

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 9 January 2019, 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 Willie Innes, East Lothian Council (WI)
Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)
Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (IR)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
Diane Whyte-Baillie, Antiquaries TRA, (DW)
Beckie Rankine, Support from the Start (BR)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)
Rodger Bromley, Prestonpans Community Council/Heritage Connections
Group (RB)

Apologies:

DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)
Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections Group (AC)
Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)
Philippa Barber, Longniddry Community Council (PB)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)
Kelly Evans, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (KE)
Kirsty Souter, Prestonpans Infants Parent Council (KS)
Stuart Thomson, PSG Sports Hub (ST)
David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)
Nicole Millar, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NM)
Gordon Horsburgh, ELC (GH)
Sheila Laing, Support from the Start (SL)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	FA welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. GS intimated that Larry Tomlin from Cockenzie West Tenants & Residents had recently died. It was agreed to send a sympathy card to his wife. Condolences were offered. Larry will be missed by everyone.	SG
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting		
	Minutes from 14 November 2018 were approved by IS and seconded by GS	
3. Matters Arising		
	Changes to Standing Orders have still to be agreed by East Lothian Partnership Road Markings around school, ELC has completed an inspection and there is no need to repaint any of the markings Port Seton Harbour Railings – This is not East Lothian property and ML suggested that that the chair write to the Harbour Master outlining the community health and safety concerns. SC was asked to provide a draft with details of the specific concerns.	SC/SG
4. Agreed Priorities 2018/19		
	<p>Priorities 2018/19 updated paper was circulated.</p> <p>General Budget Details of priorities include weekend and targeted youth provision £6,056 DB outlined the application which was agreed by the partnership. Bench repairs £4,205 – Work to replace benches is currently underway. Health & Wellbeing Patchwork £1,600 to support local families. Health Issues in the community Course training £200. Heritage Connections – As part of the Heritage Lottery Funding a Participatory Budgeting Initiative will be offered once the worker is in post. It was agreed any unallocated funding from the general budget be allocated to the PB initiative. Preston Lodge Learning Foundation Digital Archive – Following the successful Friends of Preston Lodge event were photographs from the school's history were showcased, there has been many requests for copies of the school photographs which are currently with Preston Lodge. Pupils wish to digitally scan all the photographs and catalogue these on a web site. This would be a student enterprise project where young people could learn about web site development, ecommerce and employability skills. The project will cost around £3000. IS to contact JL at Preston Lodge Foundation with his knowledge of previous work in this area. This could also link with DJ's research on the war memorial, the Heritage Connections Project and National Archives. FO said that this was a great opportunity for intergenerational work. DB stated that there was many photographs of former pupils contained within a collection at the Red School. Everyone agreed to fund this project. Kiddies Play Park at the Promenade Port Seton – Equipment has been removed for safety reasons and not replaced. This could be a possible priority within the next financial year. SK to speak to AH on possible costs to replace equipment. A discussion followed on the ongoing issue of developers installing play areas which are not maintained or adopted by ELC.</p>	IS

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	<p>Roads Budget SK to confirm costs of work on Jonnie Cope’s Road. A safe crossing point on Rigley Terrace was being investigated. SK to contact transportation for an update. Resurfacing potholes at Kirk Street from the post office to the church was within the work programme but had been delayed. Prestonpans Community Council will follow this up. SK will also speak to Transportation. The CAPP meeting had identified a need for an additional speed gun for the area given the speeding concerns. Estimated cost is around £2,000. SK to check with Transportation to see if this could be purchased within the roads budget. Cuthill Path - FO is continuing to pursue this. Gateway Signage – IR had raised this at the OTM group and SK was informed by Transportation that this style of signage would not be permissible. IR asked if an alternative could be suggested. SK to raise this again with Transportation. SC asked whether the gateway sign on Avenue Road could be shifted to the other side of the roundabout so that the new housing was contained within the village boundary. SK to raise with Transportation.</p>	<p>SK SK BW/SK SK FO SK SK</p>
5. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>PSG Support from the Start No report given as group didn’t meet since last partnership meeting.</p> <p>PSG Sports Hub No report.</p> <p>PSG Children & Youth Network Weekend and targeted Youth Work application was agreed.</p> <p>PSG On the Move ‘Beat the Street’ walking initiative to be considered from Smarter Choice Smarter Places Funding next financial year. Beach Wheelchairs trial of adult beach wheelchairs at Seton Sands on 10th January 2019. Walk with Scot agreed to purchase a wheelchair.</p> <p>PSG Communications Group Considering poster for displays in libraries with the PSG Area Plan to promote the plan and gain insights from local residents.</p> <p>PSG Health & Wellbeing Patchwork application approved which will support families. Health Issues in the Community Training approved for a member of staff from Lighthouse Hub. DB/RD to discuss new application for Hydro pool session for people with long term health conditions. Community Health projects can save the NHS substantial funding in the long term but this needs to be recognised by Health & Social Care and funding allocated from their budget,</p> <p>PSG Heritage Connections Recruitment of worker will take place in February 2019. A launch event will happen in the spring. The group will be working with Julie Proctor</p>	

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	form Greenspace to map heritage Assets and agree a work plan. Visit to Carnegie Trust in Dunfermline on Thursday 17 th January to gain insights and knowledge. A Participatory Budgeting process for Heritage projects will be implemented in due course and any remaining funding in the General Fund was requested to increase the fund available.	
6. Review Summary Recommendations		
	<p>It was agreed to have the review recommendations on the agenda at future meetings to monitor progress. One recommendation was ongoing training for new members. This training is available and includes Area Partnership Training January 15th 2019 in Haddington, Health Issues in the Community on 23rd January 2019 in Prestonpans and Area Partnerships Tenants and Residents Associations on 19th January 2019 in Haddington.</p> <p>Cllr Innes asked members for their thoughts on the level of devolved funding and capacity of Area partnerships to identify priorities and manage spend across ELC services. General points from the discussion which followed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertise and knowledge of council officers is required to help the partnership to influence decisions on local spending • Community Priorities not necessarily ELC priorities but can make a significant difference to the quality of life for residents • ELC well ahead in local community planning • Local Community Planning will work more effectively when budgets are protected for Area Partnerships • Capacity of Council Officers to carry forward priorities • Setting priorities isn't always about funding • Local community planning helps to avoid duplication • Priorities should be acknowledged across all council departments to avoid silo thinking • Shifting priorities between rural and urban transportation • Family Worker influencing Education, Housing and Mental Health which addresses outcomes • Can a contingency be included within ELC budget for emergencies • Commitment from the community needs to be balanced with the expectations from ELC. Protect community volunteers from burnout • Schools need to work with communities to address inequalities eg, how PEF funding is allocation • Educational Attainment Budget should be retained by Area Partnerships <p>Members agreed to discuss this further at the March meeting following the council budget.</p> <p>There was agreement that the Educational Attainment Budget had been well spent and there were concerns about the reduction of this budget and the impact on funded projects and that this was being put back into Education. FA to draft a letter to our local councillors before the next budget meeting outlining The PSG Area Partnership concerns.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>FA</p>
7. Draft PSG Area Plan		
	The draft PSG Area Plan was signed off at our last meeting. A few	

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	changes were made eg a list of all the partnership member organisations. Area Plan to be submitted to East Lothian Partnership for approval. Paper copies were circulated and unfortunately due to a print error pages were missing. SG to send electronic copies to everyone.	SG
8. Cockenzie Forum		
	It was agreed at our last meeting that Cockenzie Forum is no longer a sub group of the Area Partnership. FA is currently chair. There was consensus for the Film Studio to consider the Cockenzie site. Discussions are ongoing between community members and the film company. There were frustrations over the proposal for Inch Cape re the decision from the Scottish Government Reporter which could take a little longer.	
9. A.O.B.		
	The recent online Budget Consultation re: setting council priorities was raised as a concern. Members didn't like how this questionnaire was worded and the limitations and choices for expenditure. A number of members had not completed the questionnaire as they were unhappy about how this information would be interpreted. SK to advise relevant council officers of concerns. FA reminded members to begin the process of succession planning as he will be standing down at the annual public meeting in May.	SK ALL
10. Date of Next Meeting		
	The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre. Further 2019 Meeting Dates: 8 May (Annual Public Meeting), 5 June, 11 September (Review), 13 November 2019	Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk