

Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 15 November 2017, 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)
Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)
Cllr Lachlan Bruce (LB)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans Community Council (ZI)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (LL)
Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)
Kelly Evans, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (KE)
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer, ELC (DB)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Larry Tomlios, CWTRG (LT)
Diane Whyte, Antiquaries TRA, (DW)
John Ford, Port Seton (JF)
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee (JT)
Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)

Apologies:

Councillor Willie Innes (WI)
Laura Wood, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (LW)
Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)
Lucy Bryden, Longniddry Tennis Club (LB)
Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)
Hannah Axon, STRIVE (HA)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
David Dickson, Resident (DD)
Brian Waddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Natalie Moir, Support from the start (NM)

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		
	<i>13 September 2017 – proposed by SC and seconded by ZI.</i> Initial ND should be NM.	SG
3. Matters Arising		
	Cockenzie Masterplan Meeting next week to discuss masterplan which	

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	<p>was launched yesterday on ELC web site.</p> <p>CAPS Meeting - Identified need to strengthen links with Area Partnership – JT went along to a meeting but was told it was not open to the public. It is up to the chair to manage public attendance. This may have been due to sensitive issues being discussed. It would be good if the PSG could receive the minutes from these meetings, NG to check if this is possible.</p> <p>Vice Chair – still an opening available, FA asked if anyone was interested in this position so that there is representation from across the area.</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>ALL</p>
4. Brief Review of Area Partnership Feedback		
	<p>Communication was a key theme from the discussion at the Annual Public Meeting - suggest better use of Twitter and a face book page for the Partnership. SK to check with ELC re access.</p> <p>Branding – need to make people aware of our success – communication two way each Partner can help with this.</p> <p>SC suggested an open social evening to promote what we have achieved – need to be published well to achieve maximum attendance Perhaps the communications group could be involved in this? Communication group – PB/SK/FA/SC/KS – FD asked if Preston Lodge young people could be encouraged to come along and join communications group. PB agreed to set up a meeting.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>PB/SK/FA/SC /KS</p>
5. Feedback from Sub Groups		
	<p>Health & Wellbeing – SK gave update on funds allocated – looking at community fridge idea storing non-perishable items linked to Foodbank at Aldhammer House. Toiletries were suggested as these can be expensive items. Looking at the possibility of CAB offering outreach base at Aldhammer House in Prestonpans.</p> <p>Next meeting of the group is on 4 December at 2pm in Aldhammer House Prestonpans.</p> <p>Support from the Start – SL gave an update – Munch and Crunch is held twice a year and is very successful in gathering information from families about local needs. North Grange avenue Park has had some work done by the council as a result. The lunch club in October worked really well, had to limit numbers. Attracted some funding from “Breaks” who will provide food for Tranent, Musselburgh and PSG for the next year or two which is brilliant. Letter sent to ELC Chief Executive to consider helping with lunch club via mainstream Education budget. No lunch club over Christmas or new year. FD asked if funds for fuel is a problem at that time of year? Looking at fuel cards aim to support families with £50 voucher for food only at Scotmid. Longniddry Play group were in crisis as numbers dropped e.g. no funds for rent and ongoing costs - £1,500 was donated from support from the start and £404 from Area Partnership – this has saved the playgroup from closing.</p> <p>On The Move PB gave an update. Safety issues on the East West Coastal Route were highlighted and s letter sent to ELC Roads, waiting on a response. Other surrounding area partnerships and community</p>	

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	<p>councils were copied into the letter.</p> <p>GS now that the wall has been repaired could this be marked as a safe route for walkers/cyclists etc – plan to add a link through industrial estate which will lead to main road New disabled parking bays outside Pennypit now completed. Green Dog walkers scheme up and running . Branding of PSG – please think of ways to get the message out to promote awareness of all the good projects that have been being funded. Suggested logo or something that could be put on everything to promote the partnership e.g. Funded by the Area Partnership. Next meeting 30.11.17</p> <p>Children & Youth Network – SK gave an update Educational Attainment Fund allocated to Venturing out, Pennypit Outdoor Programme, Support from the start worker, Olive Bank Music Therapy. Awaiting applications from Preston Lodge for nurture project and breakfast club. Next meeting 31.11.17</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting – 2018 Year of the Young Person. Attracted Scottish Government Funding and will match funding to involve other young people in decision making and setting priorities re Health & Wellbeing projects by promoting projects to peers in schools. Young people will allocate funding £6,000. Port Seton Community Centre involved. Training was offered to workers. Aim to target 1st, 2nd, 3rd year high school. Tight deadline – March 2018. This is an exciting opportunity and could result in a representative youth forum linking to the Area Partnership. FO suggested DB contact Elliot Stark at STRIVE re young people’s voice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DB</p>
6. STRIVE – Results from recent Volunteering Research – Hannah Axon		
	<p>Report was tabled, the representative from STRIVE was unfortunately not able to attend. A few concerns and questions regarding the report were raised. The initial questionnaire was too long and difficult to navigate. Nothing in the report about recruiting new volunteers. The report didn’t acknowledge the need to recruit more volunteers which are needed. The focus appeared to be on training. Agreed that everyone would read through report and report back at next meeting. Need to focus on attracting new volunteers. Foodbank seem to have a great success in getting volunteers. Communications group suggested they could help with this. The 3 questions asked by STRIVE should have been answered through the research together with an understanding of the level of unofficial volunteering going on.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communications group</p>
7. Update on Priorities		
	<p>SK gave an update on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation Boards – Prestonpans Community Council to submit application and more info required on exact information required on board. • War Memorial – Phase 1 completed • Heritage Project across area plan – including feasibility study Prestonpans High Street and War Memorial phase 2. Application has been sent to Heritage Lottery – match funding from Area Partnership agreed at £15,000 from general budget. Will hear outcome by the end of December. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longniddry CCTV this is progressing some issues with BT. • Prestonpans CCTV - wouldn't be able to meet the cost within the financial year and more evidence of need required. • Beach Wheelchair project – awaiting costings for boardwalk and beach wheelchair (adult and child) Seton Sands Haven are on board with storage facilities and taking care of the bookings. • Cockenzie Harbour - could we have a short life Cockenzie Harbour Sub Group? DB will take this forward. There is a need to join up projects CARS support and actions from the area plan. • Dr Black's Clock – DB helping to progress no funding required at this stage. • Water Fountain – Health & Safety – new piping – not going to happen this financial year. SC suggested picnic benches could be repaired or replaced instead as these are in a poor condition, SK to follow up with AH. • Cockenzie & Port Seton Interpretation Boards are installed and looking great, photos were circulated. • Cuthill Park replace bench – need a report from previous year before we can issue further funding. • Youth Work – weekend provision – Friday night open and going well. • Young People participatory budgeting - £6,000 match funded. • Health & Wellbeing Budget £10,000 being allocated through the group. • Longniddry bents toilets – ELC progressing not partnership funded. <p>Roads Budget – 2 projects – Pennypit disabled parking bays is completed.</p> <p>Cockenzie Harbour Road re surfacing can't be completed this financial year as new flats being built and utilities to be installed. Good project for next financial year.</p> <p>This leaves £25,000 to reallocate. Group discussed options, the relocation and resurfacing work for disabled spaces at Port Seton Community Centre was agreed as a replacement project.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SK</p>
8. Membership Update		
	<p>FA emphasised that the Area Plan brought all the priorities together from across Preston Seton Gosford. Each member of the Area Partnership is representing the full Partnership when making decisions on priorities.</p> <p>The Three Harbours Festival has requested support from the Partnership. The Partnership allocated funding in year one but there has been no representation from Three Harbours since then and we are awaiting an evaluation report.</p> <p>PB would like to see better representation from Longniddry Primary School Parent Council. The suggestion of having substitutes to share the responsibility was a possible way forward.</p> <p>The Partnership has representation from two Tenants & residents</p>	

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	<p>Association in the Area. The group agreed that DW is a new member with LT as a sub.</p> <p>It was suggested that Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee have a voting member on the partnership. DB will check if anyone in the management team is interested in being a member and will feed back to the group – position could be rotated.</p> <p>Training for new members is part of the Capacity Building Training Calendar and the next session will be March 2018 (November session was cancelled).</p> <p>Please use PSG email to keep SG up to date on partnership members.</p>	DB
9. AOC		
	<p>Pies and Pictures : Get fired up about Prestongrange Museum with our Pop-Up Pit Canteen! – free event - dress up – photo taken in time machine – Sunday 26th November 12.30 – 4pm Prestonpans Town Hall – all welcome – promote the event</p> <p>Road Safety Work Group – A reminder that ELC requires 28 days prior notice for any parade/street parade/events/fireworks/Christmas lights. For advice contact events@eastlothian.gov.uk.</p> <p>East Lothian Partnership Structure Plan – this had been circulated to members for comment. Deadline for responses 6 December. The general feeling was that the structure was too complex and that Area Partnerships should have two way communication and not just be reporting back on progress.</p> <p>FA wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p>	
10. Area Partnership Meeting		
	<p>The next Area Partnership meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2018</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>