

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7-8.45pm  
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

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

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)  
Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)  
Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)  
Iain Stewart, Longniddry Community Council (IS)  
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)  
Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS)  
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Parent Council (CJ)  
Marlene Love, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (ML)  
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)  
Beckie Rankin, Support from the Start (BR)  
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)

**Others in attendance:**

Lorraine Stevenson, Poverty Champion (LS)  
Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections (AC)  
Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK)  
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)  
Megan Banks, Student - Community Learning Development (MB)  
Stewart Sands, Active Schools (SS)  
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)  
Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)  
Susan Humble, East Lothian Play Association (SH)  
Theresa Casey, East Lothian Play Association (TC)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)  
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (EC)  
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)  
Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)  
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)  
Philippa Barber, On The Move (PB)

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 a new full time Connected Communities Manager for Preston Seton Gosford has been appointed and will be starting sometime in April.	
<b>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		
	January minutes were agreed by IS and seconded by BH.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<b>Preston Tower &amp; Doocot</b>	

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	<p>Scottish Historic Building Trust is currently working on the survey. The total costs of the survey is likely to be around £9,750 which will be met from the remaining General Fund. DJ/SK will follow this up.</p> <p><b>Blindwells</b> The development of the new town will be within the Preston Seton Gosford area. Prestonpans Community Council held a meeting with ELC Planning on 11 February to discuss the impact on the local infrastructure and the need for local consultation. Information will be shared in due course.</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b> RD circulated an email to all partnership members expressing support for the climate change agenda. RD suggested that we work with local schools to design a climate change logo which could be added to all relevant publicity materials for the area. A small prize could be awarded from within the general budget eg £100 book token.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny Group</b> IS met with SK and amendments to the scoring matrix were made. These were agreed by the partnership. The next meeting will be held on 28 April at 11am. Venue to be confirmed. It was agreed that the group would also look at evaluations of funded projects. The group may want to make suggestions on how best to showcase the results from evaluations linking with the communications group.</p> <p><b>Educational Attainment Budget</b> Partnership members expressed concern that the Educational Attainment budget has been cut from the current ELC budget. Whilst this had been initially agreed for 3 years members wanted to highlight the impact made from the projects funded in the area e.g family support worker currently supports 35 families (273 families to date). One parent has gone on to university through the support received. Who will support these families in the future? Good relationships and trust has been built up with families over many years as the current worker is well respected in the community. If the East Lothian Partnership truly wants to reduce inequalities cutting this service will be detrimental. There was a concern that the Area Partnerships may be viewed as an easy target for cuts and has weakened community empowerment. As volunteers on the Partnership members felt that there should have been more consultation on this devolved budget before this decision was made. NG agreed to collate responses from partnership members and everyone to contact him as soon as possible. RD/NG to then meet and send an email to ELC. It was hoped that the partnership could influence the Pupil Equity Fund through the schools.</p>	<p>DJ/SK</p> <p>BW</p> <p>RD</p> <p>SK/BW/SC/BH /IS</p> <p>RD/NG/ALL</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>General Priorities</b> Health &amp; Wellbeing Group has agreed to fund the Pots and Pans growing project at the health centre and the tree planting project in Port Seton. BH said that the tree planting would take place on the Sandy walk and local people were asked to adopt a tree.</p>	

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	<p>SK was waiting final confirmation of the budgets. All project applications to be submitted between now and the end of April 2020. An application form to be sent out with the minutes.</p> <p>East Lothian Play Association discussed their application which had been sent around the members (copies circulated at the meeting). Tinkertown is carried out over 4 days and is a playful place-making event supporting children and families to design and build their own dens, forts and wooden structures from scrap timber and 'loose parts'. The children and families are provided with on-the-spot training and tools, and are free to play, learn and discover while developing their creativity and construction skills. The request is for £4370 towards a total cost of £10,816. They have secured some match funding. As there will be a higher demand on the general budget in 2020/2021 reducing inequalities will need to be demonstrated. Pictures from the event held at Wallyford were circulated. Members were concerned that the most disadvantage families would find it difficult to access this event out with their community. Members asked whether it was feasible to possibly hold this event in Preston Tower primary school. A concern was raised about the name "Tinkertown" as this may have negative connotations. SK suggested that a revised application be made subject to the feedback provided.</p> <p>Active Schools Prestonpans Cluster Physical Activity Access Fund to provide free places on their programme for children from low income families, care experience and disability. Discussion on the need to support children access sport activities followed. The application had been discussed at the PSG Children &amp; Youth network and the PSG Health &amp; Wellbeing group and was supported although there was a concern that the cost of £6,000 would be a substantial amount from the general budget. SS agreed to speak to colleagues to revise application. CJ asked if the programme could be extended and more activities were offered at Cockenzie primary.</p> <p>DB suggested the 1 in 5 training could be offered through the partnership to raise awareness of poverty and the impact on families.</p> <p><b>Roads Priorities:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rope Walk – continues to be a priority</li> <li>• Drop kerb at John Bellany Centre</li> <li>• Longniddry Dean Road – sections need resurfacing and edging breaking up</li> <li>• Fishers Road – continues to be an issue but this is not an adopted ELC road.</li> <li>• Safer crossing or speed reduction measures to aid children crossing on High Street at Inchview North.</li> <li>• Gosford road – uneven pavements still a concern.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SG/All</b></p> <p><b>SH/TC</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p>
<b>5. Report from Sub Groups</b>		
	<b>Support from the Start</b>	

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	<p>BR reported that the group had a brief meeting last week to look at priorities which include – kindness fund, parenting pathways, holiday club. Concerns were raised about the future of the Family Support Worker.</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b> Meeting last week and concerns in the community were discussed and DB/FC will be arranging a multi-agency meeting soon to look at antisocial behaviour. Preston lodge will be recruiting a Mental Health Youth Worker. Support was given for the Active Schools proposal.</p> <p><b>Communications Sub Group</b> No meeting has taken place following FA accident. RD will send him a message and the partnership will send a get well card. Everyone wished him well.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Sub Group</b> The sub group wished to continue to offer small grants to reduce inequalities as this was seen as a good way to build capacity in the community. However £10,000 is substantial given the pressure on the general budget and there may be a need to reduce the ask. Members asked for evaluations from funded projects. The group agreed to fund the Pots and Pans and tree planting.</p> <p><b>On The Move</b> Beach Toy Box will be in place for the Easter Weekend. Hope to have a photo opportunity. Priorities to be put forward for 2020/2021 are Rope Walk – continues to be a priority. Drop kerb at John Bellany Centre. Longniddry Dean Road – sections need resurfacing and edging breaking up. Safer crossing or speed reduction measures to aid children crossing on High Street at Inchview North. Gosford road – uneven pavements still a concern.</p> <p><b>Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections</b> Will shortly procure a web site. The idea of a Heritage Bus to link to all the communities was discussed and a proposal has been put forward. Prestonpans High street Charrette to be agreed. A further participatory budgeting spending round will take place. Preston Tower was scanned and this will be used on the web site. BH asked the group to look at the sporting heritage in the area.</p> <p><b>Cockenzie Forum</b> No report received.</p> <p><b>East Lothian Community Rail Partnership</b> No report received.</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Police Partnership (CAPP)</b> Anti-social behaviour, speeding and dog fouling continue to be issues.</p>	RD/SG
<b>6. Climate Change</b>		
	RD to discuss logo competition with schools offering a prize.	RD

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<b>7. Young People Representation</b>		
	Discuss at a future meeting.	
<b>8. Application Process/Scrutiny Group</b>		
	See under matters arising.	
<b>9. Annual Public Meeting</b>		
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre main hall. Funded projects to be asked to give short presentations on the difference they have made.	
<b>10. Pop Up Shop/Market Place</b>		
	Discuss at a future meeting.	
<b>11. Town Centre Fund</b>		
	Discuss at a future meeting.	
<b>12. A.O.B.</b>		
	MM will be giving a presentation to the IJB on the Area Plans to demonstrate the impact on Health and Inequalities. This was welcomed by the partnership.	
<b>13. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2020</b>		
	<p><b>Date of Next Annual Public Meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies to be sent to -</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk">psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p>