

Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership

Wednesday 14 November 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 Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
Graeme Jeffrey, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (GJ) |
George Hood, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (GH)
Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Judith McNeill, Preston Lodge Parent Council (JM)
Stuart Thomson, PSG Sports Hub (ST)
Beckie Rankine, Support from the Start (BR)
Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
Larry Tomlin, Cockenzie West TRA (LT)
Diane Whyte, Antiquaries TRA, (DW)
David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)
Nicole Millar, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NM)
David Ostler, Coastal Regeneration Forum (DO)
Gareth Jones, Coastal Regeneration Forum (GJ)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Marilyn McNeill, Integrated Joint Board (MM)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Gordon Horsburgh, Team Leader ELC (GH)

Apologies:

Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections (AC)
Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)
Sheila Laing, Prestonpans Infant School & Poverty Champion (SL)
Philip Wark, Coastal Regeneration Forum (PW)
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (EC)
Cllr William Innes, East Lothian Council (WI)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)
Davina Wojtacha, Longniddry Community Council (DW)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	FA welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from 12 September 2018 were approved by DDJ and seconded by GJ	
3. Matters Arising		
	In Bloom Benches – ML to confirm costs with SK and AH. AH to arrange internal transfer of funds.	ML/SK
4. Standing Orders		
	<p>FA opened the discussion and proposed that the amendments, put forward by the sub-group, are split into 3 votes.</p> <p>Vote 1 – Bulk off document, accept amendments as proposed: 14 voted for these changes, 1 abstention.</p> <p>Vote 2 – Accept the amendment for option to have Chair, joint Chair or Co Chairs to allow gender parity. 15 voted for this.</p> <p>Vote 3 – Accept the change to Community Council representation – 3 Prestonpans Community Council members , 2 Cockenzie & Port Seton members and 2 Longniddry Community Council members (based on ration off 1 member per 3,000 population) 9 voted for, 6 against.</p> <p>Points from the discussion re Community Council’s representation based on size of population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership does not reflect population size • Not democratic • Greater inequalities in Prestonpans • Partnership members represent the interest of the Preston Seton Gosford – the whole area • Partnership is geographic and not a democratic institution • Prestonpans has not been disadvantaged in voting for priorities • Partnership has to be accountable <p>The draft changes were agreed and will now go the East Lothian Partnership Governance Group for their approval.</p>	SK
5. Agreed Priorities 2018/19		
	<p>Priorities 2018/19 paper circulated.</p> <p>General Budget</p> <p>CCTV Prestonpans – East Lothian Council are looking at a strategic approach to CCTV covering the whole of East Lothian. DJJ requested that the Partnership be consulted on CCTV requirements for Prestonpans. LB to report back if agreed in ELC Capital spend.</p> <p>Note spend from general budget currently sitting at £28,280 and £21,720 has still to be allocated. Awaiting costings for priorities identified but there may be other priorities from the Area Plan we can agree at the next meeting.</p>	LB

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	<p>Other suggestions put forward included:</p> <p>Speeding issues were raised at the recent CAPP meeting and only one speed gun is available. Could the Partnership consider paying for an additional speed gun to be used in the area especially around the schools?</p> <p>Port Seton Harbour Railing is rusting and is unsafe as there is a 2 metre drop.</p> <p>The uneven path between the Pegoda building and the Pennypit Centre needs to be resurfaced. This was identified as a short-term priority.</p> <p>Roads Budget – spend on Johnnie Cope was minimum and will be part of Roads maintenance budget. The resurfacing of West Harbour Road is likely to be around £25,000.</p> <p>Other projects suggested for the remaining spend:</p> <p>Road markings around Primary schools need to be repainted and rumble strips or speed platforms. Action: SK to raise this with transportation</p> <p>Rigley Terrace, children crossing between parked cars on the road to the play park. Concern that this is dangerous and some form of crossing would help.</p> <p>The recent diversion increased traffic on Fishergate Road and concerns were raised about the speed of traffic on this single-track farm road.</p> <p>Education Attainment Budget</p> <p>Area Partnership will continue to be a consultation body regarding the Educational Attainment Budget for 2019-2020 which will be reduced to £50,000. SK will attend Head Teachers meetings to help ensure community voice heard in decision making process.</p> <p>2018/19 spend currently £93,029. £6,971 to be allocated.</p>	<p>SK</p>
6. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>PSG Support from the Start</p> <p>A few initiatives are underway to help alleviate the adverse impact of poverty on families – referrals to FoodBank and donations to the Pans Pantry at Aldhammer. Jingle Bags for Christmas and New Year. A Holiday Club Christmas Party is being organised on 19 December, volunteers welcome to help. Looking at recycling of household items and winter clothing at Aldhammer House via Tenancy Support and Sports Equipment exchange event. New parent representative from Support from the Start BR welcomed to the Area Partnership.</p> <p>PSG Sports Hub</p> <p>B Barsanti has left ELC and new person recruited. Attracting young people to the future leaders programme.</p>	

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	<p>PSG Children & Youth Network Youth Ambassadors programme being piloted at Preston Lodge. Recruiting 10 young people who will receive training re crime stoppers.</p> <p>Bikeability – youth workers have received training and will be delivering training in primary schools.</p> <p>DJJ asked whether Outreach Youth Workers are in Prestonpans. GH responded that Outreach Workers are in place working 3 hours a week over the school term till Christmas. No cover currently over Christmas holiday period.</p> <p>PSG On the Move Discussions on walking/cycling path between Aberlady and Seton Sands. No capacity or resource with ELC Transport team to take this on at the moment. Climate Change Strategy identified cycle training for both children and adults.</p> <p>PSG Communications Group Following consultations at Gala Days’ feedback will be presented via Poster for display in local libraries. Facebook page attracting more ‘likes’ and funding was allocated to boost popular posts to the site. An eco-friendly promotional coffee cup is being considered to help promote the Area Partnership.</p> <p>PSG Health & Wellbeing Funding proposals from Patchwork to support work with families and a top up for the Kindness Fund applications discussed.</p> <p>Cockenzie Forum</p> <p>Statement from FA</p> <p><i>After reflection and conversations with council officials since the last partnership meeting I wish to call for a conscious uncoupling of the Area Partnership and the Cockenzie Forum.</i></p> <p><i>The Forum was initially setup to bring together the various local stakeholder groups who had an interest in the future of the site at or around the point that Scottish Enterprise announced their intention to withdraw from their Energy Park proposal. The Forum evolved to take on a more focussed role in and around the production of the masterplan report. Since the Council has come into ownership of the site the remit of the Forum has evolved again to act as a channel for communication between East Lothian Council and the wider community, this in the context of the identification and development of future uses for the former Cockenzie Power Station site.’</i></p> <p><i>The Forum is attended by a number of officers including Ray Montgomery & Douglas Proudfoot, both heads of their respective departments, and also now elected members who collectively all help</i></p>	

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	<p><i>act as a gateway to the council's thinking on the site and give a much more in depth understanding on what's going on.</i></p> <p><i>Late last year the forum was brought under the auspices of the Area Partnership to bring transparency to it as well making it more inclusive; now as an ethnic minority I am quite sensitive to that issue as I had to fight very hard, throughout my life, to be included - as well having the positivity and comradery of the partnership feed into the forum. This hasn't been my experience and it is my considered view now that the Forum should not continue as a sub group of the partnership.</i></p> <p><i>I believe the Forum should be allowed to find its own path forward, to determine its future purpose and focus I do believe that the Area Partnership should still be represented on the forum to be kept informed on what is happening at the site and give its members' input.</i></p> <p>DJJ proposed a motion, seconded by NG to support the uncoupling of the Area Partnership and Cockenzie Forum. A vote was taken and 9 members agreed with the motion and 5 abstained.</p> <p>PSG Heritage Connections</p> <p>The project is moving forward and plans are in place for ELC to appoint a Heritage Worker linking all the heritage assets including built, natural and intangible. The Community Councils are pulling together a list which will help the worker hit the ground running. An Event to launch the project in the Spring at Prestongrange Museum will be organised. JB is preparing the terms of agreement to meet the requirements of the Heritage Lottery based of the Area Partnership Standing Orders. This in time could be a standalone group working on behalf of all the Heritage groups across the area.</p>	
7. Review of PSG Area Partnership		
	<p>The paper was circulated and the recommendations will be taken forward. Recommendations will be included as an agenda item at the next Area Partnership meeting.</p>	
8. Draft PSG Area Plan		
	<p>The draft Area Plan was circulated and was well received. The plan outlines the outcomes and actions to help address inequality.</p> <p>A proposal to adopt the Area Plan with amendments previously discussed was put forward by DJJ, seconded by LB. The Plan was adopted by the Partnership.</p>	ALL
9. A.O.B.		
	<p>DJJ reported on the Prestonpans War Memorial and thanked the Area Partnership for its contribution to the phase 1 renovation.</p> <p>ML acknowledged the community response to the centenary of the Armistice. There had been a great deal of community pride and contribution to the remembrance commemoration services across the Partnership.</p>	

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10. Next Meeting		
	<p>The next meeting is on Wednesday 9 January at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.</p> <p>2019 Meeting Dates:</p> <p>9 January, 6 March, 8 May (Annual Public Meeting), 5 June, 11 September (Review), 13 November 2019</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to -</p> <p>psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>