

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 11th September 2019, 7-9pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)
Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (EC)
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)
Beckie Rankin, Support from the Start (BR)
Stuart Thomson, PSG Sports Hub (ST)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council (Chair) (FA)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)
Andrew Stevenson, Vice Chair Community Council (AS)
Tony Leach, Prestonpans Community Council (TL)
Jamie Baker, East Lothian Council (JB)
Marilyn McNeil, IJB User Rep (MMc)

Apologies:

Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
Cllr Willie Innes, East Lothian Council (WI)
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (IR)
Nicky Cullen, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (NC)
David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Parent Council (CJ)
Marie McMath, Cockenzie Parent Council (MM)
Louise Clark, Cockenzie Parent Council (LC)
Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	P1 Ferhan asked that "chair" be removed from his name. June minutes were proposed by DJ and seconded by BR	SG
3. Matters Arising		

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	<p>P2 Railings – SC asked for an update on the railings at the Harbour and who had responsibility for the work that had commenced but not completed. RD will check with SK</p> <p>P3 Mosaic £1,500 was allocated to cover the cost of installation for both the mosaic and the Tommy Silhouette. DB to clarify with LC on break down of costs. ML/SC asking for time scale as this would really need done before November. DB to check with Andrew Hogarth re site and timescales.</p> <p>P3 DJ mentioned Preston Tower & Doocot. Application on hold until agreement with ELC/Scottish Heritage re condition survey. DJ requested that remaining general funding be ring-fenced for this from the 2019/2020 budget (£6,000 currently in budget). RD suggested that the PSG Area partnership continue to highlight the importance of this project. This has been raised at the Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections group and with the Heritage Fund about to get underway, It will be a good opportunity to help move this project forward as a priority for the community. RD/DJ to get together to discuss the best way forward.</p> <p>ML/SC asked if we can check when the money was paid for In Bloom Outdoor classroom as it hasn't shown up in the August statement. SG will check urgently and let SC/ML know.</p> <p>BH queried the costs of PSG Lunch Club as the Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council had received a funding application for £1,000. RD explained that the additional costs was for transport for children from Cockenzie and Port Seton to attend lunch club for both the October and February lunch clubs. Transport costs are significant and discussion followed relating to various options to help reduce costs. BH will approach the day centre to look at options regarding use of their mini bus.</p>	<p>RD/SK</p> <p>DB</p> <p>RD/DJ</p> <p>SG</p> <p>BH</p>
4. Agreed Priorities Update 2019/2020		
	<p>Agreed priorities circulated. Awaiting applications from – Preston Lodge Mental Health Youth Worker, Bikeability, Waggonway Signage and Preston Tower.</p> <p>Stonewall Tapestry no longer require funding £500.</p> <p>DJ requested that remaining general funding be ring-fenced for Preston Tower from the 2019/2020 budget (£6,000 currently in budget).</p>	
5. Report from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network No representative at meeting. Awaiting application for the Mental Health Youth Worker from Preston Lodge. RD to discuss this with SK.</p> <p>Communications Sub Group Lots of ideas to promote the Area Partnership. Considering a Beach Box at Seton Sands near ramp including beach toys found on the beach eg buckets and spades. This initiative would be environmentally friendly as people could use the toys and return them so that others can do the same. The box would be supported by the Area Partnership and include our logo. Other ideas included litter grabbers, dog poo bags with logo. Looking at promoting community engagement. There are boards in the libraries until the end of October. Communications team are needing new members to join.</p> <p>DB offered places to members of the partnership to learn more about facebook and social media.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>DB</p>

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	<p>ML suggested a board with details of the beach wheelchairs be positioned at the board walk at Seton Sands. Including links to social media and PSG Area Partnership funded. ML to speak to SK as permission from Seton Sands caravan park will be required.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Sub Group Agreed to fund the Kindness Fund, Lunch with the Bunch equipment and a woman’s health group. This funding has enabled small pilot projects to try out different approaches and encourage further partnership working.</p> <p>On The Move No representative present. Main focus at the moment is the Beat the Street game which was launched in Musselburgh this morning. It would be good to get a team from the PSG Area Partnership who could then challenge a similar team from Musselburgh. Maps and cards were circulated and can also be picked up in local libraries. The idea is to collect points and hopefully the legacy will that children and adults are more active. RD was pleased to see so many families taking part already. DJ suggested a team name – Notorious PSG. RD agreed to register the team tonight on line.</p> <p>Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections Participatory Budgeting initiative will be launched soon. £25,000 will be available over the next two years for projects which connect people to their Heritage and help to reduce inequalities. Applications from £100 to £5,000 will be available and voted on at a public event. There will be voting sessions in each area. DJ suggested an Intergenerational Oral history project with members of lunch with the bunch and young people. This would help people share skills and knowledge. Application form from www.eastlothian.gov.uk/heritagefunding or call Jill De Fres 07866927657. BH suggested everyone share and like the facebook page – Salt of the Earth – Preston, Seton, Gosford Heritage Connections.</p> <p>Cockenzie Forum East Lothian Council have erected a large advertising board on the site. Field on site still under lease with a farmer. Potential investment from America and Chinese interests. RedRock is progressing with its plans for the convertor station. Skyrora has applied for temporary use of the coalstore for rocket engine testing. This application is out for consultation. There has been continued vandalism to the jetty gates and bins have been replaced. ELC and Forth Ports agreed to continue to work together in exploring the feasibility of a cruise/port related facility at Cockenzie.</p> <p>Community Rail Partnership Harry Barker has asked whether the Area Partnerships wish to continue to have a representative on the partnership. FA is no longer the representative but was keen to see someone replace him. RD asked if anyone is interested to contact her.</p>	<p>ML/SK</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
6. Review PSG Area Partnership		

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	<p>The Partnership split into 3 groups and discussed the following questions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we ensure that the views of people with lived experience of inequality/poverty/disadvantage are represented on the PSG Area Partnership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more groups to form. Explore new methods of engagement eg leaf circulation • Poverty Champion • Needs to be a person to represent these groups attend Area Partnership. Speak to carers/health professionals/schools 2. How can Sub Groups be more representative and effective to take forward the work of the PSG Area Partnership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better advertising of the sub groups. More use of co-opting to encourage wider participation • Actively working with existing groups to bring representation from I/P/D (SIMD)'s • It Doesn't. Sporadic representation from schools/parent councils etc. Projects in community for senior PL pupils. Student representatives. School staff representatives. 3. How does the PSG Area Partnership represent the views of young people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set aside a ring fenced fund allocated for youth participatory budgeting. Formal arrangement with schools. Create a youth sub group with places for 12 – 24 year olds and ALL parent councils. • PL Head Boy/Girl • PB work of 2018. Very successful (ad-hoc maybe?) • Too slow. Not frequent enough meetings. Rules should be more clear. Evaluations mandatory (In face at meeting) What was the outcome? 4. How effective are the PSG Area Partnership decision making structures? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a better evaluation of outcomes of projects funded by AP • Transparency • Communicate <p>RD thanked everyone for their participation and the above feedback will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
7. Town Centre Fund		
	<p>JB outlined the successful bid made to Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund which would include improvements to Prestonpans War Memorial area. This funding has to be spent within 12 months. He proposed a working group be established including members of Prestonpans Community Council and Royal British Legion, Heritage Connections. This would look at the current shelter area, viewing platform, public realm at the War memorial and access on to the John Muir Way. A tender to go out to architects to draw up plans which would be put to a public consultation. DJ said this would be an exciting</p>	

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	opportunity to improve the waterfront area which has been neglected. Anyone interested to get in touch with JB.	
8. Young People Representation		
	The partnership is keen to see better representation from young people including sub groups. One suggestion was a young people's sub group made up of young people from all the areas which would feed into the partnership. DJ suggested a fund be made available to the group to encourage participation and P7 be involved as well as secondary. This could link to volunteer awards and Preston Lodge Community Commitment. DB offered youth work hours to help and a worker from Pennypit Community Development trust to take this forward.	
9. Pop Up Shop/Market Place		
	RD agreed to start a conversation to explore initiatives to encourage more footfall on the Prestonpans High Street. This could include a monthly market place, pop up shop at the Town Hall encouraging small enterprise, crafts, home produce etc. Members were keen that this be a positive experience for the community and not an expensive market place.	RD
10. A.O.C.B.		
	BR asked if anyone was interested in being a community representative on the Preston Tower parent council. 3 to 4 meeting per year.	
11. Date of Next Meeting		
	The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.	Apologies to be sent to - psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk