

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 9th June 2021, 7-9 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
 Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)
 Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
 Cllrs Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
 Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
 Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)
 Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (PF)
 Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
 Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)
 Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections (AC)
 Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
 Owen Smith, Prestonpans Management Committee (OS)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
 Vincent Barron, Longniddry Community Centre Management Comm(VB)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
 Tracey Redpath, Volunteer East Lothian (TR)
 Graeme Brown, ELC Project Manager – Parking Management (GB) Andrew Hogarth, ELC Principal Amenity Officer (AH)
 Callum Redpath, ELC Team Manager – Engineering & Operations (CR)

Apologies:

Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)
 Beckie Peacock, Support from the Start (BP)
 Paul Huish, Sport & Activity Project Development Officer (PH)
 Phillipa Barber, Chair On The Move (PB)
 Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
 Lorna Bellany, Pennypit Development Trust (LBE)
 Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
 Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)
 Lorraine Stevenson, Poverty Champion (LS)
 Graeme Hutchison, Gala (GH)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions and apologies were noted. RD thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight particularly our three guests. RD advised the meeting would be recorded and everyone was in agreement with this.	
2. Youth Forum		

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	No one in attendance at tonight's meeting to give feedback.	
3. Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes of meeting on 12.05.2021 were approved by SC and seconded by BH.	
4. Matters Arising – facebook live		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Interview – RD has still to contact DBW to organise a date for this. • Evaluations – RD advised the evaluation for the PSG Christmas Festive period had been circulated to members. SC asked if the budget costs could also be sent. RD will circulate • Preston Road – EB met with the school and road colleagues to consider how we can address the speeding and dangerous parking. It was agreed to reconvene when the new Head Teacher is in post. Points discussed included speed cushions, active travel and themes within the school curriculum for a whole school approach. • Drop kerb John Bellany – EB has discussed the need for a drop kerb with Anne Mercer manager of John Bellany and she does not believe it is required. • Bus Stop – EB has followed up with Keith Scott in Roads a new company is currently being approved through procurement and this should take 8 weeks. A schedule of work can then be drawn up for timescales etc. 	<p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
5. Roads Callum Redpath		
	<p>CR updated members on the Roads budget available to the Area Partnership. There is £50,000 available ever year. Projects must be on the adopted road network and be over the value of £6,000. A number of projects have been investigated including a drop off zone on Preston Road but apart from the bus stop replacement none have been suitable. CR suggested it may be worth using the budget to tag on to schemes already being under taken and he could give a few examples of projects that would qualify:-</p> <p>Road resurfacing jobs (these can be expensive so tight within budget). Drop kerb – if they improve access.</p> <p>Ideally each Area Partnership should have a three year rolling programme to allow flexibility and planning.</p> <p>CR ran through the current projects planned for the PSG area.</p> <p>RD thanked CR for helping us to understand the scope of projects that could be undertaken.</p> <p>BH asked if the two new bus stops would be the same as those replaced in Musselburgh High Street which were damaged quickly and he felt poorly constructed. CR to follow up on this but suggested these may be a temporary unit.</p> <p>FO asked about recurring issues around speeding and traffic calming and what could be undertaken. CR reiterated that Roads can advise on suitable traffic calming measures for the particular setting. FO asked about proposed Spaces for People works on Station Road and Preston Road and suggested whether this could qualify. EB mentioned in the meeting regarding Preston Road that Marshall Greenshields did note that whilst they hadn't been able to undertake the projects under Spaces for People it was still on their schedule of works.</p> <p>SD asked about drop kerbs in Cockenzie where there were a number of issues. CR mentioned that road markings could be added at drop kerb</p>	

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	sites if required. GB suggested SD contact him directly about any specific sites. RD thanked CR for answering member's questions.	
6. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places – Olga Sanchez		
	<p>GB explained that Olga Sanchez Behaviour Change Officer had recently left her post and whilst they are recruiting he has taken on some of her responsibilities. Smart Choice Smarter Places It is funding from Paths for all where £3,000 is available to each Area Partnership if they match fund with £3,000 from their budget. Projects can support sustainable travel, schools, cycle/walking groups, route maps, signage and hopefully leading to a more positive attitude and increased knowledge on Active Travel. The projects can run until March 2022. RD thanked GB and asked for any questions or ideas. A discussion was undertaken linking concerns on Preston Road and whether a project with the schools might be feasible. AC and LW agreed on the issues around the school and LW mentioned the promotion of the previous Walk to School which was very successful. PF mentioned the same issues at Cockenzie and Port Seton which will only become worse when Blindwells is built with extra cars and traffic. RD highlighted that herself and BH could highlight this at the Blindwells meeting on Friday with Council Officers. It was discussed a potential project could include all the schools in the cluster. AC suggested adding an element of completion between schools which schools walks the most and that prizes could be offered. EB asked if we are in agreement could we vote to approve an active travel schools project to be picked up in the new term. This was agreed. EB suggested that the Active Travel subgroup could coordinate this project and will set up a meeting in the new term with Roads, Head Teachers and Parent Council to take forward. RD thanked GB for coming along tonight.</p>	
7. Amenities – Andrew Hogarth		
	<p>AH thanked members for the invite and was keen to touch base and reiterate the role with the Area Partnership. AH explained there is a figure of money for each area partnership which covers labour but not materials. Sometimes AP's have matched funded projects to cover the cost of materials. AH is looking for a list of projects, ideally by September that they can work with us on. Last year with the Community Council's support an area at the promenade was left to allow wild flowers to grow but they can only do these types of projects with the support from the community. RD thanked AH for his overview and asked if anyone had any questions. FO commented that AH team was amazing and thanked him for all their efforts. She asked if they deal with play equipment and funding that was recently allocated. AH replied that this money was ring-fenced for play parks on amenities which are considered destination parks. NG asked about the use of glyphosate. AH commented that they still use roundup and that it is clean label and presents no hazards. NG asked AH if he could send him a short paragraph to forward onto community members when asked this question. RD thanked AH for coming along for his knowledge in this area and the hard work of his team.</p>	
8. On The Move subgroup – change in remit – climate change, membership, name		
	<p>PB was unable to attend due to personal circumstances. EB highlighted there had been discussion at the last two On the Move meetings about incorporating Climate Change into the remit of the sub group. There is also an issue around membership and low attendance which we have been trying to address. BH asked if there was representation from</p>	

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	<p>Cockenzie Port Seton Community Council and EB confirmed that LC had emailed to add Shona Brash. RD agreed the Area Partnership requires somewhere for Climate Change to be actively discussed. AC commented with recent discussions around Active Travel to school this also fits with the Climate Change agenda. EB highlighted that the change remit may require a re-name of the group. FO asked if we could borrow from Dunbar and re name the group Sustainable PSG.</p>	
9. A.O.C.B		
	<p>RD asked everyone to be mindful of the 2nd round of funding opening mid-August and close after the September weekend. EB advised the scrutiny group will meet at the end of September to look over the applications and bring them to the October Area partnership meeting.</p> <p>OS advised that a welcome home parade for Josh Taylor is being planned for Sunday 27th June 2021. Awaiting final confirmation from East Lothian Council. RD informed members that a well done note was sent to Josh Taylor on behalf of the PSG. An amazing achievement from a local guy who remains true to his grass roots.</p> <p>LW suggested that the trees for the Jubilee could be dealt with altogether as a partnership. Everyone was in agreement with this. EB/LW will follow this up.</p> <p>SC advised she has been informed that some of the residents from Longniddry are not happy with the new housing development being called Longniddry Village. BH asked if there had been a consultation regarding naming of the development? NG thought this was historic as the new development is on the original site for Longniddry Village. EB will feed back these concerns to the chair of Community Council.</p> <p>RD advised at next meeting 8/9/21 we will have Mark along from the new Community Library and a representative from the Battlefield Trust.</p> <p>There was a quick discussion re future meetings being on line or face to face. Everyone agreed to continue safely on line till end of the year. There may be a few people that being on line exclude but AC suggested If people are maybe struggling technology wise they could perhaps join another household so they can attend the meeting.</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for coming along. We have achieved a remarkable amount of work as a partnership in very challenging times.</p> <p>TR mention the some of the local winners of the volunteer awards including Imogen Woods Young Volunteer of the Year award and Colin McIlvenny Volunteer of the year award. There will be some sound bites available on line soon. RD asked everyone to please listen. TR expressed a well done to Pennypit Trust for being nominated for their excellent work.</p>	<p>EB/LW</p> <p>EB</p>
10. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2020		
	<p>The agreed dates for 2021 meetings are as follows. They will remain zoom meetings at the moment.</p> <p>Wednesday 8th September 2021 Wednesday 13th October 2021 Wednesday 24th November 2021</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u></p>

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