

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership

Wednesday 13 September 2017, 7-9pm

Pennyvit Centre, Prestonpans

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council (Vice Chair) (FA)
 Cllr Neil Gilbert (NG)
 Cllr Fiona O'Donnell (FO)
 Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)
 Davina Wojtacha, Longniddry Community Council (DW)
 Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
 Laura Wood, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (LW)
 Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)
 Angela Bonnar, Prestonpans Primary Parent Council (AB)
 Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans Community Council (ZI)
 Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
 Brian Waddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
 Graeme Jeffrey, Vice Chair, Cockenzie & Port Seton Comm Council (GJ)
 Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (IR)
 Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)

Others in attendance:

Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee (JT)
 Diane Whyte, Antiquaries TRA, (DW)
 Lucy Bryden, Longniddry Tennis Club (LB)
 Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)
 Natalie Moir, Support from the start (NM)
 Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
 Helen Harper, Community Learning & Development, ELC (HH)
 Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer, ELC (DB)
 Jennifer Lothian, ELC (JL)
 Kate Maynard, ELC (KM)

Apologies:

Andrew Crummy, Chair (AC)
 Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
 Councillor Willie Innes (WI)
 Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
 Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (LL)
 Anitak Kalzmack, Resident

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	FA Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	07 June 2017 – proposed by ND and seconded by PB.	
3. Matters Arising		
	Cockenzie Masterplan –No further report at this tie. Venue for Meetings – Discussion re venue for meetings - Do we wish to rotate areas? A vote was taken and it was decided to keep the meeting	

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	<p>in the Pennypit Centre – this can be reviewed each year.</p> <p>Communication Sub group – We have only 2 volunteers – need more people with creative thinking to move this group forward – timings can be changed to suit everyone – (AB) volunteered to join this group</p> <p>CAPS Meeting – Identified need to strengthen links with Area Partnership – NG to follow this up at their next meeting.</p> <p>Economics Sub Group – FA requested people get involved in a new Economics Group, group will consider Area Plan priorities for development and economy. PB agreed to join FA on the group.</p> <p>EL Comm Rail Partnership AGM – 25.9.17 at Queen Margaret University – for everyone who resides in East Lothian</p> <p>Cockenzie House – report from FA – attended meeting to discuss room and community involvement issues. The conclusion was that the room offered could achieve excellent work without a specific arts room. DB will continue to work with the board. Port Seton Community Centre may have space if changing room converted to a designated arts space. Possible Viridor application suggested.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>NG</p> <p>PB</p> <p>ALL</p>
4. Brief Review of Area Partnership		
	<p>Area Partnership presentation SK/FA gave a presentation outlining the role of the Partnership, the work of the Sub Groups and the achievements and future projects.</p> <p>Green Dog Walkers – (JL) is being taken forward in the area and JL provided information on the scheme.</p> <p>Prestongrange Museum – (KM) discussed the future of the museum – stage1 survey– involving landscape and amenities and conservation plans. The plan will consider the site and buildings. Stage 2 will involve an extensive consultation process into what the future could hold and to decide plans for next year e.g. priorities for the site. There is endless potential. Everyone should encourage other to get involved include all the sub groups.</p>	<p>All</p>
5. Stories from Partners		
	<p>Longniddry – (LB) explained improvements at the Scouts Hall, Bowling Club and Tennis courts. She outlined benefits and concluded that it is a much safer and accessible area. This was achieved because of the Partnership and SK bringing all the groups together to find a workable solution for the community. Huge thank you as Longniddry now has very good facilities which will help improve everyone’s health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Cockenzie Tenants & Residents Association – (GS) talked us through the ‘hole in the wall’ story. The wall is on a popular route which wasn’t safe and after years of asking for the hole to be filled the Partnership made it finally happen. A big thank you to SK and the Area Partnership for all their help, repairs have been completed and it is now a safe route. The On the Move sub group is now considering a path running alongside the wall.</p> <p>Support from the Start – (NM) explained her role as a Family Support Worker and gave a presentation on her work including setting goals, signposting families to relevant agencies, organising lunch club over summer holidays, providing stats, encourage parents/carers to stay and join in the activities, making referrals for food parcels, family cooking – arts and crafts and benefit claims.</p> <p>(SL) explained how hard NM works – huge thank you to Area Partnership for their support. Providing lunch clubs over the holiday</p>	

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	<p>period is much needed and a group is meeting to explore options to sustain clubs in Musselburgh, Prestonpans and Tranent areas. Families should not be worried about feeding their children during the holidays. (NM) explained that she works with pre-birth-8 years this is an early intervention which is making a difference to the life of children and families in the local community. Highlights include - families growing in confidence and seeing stronger relationships being made, watching children develop and learn. The job is challenging – working in 3 schools. A parent who has benefited from the service came along with NM and explained how (NM) has helped her so much, she learned new skills. The Easter holiday club was great for her daughter and herself – her daughter really benefited and has grown in confidence – she wanted to thank NM for all her help and support.</p> <p>(FO) explained she had watched NM working with a family and she was amazing – worth her weight in gold.</p> <p>Heath & Social Care - JT raised the issue of the constraints on Health Services and why was this not included in the East Lothian Partnership draft plan – the rising population with new housing impacts on health services. The Partnership through participative budgeting was being effective. JT would like to see the same approach with Health & Social Care. Issues include lack of carers, increase in people living with dementia, cuts in services for people with disability. There needs to be a better dialogue between the Area Partnership and Health & Social Care. FO agreed to raise this as Chair of the Health& Social Care Strategic Planning Group.</p> <p>FLAG Funding – JT suggested making an application to this fund as there is major funding to support the fishing community.</p>	DB
6. Update on Priorities		
	Everyone voted with coloured dots on which priorities were important to them – all dots will be counted and the results will be sent out with the minutes.	SK
7. Discussion Groups		
	<p>In small groups people gave views on the following questions How is the Partnership performing? Have we got it right? Where can we improve?</p> <p>All the notes and suggestions will be typed up and fed back to everyone.</p>	SK
8. Voting Chair/Vice Chair		
	<p>The former Chair, AC was thanked for his positive contribution together with his knowledge and expertise which had helped the Partnership grow and develop.</p> <p>Vice Chair FA was voted in as Chair by Members. He was delighted to take on the role of Chair having taken on the role of Interim Chair in AC's absence. FA spoke about the achievements of the Partnership and the work from the members and sub groups. He wanted to see more</p>	All

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	<p>people taking priorities forward and to encourage more involvement as there was still much work to be done.</p> <p>Vice Chair – members were asked to consider this position which will be taken to the next meeting.</p>	
9. Area Partnership Meeting		
	<p>The next Area Partnership meeting on Wednesday 15th November 2017.</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>