

Preston Seton Gosford
Area Partnership

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 13 November 2019, 7-9pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (EC)
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)
Diane Whyte-Baillie, Antiquaries TRA (DWB)
Beckie Rankin, Support from the Start (BR)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Parent Council (CJ)
Ferhan Ashiq, Cockenzie Forum (FA)

Others in attendance:

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)
Marilyn McNeil, IJB User Rep (MMc)
Lorraine Stevenson, Poverty Champion (LS)
Stewart Sands, Active Schools (SS)
Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)

Apologies:

Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
Colin Herbert, Cockenzie West TRA (CH)
Isobel Robertson, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (IR)
David Redpath, Three Harbours Art Festival (DR)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted. SK offered new members an induction session providing information and guidance on how the Area Partnership operates.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	September minutes were agreed by FA and seconded by SC.	SG
3. Matters Arising		
	Port Seton Harbour Railings – ELC have been carrying out repair work on the railings. The railings need to be replaced. This had been identified as a short term priority and ELC asked if the PSG Area Partnership could	SK

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	<p>make a contribution to the replacement costs. After discussion it was agreed that this was viewed as a Health & Safety issue which should be addressed by ELC and not the Area Partnership. SK to report back to the relevant departments involved.</p> <p>Mosaic and the Tommy Silhouette – ML reported that both were in place for the Armistice Day. There is still some ground work to be completed by In Bloom. Up-lighters to be considered. SK suggested ML contact Glen Kane, Senior Roads Officer for street lighting advice.</p> <p>Preston Tower & Doocot. Scottish Historic Building Trust have agreed to undertake the survey within this financial year. This will cost around £6,500. SK to send DJ a copy of the design team brief. The partnership agreed to fund the survey. NG has requested a full report on the ELC maintenance carried out on Preston Tower and future plans.</p> <p>In Bloom have received the funding for the Cockenzie Outdoor classroom.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>SK</p>
4. Agreed Priorities Update 2019/2020		
	<p>The financial report was circulated at the meeting and SK highlighted the following:-</p> <p>Mental Health Youth Worker – Preston Lodge is in discussion with Education regarding their application. PSG Area Partnership agreed in principle to fund this post as it remains a priority.</p> <p>3 Harbours Festival – Following an announcement that the 3 Harbours Festival would not be running in 2021, SK contacted them to find out the current governance and financial status of the festival. Following a discussion with 3 Harbours Festival they decided that they would return the funding allocated from the current 2019/2020 general budget . RD read out the following email received from the 3 Harbours Festival:-</p> <p><i>Dear Sandra King and all on PSG Area Partnership, In response to questions raised about 3 Harbours Arts Festival, here is further information about our situation. During the Spring of 2019 the committee worked tirelessly to bring the best festival we possibly could to the area. Some core expenses and key community events were planned to be funded by PSGAP that took place and invoices were paid in anticipation of AP funding coming through. During a post festival analysis of visitor numbers and general comments, the 3HAF committee asked honest questions such as ‘do the community really want this festival?’ ‘have times changed?’ and ‘why don’t artists want to open doors any more?’ In any business, its healthy practice to pause, take stock and self observe rather than carrying on with the same model. We respect the 16 years of hard work that has gone before and the importance of 3HAF so we wanted to do the right thing. We recognised through discussion that because the majority of the committee aren’t from the 3 villages, we don’t have genuine connections with the community and as it says in our public announcement, in order to retain authenticity and maintain momentum a festival must come from its community. We decided to make a public announcement to say ‘we are taking a break and do you want to be involved?’ with a view to improving the festival. We hoped that PSGAP would recognise this as a catalyst for positive change. We have made a difficult decision for the good of the festival and we would like your support. We have already had positive responses to forming a new committee for a 2021 festival and are hoping for more. Thank you 3HAF</i></p>	

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	<p>Following discussion it was agreed that the Partnership members would encourage 3 Harbours Festival to continue its ongoing community consultation.</p> <p>Roads Priorities:- Kirk Street resurfacing will be added to the works programme for 2019/2020 which will take up the full budget.</p> <p>Speed Tables - IS had attended the CAPP meeting which identified hot spots for speeding across the PSG area. Transportation will gather evidence to support future priorities related to speeding.</p> <p>Rope Walk – Repairs to pot holes is ongoing but there is a need to resurface the road which is currently not adopted by ELC roads. SK is pursuing this further but it is unlikely to be done in this financial year.</p> <p>New Town - There was a discussion about the implications on the current roads infrastructure and the impact of the new town. It was suggested that someone from planning attend a future Partnership meeting. SK to raise this with relevant council officers.</p> <p>Drop kerb at John Bellany Centre – SK had requested that this be put on the Roads drop kerb programme but unfortunately it will have to wait till 2020/2021.</p>	SK
5. Report from Sub Groups		
	<p>Support from the Start BR reported that parenting programmes were underway e.g PEEP and Raising Teens with Confidence which are being delivered by trained volunteers. BR attended a recent Resilience conference. The PSG Family Support Worker will be featured in the Living magazine.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network Discussion on the need for a Mental Health Youth worker at Preston Lodge. New youth leaflet highlighting all the agencies offering youth activities in the area will be available soon.</p> <p>Communications Sub Group The group will meet on Monday 18th November at 6.15 at FH shop on Redburn Road Prestonpans. The group is making more use of social media and is encouraged by the number of facebook posts which are reposting from the partnership and community council pages. RD suggested encouraging more young people representatives who maybe more digital savvy. SK will contact communications in ELC for advice and the current popular social media platforms.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Sub Group Projects agreed at the last meeting included the Sports Bursary for £700 and the Nutritional equalities work for £1,000. Health & Social Care presented a paper relating to adults with complex needs to encourage more locally based activities.</p> <p>On The Move</p>	SK

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	<p>GS highlighted the suggestion from the Communications Group to install a wooden box at Seton Sands to include plastic beach toys found on the beach. She read out a poem to encourage people to use this. The wooden box has been made by “Trolls in the Trees” from Cockenzie and will be put on a concrete plinth. This fits well with the Climate Change agenda and the group is considering expanding its remit to include Climate Change. New members are welcome especially those with an interest in active travel encouraging walking and cycling.</p> <p>Beat the Street – RD congratulated everyone on the success of this initiative, over 6,000 people took part. An award ceremony took place and PSG came out on top! IR is keen to capture some of the stories from the participants and is looking at the legacy to ensure people can continue to increase their activity. SS from Active Schools will be working to support this.</p> <p>Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections Participatory Budgeting Fund has attracted 20 applications from a wide variety of projects. Voting sessions will be held Tuesday 26th November 2.30pm – 8pm – Prestonpans Community Centre Wednesday 27th November 3.30pm – 8pm – Port Seton Community Centre Thursday 28th November 4pm – 8pm – Longniddry Community Centre. The final voting event will be at Preston Lodge – 7pm – 9pm on Wed 4th December. Young people will be able to vote in Preston Lodge during the day on the 4th December. All applicants are encouraged to promote their project locally and encourage people to come along to vote.</p>	
6. Cockenzie Forum		
	<p>FA gave an update - The Scottish Government has started to prepare the National Planning Framework 4, a long-term spatial plan for Scotland that will ensure sustainable economic growth and that will encompass Scottish Planning Policy. The Scottish Government is aiming to undertake initial engagement between January and April 2020 before a consultation draft is laid before the Scottish Parliament in September 2020. There will be a public consultation around the same time and the final version is hoped to be laid before the Scottish Parliament in 2021.</p> <p>The Skyrora application has received a number of representations, mainly objections. There has been a revision to the proposed frequency that has meant a re-consultation, the advert ended on 4 October. A report to Members will be prepared who can determine if the application should be called-off for debate at the Planning Committee.</p> <p>NG referred to onshore and offshore wind community benefits. Community benefit support from RedRock is not a statutory requirement rather it is voluntary. East Lothian Council could facilitate with RedRock. FA added that RedRock was unsuccessful for Contract for Difference funding and is looking at other ways of funding the project meaning a delay to timescale.</p>	

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	<p>There is ongoing engagement with Forth Ports but the Council has decided to progress with an independent port study with an initial report expected by Christmas 2019</p> <p>There remains interest in filming on the Cockenzie site and the council remains in touch with Film Edinburgh and others who can assist.</p>	
7. Community Rail Partnership		
	<p>BW has agreed to be the Area Partnership representative and attended the AGM. The next meeting is on the 4th December. BW unable to attend and asked if anyone was free to take his place?</p>	ALL
8. Review PSG Area Partnership		
	<p>RD fed back to the Partnership the outcomes, views and suggestions from the review exercise completed at the last meeting. It was agreed that we continue to revisit the suggestions made in the review and include recommendations in our ongoing work.</p>	
9. Young People Representation		
	<p>Pennypit Community Trust Youth Group is working with staff to consider youth representation on the PSG Area Partnership including the relevant sub groups. SK suggested that this group links with the work DB has been doing in Port Seton.</p>	DB/RD
10. Pop Up Shop/Market Place		
	<p>Keep this on the agenda to look at in the future.</p>	
11. Town Centre Fund		
	<p>DJ has met with JB to take ideas forward including seeking architectural plans for the War Memorial square in Prestonpans.</p>	
12. Climate Change		
	<p>RD would like climate change to be an ongoing Agenda item and that all sub groups and organisations discuss what they can do to mitigate against climate change with their groups. This could also be included as a criteria when considering future priority projects. It was agreed to invite Jennifer Lothian, Climate Change Officer with ELC to our next meeting to discuss the East Lothian Climate Change Strategy.</p>	SK
13. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>SK has shared the link below regarding a film about the 'Cost of the School Day' released - https://youtu.be/LtYUmNnVGzM</p> <p>The Pennypit Community Development Trust is putting together a programme for Christmas provisions as there will be no lunch clubs available during the holidays. There is a huge financial pressure on some families. There will be a Christmas party on the 19th December 4.30pm – 6.30pm in Prestonpans Community Centre. Anyone who would be interested in volunteering on the day or even donating a gift for parents would be much appreciated. The gift would need to be wrapped and labelled male/female and can be handed into the Pennypit.</p> <p>Jingle Bags will also be offered this year 'Christmas Dinner in a bag' will be made up for over 145 families. If you know of anyone who is struggling or would benefit from these bags please contact Ruth, Lorraine or Natalie at Pennypit. New Year bags will be made up on the 30th December from 10am at Port Seton Community Centre and delivered to families the same day. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact RD. DB will store everything at Port Seton ready to go into the bags.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

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	<p>MMc attended a workshop '1 in 5', this helped to challenge attitudes relating to people in poverty. MMc will forward contact details to SG to be shared. DB explained that he is looking into this workshop being offered through ELC with training in February for 10 people through adult learning.</p> <p>A Craft Fair is being held at Port Seton Community Centre on Saturday 16 November from 10.30am till 4pm.</p> <p>RD concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming along and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p>	MMC
14. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2020		
	<p>Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.</p> <p>Wednesday 4th March 2020</p> <p>Wednesday 6th May 2020 APM</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June 2020</p> <p>Wednesday 16th September 2020</p> <p>Wednesday 18th November 2020</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>