

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership**  
**Wednesday 6 June 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)  
 Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)  
 Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)  
 Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)  
 DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)  
 Grame Jeffrey, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (GJ)  
 Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (EC)  
 Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (IR)  
 Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)  
 Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)  
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)  
 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)  
 Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (LL)  
 Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)  
 David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)  
 Nicole Millar, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NM)  
 Kelly Evans, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (KE)  
 David Ostler, Coastal Regeneration Forum (DO)  
 Philip Wark, Coastal Regeneration Forum (PW)

**Others in attendance:**

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)  
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
 Helen Harper, Community Development Officer (HH)  
 Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)  
 Marilyn McNeil, User Rep for IJB, (MM)  
 Calum Miller, local resident (CM)

**Apologies:**

Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)  
 Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)  
 Ruth Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (RD)  
 Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans Community Council (ZI)  
 Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)  
 Larry Tomlin, Cockenzie West TRA (LT)  
 Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)  
 Janice Thomson, Port Seton Community Centre Management Committee (JT)  
 Gareth Jones, Cockenzie Regeneration Forum (GJ)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
<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 APM 9 May 2018 were approved by Gillian Stewart and	

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	seconded by Cllr Lachlan Bruce.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<p><b>Cuthill Park- Prestongrange Park</b> – FO had met with Royal Musselburgh Golf Club who are requesting assistance with repairs to their wall caused by flooding on the road. This would need to be added to the plan for the next financial year. Discussion relating to the path is ongoing, a meeting with ELC Officers from Amenity Services and Paths Officer to be set up in due course.</p> <p><b>Seton Sands Ramp Beach Wheelchairs</b> – DO and ML to meet and discuss requirements re bolders for the site. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Scott Foundation who is donating an adult’s beach wheelchair.</p> <p><b>Heritage Connections</b> – AC summarised progress so far outlining the outcomes. The next step is to appoint a Project Officer and the group is considering the role and job description. He hoped that there would creative ways to gather information from the many heritage groups in the area and that there would be a legacy for the community.</p>	<p><b>FO</b></p> <p><b>ML/DO</b></p>
<b>4. Agreed Priorities 2018/19</b>		
	<p>The list of agreed priorities were circulated and those with the most membership votes will take priority. SK will liaise with ELC departments re Roads, Amenity Services and Educational Attainment Priorities to progress. Applications forms have been completed and funding has been allocated to Three Harbours and Box Meeting. Application Forms will be sent out to general projects in due course to obtain costings and how each will reduce inequalities.</p> <p>In Bloom submitted a funding application for replacement benches. Repairs to existing benches had been agreed on the list of priorities for 2018/2019 but as there was no capital budget in amenity services this would have to come from the General Budget and would be dependent on sufficient funds being available.</p> <p>IR submitted information on village gateway signs. This is not included on the short-term priorities list for 2018/2019. SK agreed to discuss this with Roads colleagues.</p>	<p><b>SK</b></p> <p><b>SK</b></p> <p><b>SK</b></p>
<b>5. Membership/Standing Orders/Vice Chair</b>		
	<p>It was agreed to set up a short-life working group to look at the Standing Orders and the suggested amendments tabled at the meeting. The group will report back with recommendations at the next meeting.</p> <p>Chair – FA suggested that the Chair serve up to 2 years as his experience was that there was a lot to learn and it has taken time to get to grips with the role.</p>	<p><b>FA,FO,LB,GJ, PB,NM</b></p>
<b>6. Participatory Budgeting – Young People</b>		
	<p><b>Participatory Budgeting</b> – DB reported on the PB event where Preston Lodge pupils voted on the projects suggested by young people to promote health and wellbeing to help 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. There had been 155 expressions of interest and 20 projects</p>	<p><b>Chairs/SK</b></p>

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	had been put forward. 469 votes had been cast and 14 projects were funded. There was a good range of projects funded including outdoor gym, LGBT support group, Family Project, Girls rugby, boxing club and football to name a few. The young people continue to be supported by youth workers and the Community Learning & Development Service.	
<b>7. Area Plan</b>		
	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. In East Lothian these will be known as Area Plans. The role of each Area Partnership is to determine local priorities for the Area Plan that are aligned to The East Lothian Plan. The suggestions from the Annual Public Meeting will be incorporated and the amended draft plan will be sent out to members for comment.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>8. Review of Area Partnership – How are we all doing?</b>		
	Unfortunately there was not enough time to discuss this item. FA suggested that everyone reflect on their role and contribution to the Area Partnership. Collectively a great deal has been achieved and by taking time to reflect together re the journey so far will be important for our ongoing success.	<b>All</b>
<b>9. A.O.B.</b>		
	<b>Cuts in Library Opening Hours</b> - It was agreed to send a letter to ask the library service to reconsider the cutting of hours particularly at Port Seton Library. GS to send FA details of the cuts and FA to draft a letter from the PSG Area Partnership to Sharon Saunders, Head of Service – Communities & Partnerships. There was a concern about equity for working people who couldn't access their library in the evenings or weekends.	<b>GS/FA</b>
<b>10. Next Meeting</b>		
	The next meeting is on <b>Wednesday 12 September</b> at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.	<b>Apologies to be sent to -</b> <a href="mailto:psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>