

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 12th August 2020, 7-8.45pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Cllr Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJ)
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
Philippa Barber, On The Move (PB)
Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections (AC)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Daniel Baigrie, Community Development Officer (DB)
Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)
Lorna Bellany, Pennypit Development Trust (LB)

Apologies:

Sarah Matthews, Citizens Advice Bureau (SM)
Lori Tragheim, Community Development Officer (LT)
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Parent Council (CJ)
Beckie Rankin, Support from the Start (BR)
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)
Elizabeth Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (EC)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	<p>RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies were noted. RD advised the meeting would be recorded and everyone was in agreement with this.</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for their contribution through COVID in the emergency response and the huge impact that had been made. RD introduced EB as the new Connected Communities Manager starting in a very usual time.</p> <p>Tonight's meeting will concentrate on the road to recovery. DJ suggested that maybe meetings could be streamed on facebook live. RD said that would be great to increase awareness but we would need members to agree that they would be happy with this. There was a short discussion about the role of SPOCS and resilience volunteers with differing opinions on experience. It was agreed that it would be helpful for volunteers to receive further information on other volunteering opportunities. DB/LW will coordinate this for Prestonpans. This is already been communicated in Cockenzie & Port Seton. LT will follow up with SPOC in</p>	<p>RD/EB/SG</p> <p>DB/LW LT</p>

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	Longniddry. There was a discussion about Volunteers centre in East Lothian. RD will follow up regarding their contribution to volunteer coordination in the future for resilience response.	RD
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	Due to the nature of the meetings these are to be agreed at the next partnership meeting in October.	
3. Matters Arising		
	RD explained that the meeting would focus on recovery and therefore won't follow the normal format.	
4. Agreed Priorities Update 2019/2020		
	This will be covered under Area Partnership	
5. Recovery		
	<p>Town Centre Recovery There is a new town centre recovery fund of £6,000 for PSG to support small projects and initiatives in towns and villages. This is to assist in the economic recovery in towns and villages and we have a SPOC Jenny Sheerin in Economic development to liaise on this. 01620 827282 or economicaldevelopment@eastlothian.gov.uk</p> <p>Spaces for People Spaces for People is an national initiative to make our town centres more safe walking, cycling and travelling to schools with social distancing. Measures in PSG are not as controversial as other areas. Roads colleagues will be arranging an on line meeting to discuss proposals which all area partnership members will be invited to. DJ suggested that this meeting could also be streamed. EB will follow this up.</p> <p>Prestongrange Museum There has been different use of the sight during COVID with members of the public using the space as a public park for exercising. Work has been underway by amenities colleagues to improve the outside space through widening paths, weeding and sight lines. A first stage application has been submitted to the Scottish Government for development of the whole site and a second stage application is to be submitted in the next few months.</p> <p>FO suggested that updating people on the changes of the Health & Social Care is vital particularly as day centres will not be opening soon and GP and Emergency hospital services will continue in their current format. EB will invite a colleague from HSC to a future meeting. There were concerns about many services requiring digital access and community members being digitally excluded. The Pennypit Trust have funding for digital access and also connected communities' teams. So far no one has responded to the email EB sent regarding referrals for this equipment. The deadline was 13.8.2020. DB to follow up with LC to seek an extension. DJ highlighted that Preston Lodge High School would welcome additional devices as they hadn't had some of the equipment returned that was loaned out. EB to follow up with Preston Lodge High School.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>EB</p>
6. Area Partnership Funding		
	RD said she had discussed with EB a different approach to allocating funding under the current circumstances. EB expanded on the	

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	<p>suggestion that we could give potential applications until the 18th of September 2020 to apply as we would be unable to hold a public meeting. It was suggested the Area Partnership members make final decisions based on the recommendations from the scrutiny group. It was requested for audit purposes that members email the Area Partnership in box to lend their support to this decision. RD recapped on the members of the scrutiny group and EB to write a small paragraph to high light the responsibilities and set up a meeting week following 18th September 2020. The Area Partnership would make decision by email the following week. An email will be sent next week following member’s approval of the process to all area partnership members, wider distribution and all sub groups. FO highlighted the importance of considering the needs of the community across PSG to ensure geographic funding.</p> <p>RD highlighted the Roads Budget priorities also need to be agreed. EB stated that there was suggestions in the last minutes but FO said these need to be reviewed due to current circumstances.</p> <p>FO also highlighted the need to ensure young people’s voices are represented in the Area Partnership and decision making. Discussions took place as to how this could happen. EB/DB have already met with Caroline Davis youth work officer in ELC (unfortunately RD was unable to attend) It was suggested that this is highlighted at the next C&Y network meeting. There was also the option for more immediate consultation through outreach work which DB highlighted takes place on a Tuesday and Friday. LB from Pennypit Trust can also undertake with her groups. Questions for any consultation please forward to DB/LB. On way of involving young people in the area partnership is to set aside a small budget (amount to be decided) of funding which they could vote to distribute. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement. This would provide an incentive for young people to get involved. It was also suggested that youth workers can represent young people’s views or that they themselves may fall into the young people’s category. EB suggested we need to provide a space long term and structure for young people to share their views ex local area forums. SC suggested a young person’s board as part of the area partnership where they discuss issues that matter to them. RD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EB/SG</p>
7. Sub Groups		
	<p>RD Suggested that the C&Y and the H&W associations arrange to set up on line meetings as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was highlighted that there is a lack of members attending the On The Move sub group meetings. RD/EB/PB/JS to arrange a socially distance meeting to take forward. Climate Change is an important part of this subgroups discussion however it was highlighted this is often difficult when there are not enough resources available. Eg bicycle storage at Preston Tower. RD highlighted that Climate Change should have a standing agenda item.</p> <p>PB is now a member of the Scrutiny group LM is now a member of the Communications group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RD</p>

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	<p>Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections</p> <p>AC stated that the group had had one meeting and another arranged for August. The main discussion was around extending the project due to current circumstances and the remaining budget. It was also highlighted about the concerns around the length of time taken to provide an update on the survey of Preston Tower. DJ updated on a meeting held yesterday to discuss the next steps. The report has highlighted £750,000 of work to be undertaken and therefore open access is a big ask. Discussions will continue with ELC responsible for maintaining the site, Historic Scotland who own Preston Tower and community representatives to continue to take this project forward. AC/DJ continue to emphasise how important this site is to Prestonpans and the value local residents place on the tower. Bearing this in mind it is frustrating that residents cannot gain access whilst university students and film crews have been on site. AC/EB met regarding this and EB will follow this up. DJ highlighted how important Heritage is in contributing to Wellbeing, particularly at the current time. It seems although things are moving in the right direction.</p>	EB
8. Sandra Leaving		
	<p>Rd updated those attending that following Sandras move to become Connected Communities Manager for North Berwick that she is now leaving ELC. RD will arrange a card and flowers. RD asked if anyone would like to email a message she can include it in the card.</p>	RD
9. A.O.B.		
	No issues raised	
10. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2020		
	Suggested date Wednesday 7 th October 2020 – 7pm Zoom meeting	<p>Apologies to be sent to -</p> <p>psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</p>