</b></p>		
	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> – RD gave an update of the achievements in the last year focusing on Health &amp; Wellbeing. The Area partnership allocated £10,000 to the group which has been spent on projects which address inequalities. The group aims to expand and bring more local people into the discussions. They aim to ensure that the group is inclusive of all. The group discussed the locality plan and will focus on the Health &amp; Wellbeing section agreeing outcomes which are achievable and measureable. The Pans Pantry based at Aldhammer house is making an impact. The local community donating food and the pantry has been stocked twice by East Lothian Foodbank. 5-6 people are using this per week, Housing Officers, Family Support Worker and Tenancy Support Workers are encouraging people in extreme hardship to use the pantry. SL mentioned that during the bad weather East Lothian Foodbank was closed but the Pans Pantry was open so people were able to obtain emergency food. FA stated that Dunbar area is looking to introduce a similar pantry. The Trolls in the Trees, Pans Pals and Lunch with the Bunch are all helping to reduce isolation. CAB has increased their service within Aldhammer House.</p> <p>It was agreed by PSG Area Partnership members to continue to fund the Health &amp; Wellbeing Group with £10,000 from 2018/2019 budget to enable them to continue to tackle inequalities at a local level.</p> <p><b>Evaluations</b> - SK stressed the importance of monitoring and evaluation to demonstrate the impact and all funded projects must complete the evaluation forms.</p> <p><b>Communications</b> – KS gave an update. The group aim to promote and raise awareness of partnership activities. To help raise awareness of the partnership, stalls at all the gala days have been booked and volunteers will be needed on a rota basis to provide information and raise the profile. Using social media to spread the word. The new face book page is updated regularly with new information. At the last APM it was</p>	<p><b>ST</b></p>

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	<p>suggested that members meet informally to strengthen partnership working. Regular press releases to the Courier will help showcase the work. The group will also support the launch of the Beach Wheelchairs at Seton Sands. The group requested a budget for printing costs e.g. newsletter, posters, stalls and displays. It was agreed by PSG Partnership Members to allocate £500 initially to cover costs.</p> <p><b>On The Move</b> – PB gave an update on activities. Work on the beach wheelchair ramp is progressing. The launch will take place at the start of the holiday season in April. The group identified key priorities with roads and there are early discussions on path improvements between Aberlady and Seton Sands on the John Muir Way. Both Port Seton Centre and the Pennypit Centre have improvements to disabled parking bays. The Cockenzie Harbour Road resurfacing was not achieved this year and it was agreed to carry this project forward to 2018/2019.</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b> – SK confirmed the group had received funding application from Preston Lodge for the Nurture Project, Counselling and Breakfast Club. SL explained to the group the benefits of a nurture room which is a safe calming therapeutic space in school for children and young people e.g. to help with anxiety and stress. The group will be meeting on 24 April to agree priorities for 2018/2019 Educational Attainment budget.</p> <p><b>Sports Hub</b> – ST gave an update. The group want to encourage more children and young people to get active and take part in sports. They aim to engage with more volunteers to offer training which would provide future employability skills. Promotion has included a sports film project to raise awareness and talks on sports nutrition. Pupils at Preston Lodge studying sports psychology have been helping run Mindset sessions to encourage a growth mindset promoting a ‘can do’ attitude to sports and physical activity. Preston Lodge has developed a pathway to promote girls rugby. Young people suggested a pop up café with healthy food near Preston Lodge to encourage a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p><b>Participatory Budgeting</b> – Pupils are voting at Preston Lodge next week on the projects suggested by young people to promote health and wellbeing which help to reduce inequalities. 2018 is the Year of Young People and the PB process is a great example of young people involved in shaping their community and learning about democracy. They are supported by youth workers and the Community Learning &amp; Development Service.</p> <p><b>Support from the Start</b> – A presentation and report from the Support from the Start Family Worker will be given tomorrow which will outline all NM’s good work in the schools and community. The Group wishes to to secure funding for another year for this post from the educational attainment fund. The Group also helped save the Longniddry Playgroup from closing and the Holiday Lunch Clubs will continue. A report was sent to East Lothian Council which secured £30,000 to develop Holiday Clubs in East Lothian to combat holiday hunger. Funding for the Easter Holiday Club Plan is now in place. The group also wish to continue to support the parenting pathway.</p>	

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	<p>ND discussed a proposal for perinatal group to support mothers experiencing mental health problems. When you help mum then you help the babies and young children as well. Stepping Out is supporting a 'Healthy Minds, Happy babies' group and the aim is to bring this approach to Prestonpans and they will be looking for support from the Area Partnership. ND/ST agreed to meet to explore how the Sportshub could offer support. The aim is to bring all interested groups together to develop a proposal to put forward to the partnership.</p> <p>FA thanked everyone for their updates.</p>	
<b>6. Locality Plan</b>		
	<p><b>Locality Plan</b> – Chairs of Sub groups met to discuss the outcomes in the locality plan and a further meeting is planned. The Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 places a duty on Community Planning Partners (in East Lothian this is the East Lothian Planning Partnership) to produce locality plans to address inequalities. The role of each Area Partnership is to determine local priorities for the Area Plan that are aligned to The East Lothian Plan. SL outlined some of the key stats from the Area Profile which demonstrated what needs to be prioritised in the Locality Plan.</p>	<b>Chairs/SK</b>
<b>7. Short- Term Priorities for 2018/2019 moving forward</b>		
	<p>SK tabled the list of priorities completed and those to be carried forward to 2018/2019. The group agreed the following actions from the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prestonpans CCTV – improvements to the current system is needed but may not be possible due to current budget constraints and priorities. It was agreed to invite someone from ELC to a partnership meeting to talk about the future of CCTV use in East Lothian as technology progresses. Longniddry CCTV has still to be installed.</li> <li>• Dr Black Clock – not currently a priority but should remain in plan, possibility of linking to Heritage Connections project.</li> <li>• Public Fountain – not feasible due to health &amp; safety concerns. Agreed to remove this from plan.</li> <li>• Bench at Cuthill Park – remove this from plan.</li> <li>• Cuthill Park – ZI asked that a time scale of outstanding actions is needed. No more new projects are planned until work is complete and volunteers found. SK to speak to AH on this</li> <li>• Perinatal Work – agreed as a priority for Educational Attainment.</li> <li>• Cockenzie Harbour Road – agreed as Roads Priority.</li> <li>• Signage cycle route. This was an opportunity to promote local visitor attractions and increase economic impact. Need signs to help with tourism. Keep this on the plan. On the Move to take this forward.</li> <li>• Path Mining museum/Cuthill park – awaiting outcome of meeting with FO.</li> </ul> <p>East Lothian Council has made successful application to Smarter Choices, Smarter Places, the partnership agreed to allocate £5000 match funding to this from the Roads Budget.</p> <p>Prestonpans Community Council concerned about flooding on Johnny</p>	<p>SK/AH</p> <p>FO</p> <p>IR</p>

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	<p>Cope Road under bridge at train station. There is a need to redesign and fix drainage. Everyone agreed this as a priority for the Roads Budget. SK to raise this with Roads.</p> <p>IS discussed the footpath at the Longniddry Community Centre that leads to the Tennis Courts/Scouts/Bowling. A request from Longniddry Community Council for a tarmac path. It was agreed to add this to the plan and request costings from Amenity Services.</p> <p>ST mentioned the footbridge from the main road at Meadowmill to the train line there is a gap at the end of the concrete path. This is difficult for wheelchair users. The ownership of this was discussed and could be an issue. ST will send information to SK so we can look into this.</p> <p>GS stated that there aren't any markings for the new path in Cockenzie. This will be raised with the Paths Officer through the On the Move Group.</p> <p>AD suggested that the path from North Grange Avenue to the Rope Steps near the Legion needs resurfacing. It was agreed to add this to the Area Plan and seek costings for resurfacing from Amenity Services.</p> <p>ZI mentioned that there was a need to look at all car parking at the Pennypit for all users. AD was aware that the Legion are looking to bollard their car park perimeter.</p> <p>ND noted that Pennypit Centre parents are struggling with somewhere to store their buggies and are looking at a Buggy Park. The aim is to erect a shelter to stop buggies from getting wet. It was agreed to add this to the Area Plan.</p> <p>DW requested signage for the RFC club house so visitors can find it easily. No costings as yet but would seek support from the Partnership. It is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they are looking at an event to celebrate this and signage would be a real benefit. It was agreed to add this to the Area Plan and seek advice from Roads.</p> <p>GS had written a letter with suggestions to clarify Cockenzie priorities. FA thanked GS for this.</p> <p>Box Meeting – funding application was tabled. There is a major event for the community which takes place in September every 5 years. It was agreed to add this event to the Area Plan. PSG Area Partnership members voted and agreed to allocate £3000 to the Box Meeting event.</p> <p>Support for the 3 Harbours Festival is included in the Area Plan and they wish to submit an application for funding. This is a very important festival which links all ages and all communities together. Everyone voted and agreed to support £3000, subject to the funding application being submitted.</p> <p>Application forms will need to be submitted for all the projects and each must demonstrate the difference the project would make to the</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>ST</p> <p>SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p></p> <p>ST/SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p></p> <p>SK</p> <p></p>

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	community and how it will help reduce inequalities.	
<b>8. Update on priorities</b>		
	<p>SK tabled the budget spend report for 2017/2018.</p> <p>Picnic Benches – 2 benches are needing replaced. Looking at costings. SK will speak to AH for an update.</p> <p>ML has supported the Childs Beach Wheelchair and suggested installing a wheelchair friendly Picnic table. Fundraising for an adult beach wheelchair is being considered by the Port Seton Centre Management Committee in consultation with the Resource Centre.</p>	<p><b>SK</b></p> <p><b>AH/SK</b></p> <p><b>ML</b></p>
<b>9. Cockenzie Forum</b>		
	East Lothian Council has now purchased the former Cockenzie Power Station site. Prestonpans Community Council has raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance of the Ash Pipe. FA has written to Sottish Power previously but has had no reply. The next Forum meeting is on 23 March 2018. GS asked if LT could attend the Forum? FA will raise the future Membership at the next meeting.	<b>FA</b>
<b>10. A.O.B.</b>		
	<p>IS said the CAP meeting was cancelled last week due to adverse weather and will be rescheduled.</p> <p>SK suggested bringing the annual public meeting being forward so that final agreement on priorities can be decided earlier. It was agreed to hold the annual meeting on <b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>. Venue suggestions included Prestonpans Town Hall or Port Seton Community Centre.</p>	
<b>11. Next Meeting</b>		
	The Next Annual Public Meeting is on <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> at 7pm in Prestonpans Town Hall.	<p><b>Apologies to be sent to -</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>