

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership  
Wednesday 15 January 2020, 7-8.45pm  
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)  
Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)  
Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)  
Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)  
Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)  
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (EC)  
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)  
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)  
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)  
Anthony Leach, Prestonpans Community Council (AL)  
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)  
Beckie Rankin, Support from the Start (BR)  
Ferhan Ashiq, Cockenzie Forum (FA)  
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)

**Others in attendance:**

Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)  
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)  
Lorraine Stevenson, Poverty Champion (LS)  
Jennifer Lothian, Climate Change Officer, ELC (JL)  
Jill De Fresnes, Project Officer Heritage Connections, ELC (JD)  
Megan Banks, Student - Community Learning Development (MB)

**Apologies:**

DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)  
Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)  
Stewart Sands, Active Schools (SS)  
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)  
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Parent Council (CJ)  
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted. SK updated everyone that following a Service Review she will be working part time as the Connected Communities Manager for North Berwick Coastal. There will a new full time Connected Communities Manager for Preston Seton Gosford, the vacancy is currently being advertised in My Job Scotland. This will be Sandra's last PSG Area Partnership meeting in her current role and RD thanked her on behalf of the Partnership for all her commitment and work for the area.	

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<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		
	November minutes were agreed by BR and seconded by FA.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<p>Port Seton Harbour Railings – SK reported back to the relevant departments that the PSG Area Partnership cannot contribute to funding the railings as this is viewed as ongoing maintenance and a Health &amp; Safety issue that needs to be addressed by ELC.</p> <p>Preston Tower &amp; Doocot. Scottish Historic Building Trust agreed to undertake the survey within this financial year. The total costs of the survey is likely to be around £9,750 which will be met from the remaining General Fund.</p> <p>Blindwells – the development of the new town will be within the Preston Seton Gosford area. Prestonpans Community Council has requested a meeting with ELC Planning on 11.02.2020 to discuss the impact on the local infrastructure and the need for local consultation. The ‘On the Move’ Sub Group would also like to see this as a priority and be included in the PSG Area Plan.</p> <p>Climate Change – See Item 6</p> <p>Young People Representatives – See Item 7</p> <p>Cockenzie Forum – FA advised Port Study has been delayed</p>	
<b>4. Agreed Priorities Update 2019/2020</b>		
	<p>The financial report was circulated at the meeting and SK highlighted the following:-</p> <p><b>Mental Health Youth Worker</b> – the application had been agreed in principle at our last meeting and following negotiations between Preston Lodge and Education Department this will now be taken forward. DB will connect with Preston Lodge on other interventions eg Raising Teens with confidence.</p> <p><b>Roads Priorities:-</b> Kirk Street has now been resurfaced.</p> <p>Rope Walk – Repairs to pot holes is ongoing but there is still a need to resurface the road which is currently not adopted by ELC roads. Following discussions with ELC Roads/Housing/Property the aim is to work together and provide a cocktail of funding to get this worked completed in the next financial year.</p> <p>Drop kerb at John Bellany Centre – this has been put forward as a Roads project (drop kerb programme) for 2020/2021.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny Group</b> – following suggestions from the Partnership to firm up the process and criteria for funding SK circulated a draft scoring matrix and outline process for future funding applications. This was agreed as a good way forward and the Scrutiny Group will reconvene and discuss this further. Each area will have a representative on the group which</p>	<p>SK, DJJ, SC, IS</p>

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	<p>currently includes DJJ, SC and IS agreed to represent Longniddry. SK will get in touch to arrange a future meeting. This group will also look at the Evaluations from funded projects and report back to the Partnership.</p> <p>FO confirmed that the Educational Attainment Budget has been removed from the draft 2020-2021 allocation. An allocation to support holiday lunch clubs is included in the draft budget paper. This is yet to be agreed. Concerns were raised about the sustainability of the family support worker position.</p>	
<b>5. Report from Sub Groups</b>		
	<p><b>Support from the Start</b> BR reported that the group received a presentation relating to a play map being considered for Prestonpans with possibility of the wide PSG area in the future. Raising Children Confidence will be delivered in February and April for 6 weeks.</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b> Discussion focused on the Mental Health Youth Worker. This will be a whole school approach to mental health and the Worker will offer broader signposting and co-ordination including P7 transition programme and strengthening links with the community. This will build capacity and include Wellbeing Ambassadors from 5th/ 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils. Youth representation was discussed and one suggestion was to encourage youth clubs to have a regular slot in their programme which asks young people for their views and their ideas for local youth provision which could be fed back to the PSG Children &amp; Youth Network. Outreach workers will be looking at hot spots identified re antisocial behaviour.</p> <p><b>Communications Sub Group</b> The group continues to make better use of social media and is posting more information about the ongoing work of the partnership featuring different sub groups. If any of the members wish to highlight projects that are supported by the Partnership please contact BR.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Sub Group</b> Mid and East Lothian Drugs and Alcohol Partnership attended the January meeting and gave an update of local services. Projects agreed included the All Abilities Bikes £1,333 and the Fareshare Food Distribution 2<sup>nd</sup> Bite £2,200. The Christmas Jingle and New Year Bags were distributed to 311 families across Faside and PSG. Members were looking at a possible gardening project at Prestonpans Health Centre.</p> <p><b>On The Move</b> AH from Amenity Services has agreed to install the Beach Toy Box at Seton Sands. We are awaiting the interim report from the Beat the Streets project which attracted over 6,000 participants. A Christmas walking event attracted around 60 people. The Unicorn Quest which was funded through the Heritage connections project will help to sustain walking and cycling in Prestonpans. The implications on roads and paths networks with</p>	

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	<p>Blindwells development was raised as a concern and input from Planning would be welcomed. Priorities to mitigate against climate change could be included in On the Move Subgroup remit, but better community representation is needed. New members are welcome especially those with an interest in climate change and encouraging walking and cycling.</p> <p><b>Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections</b> The Participatory Budgeting Fund attracted 20 applications from a wide variety of projects and 10 projects were funded. The Voting sessions were held in Prestonpans, Port Seton, Longniddry and with young people at Preston Lodge. We received over 300 votes. The event at Preston Lodge went really well and it was great to see so many local people involved and enthusiastic about their heritage. The steering group will be encouraging the unsuccessful projects to apply to other funding sources. A second PB event will be held and efforts to build capacity within Prestonpans to attract more projects. Longniddry will also be encouraged to make applications. A web site will be developed including all local heritage.</p> <p><b>Cockenzie Forum</b> FA will report back from their next meeting which takes place at Cockenzie House on 29.1.2020</p> <p><b>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership</b> No report, BW will attend their next meeting on 11.2.2020 at Mercat Gate Prestonpans.</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Police Partnership (CAPP)</b> IS will report back after the next meeting on 31.1.2020. Anti-social behaviour, speeding and dog fouling continue to be issues.</p>	
<b>6. Climate Change</b>		
	<p>JL outlined the main themes from the Draft Climate Change Strategy which is going to Cabinet for approval next week. <a href="https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/16442/cabinet">https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/16442/cabinet</a></p> <p>A discussion followed on interventions from the community to support the strategy.</p> <p>Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council will be taking forward a tree planting initiative.</p> <p>RD read a letter she wished to send out to all Members, Sub groups and local groups to encourage everyone to work together for climate change. All sub groups will be encouraged to have this as an ongoing Agenda Item.</p>	RD/SG
<b>7. Young People Representation</b>		
	This item was highlighted in the PSG Children & Youth Network report and will continue as an Agenda Items following input from	

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	representatives on the Partnership working with young people in local clubs and groups.	
<b>8. Pop Up Shop/Market Place</b>		
	The Partnership agreed to consider this as a possible Summer activity/festival which can help to showcase local crafts, business, heritage and community projects. Keep this on the agenda to discuss at next meeting.	
<b>9. Town Centre Fund</b>		
	JB, Town Centre Regeneration officer is in discussions with the funder to extend the time period. Architectural plans for the War Memorial square in Prestonpans will be procured.	
<b>10. A.O.B.</b>		
	<p><b>Review PSG Area Partnership – Area Plan</b> It was agreed that we revisit the Area Plan at our next meeting to measure progress on the priorities and identify gaps that still need to be addressed.</p> <p><b>Extension to Port Seton Community Centre</b> Work well underway. Exciting times ahead.</p>	
<b>11. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2020</b>		
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.</b>  <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 APM</b>  <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>  <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>  <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b></p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to -  <a href="mailto:psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>