

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 8th September 2021, 7-9 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)
Cllrs Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (PF)
Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)
Andrew Crummy, Heritage Connections (AC)
Owen Smith, Prestonpans Management Committee (OS)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (CJ)
Allan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
Phillipa Barber, Chair On The Move (PB)
Lisa Kerr, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (LK)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager Connected Communities (CM)
Tracey Redpath, Volunteer East Lothian (TR)
Lyn Marshall, Depute Lord Lieutenant (LM)
Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
Lori Tragheim, Community Development Officer (LT)
Anna Scott, Pennypit Development Trust (ASc)
Arran Johnstone, Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust (AJ)
Mark Jamieson, Community School Librarian PSG (MJ)

Apologies:

Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
Cllr Willie Innes, East Lothian Council (WI)
Leanne Ward, Prestonpans Community Council (LW)
Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
Paul Huish, Sport & Activity Project Development Officer (PH)
Brian Weddell, Prestonpans Community Council (BW)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)

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1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions and apologies were noted. RD thanked everyone for attending the meeting	

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	tonight particularly our two guests. RD advised the meeting would be recorded and everyone was in agreement with this.	
2. Youth Forum		
	No one in attendance at tonight's meeting to give feedback. RD advised the group will be meeting after the September weekend.	
3. Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes of meeting on 09.06.2021 were approved by SD and seconded by SC.	
4. Matters Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Interview – RD has still to contact DBW to organise a date for this. • Preston Road – RD will check with EB for an update • Bus Stop – RD will check with EB for an update • Smarter Choices – Smarter Places – Active Travel new term meet Head teacher/Parent Councils still ongoing – AC advised Preston Primary Parent Council having their 1st meeting next week. 	<p>RD</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
5. Arran Johnston Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust		
	AJ gave a presentation on Prestonpans Town Hall. A great discussion and question and answer session was had. RD thanked AJ for his coming along tonight.	
6. Mark Jamieson – Community School Librarian PSG		
	<p>MJ gave an update regarding all the exciting things that are going on. Focusing on literacy attachment in Prestonpans first then moving this on to Port Seton and Longniddry. There are two book bug sessions per week following covid guidelines. The biggest change is having the primary classes in the library which is great. We are having between 8-10 class visits per week and it is really nice to see young people back in the library. We are supporting enhanced visits for P4 and P7 continuing the work they are doing in classes. Lots of fun activities and craft sessions and we are developing a lego club for young people with autistic disorders. We are also hoping that every child will have access to a library card. We also have a weaning class once a month. Sure start run a baby yoga class which is very well received every Monday. A good discussion and RD mentioned MJ came along to the Pennypit Lunch clubs over the summers and they appreciated the amazing work MJ did. CM also highlighted she had heard great things about MJ and that the young people loved having stories read to them. MJ highlighted that the COVID pandemic has had a huge impact of the young people and they have missed such a lot and they need to catch up. FO mentioned playlist for life that the H&W group had discussed and wondered if the library could be a help point for this. MJ advised music does stimulate the brain and help with memories. Prestonpans library will have all the information points as they helped set this up. FO mentioned the person who delivers this lives in Port Seton. SC mentioned she met Peter today and he has some on line sessions for people wanting to find out more information. Dates are in October and leaflets will be available. This project sounds great and could possibly carry on into day centres etc. TR from VCEL mentioned Peter is looking at day centres and lunch clubs. CJ is delighted to hear this worthwhile project is being integrated into the community. LM advised she works with a stroke group and could see that this would be very beneficial and would like to be involved. TR advised Peter is very happy to work with as many groups as possible. LT advised she has been in touch with Peter and he sends links for resources etc. Some developments are already happening as a</p>	

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	result of the Health & wellbeing sub group meeting. RD said it was lovely to hear all the community benefits and thanked MJ for coming along tonight.	
7. Area partnership Priorities		
	<p>RD highlighted the Draft East Lothian Poverty Plan consultation and Draft East Lothian Equality Plan. The Pennypit have condensed questions and answers onto a google document and have shared on their facebook page, lunch clubs on social media. It is really important to get as many views as possible. RD encourages everyone to feedback. RD can resend the links and the condensed questions and the google document to members</p> <p>https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/draft-poverty-plan-survey-2021/</p> <p>https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/policy-partnerships/draft-equality-plan-survey-2021/</p> <p>RD advised the 2nd phase of funding is still open but will close on 20th September 2021. If anyone needs an application please just get in touch and let us know.</p>	RD
8. Subgroup Reports		
	<p>Youth Forum – the group will be meeting up after the September weekend and will feed back at future meetings.</p> <p>On The Move – PB advised the group met recently looking at key priorities for this group who have been asked to incorporate Climate Change which covers a broad range of priorities. Looking at travelling to school, pick up, drop off points, pollution etc broad discussion and looking at the wider Blindwells re car use. General discussion lots of challenges but trying to concentrate on the small things we could do locally. The next OTM meeting is 9th November at 7pm and PB would love to have more organisations/representation along. As many people as possible are needed so we can set some priorities. PB fed back that people didn't feel informed regarding Blindwells. CM asked if there is anything the partnership could do to help. Maybe adult bikeability courses and more for children. PB hoping that every child 4 years does bikeability and would welcome adult bikeability classes. PH thinks Ann Beadle from Prestonpans GP may have small pockets of money??? CM welcomed the feedback re Blindwells and will take this back her colleagues in Roads. It's a very complex issue but need to keep the community informed and communication is key. Strategic needs in place to ensure everyone is updated/involved. CM asked if anyone from Blindwells had come along to PSG meeting. RD replied no but RD & BH went along to a meeting and they were keen for the PSG AP to get on board. RD will speak to EB sent out email and links to someone to answer questions RD mentioned Preston Tower Primary School(PTPS) are allowing bikes back after 24th September 2021 which is great. PTPS P7 are not doing a school camp but being offer bikeability training so they can travel to activities. Tim Wallace was asking regarding P7 roles and maybe like a Sustrans/Environment ambassador who would feed into the OTM but also link in to youth forum. This would need to be during school time so not sure if this would work but PB welcomed this idea and will start conversations. FO Spaces for People consulted important part active</p>	CM

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	<p>travel safe. Take on board. Need to respond. Community Liaison group. Establish more. Bring along to our meetings. Underpass not a good option. SC mentioned the 3 electric bikes for hire. There doesn't appear to have been any publicity or training put in place. How were people to know about these? PB responded Roads Team and one of the biggest projects has been electric bikes but communication is not good as the community didn't know it was going to happen or where they would be placed. Training should have been offered. RD a good point made by OTM the bikes just did appear and communication is key and training. PF mentioned an email saying the bikes were getting moved somewhere else. FO thought the same. PB communication not great. SD mentioned vandalism of bikes but not as bad as Musselburgh.</p> <p>RD mentioned COP26 this year and community discussion needed on how we can play a role in climate change and sustainability.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing – LK advised the group met for the 1st time last week over zoom and this was very well attended by different organisations. Looking at COVID recovery and what was happening in the day centres to support older people. There is an older peoples working group who keep meeting and are looking for more volunteers within the community. FO asked everyone to have a wee think about ideas to attract more volunteers. Peter from the Playlist for live project attended the meeting which was great. FO mentioned the wild garden at GP which is vibrant and exciting. They have new people attending and connections are being made which is great. We have great opportunities around us which is brilliant.</p> <p>Heritage Group – AC has been working on the tapestry Scottish Galashiels opening for a few weeks but at the last meeting all projects that had been funded were up and running. Discovery Wagon Way – 3 levels which was an amazing find. Salt Pans. We run until March 2022. Need to make sure we spend all the money. Training project. Consultation. Legacy web site and encourage the very active groups to take over and continue the great work. RD great work for PSG regarding restoration. Exciting weekend. Heritage huge in PSG/EL an amazing amount of work happening. AC confirmed it's down to a great team of volunteers doing really great work.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network – No one present from the meeting but the Summer feedback is being collated and will be available soon. Scottish Government Money to provide free opportunities for various activities during the summer holidays. PSG Picnic in the park over the September weekend which will target families from Prestonpans and Port Seton. RD will send flyers to SG to email out. Very positive feedback has been received regarding the work achieved over the summer. Lunch Clubs Port Seton great positive feedback. Prestonpans Lunch Club ran for 6 weeks 135 registered and 80 attended daily. Amazing amount of partners all working together providing a wide range of opportunities for children. The Winter Clothing application to the school education trust last September has finally been approved. Referrals and applications will open in October. LM wanted to mention that the summer activities offered at Port Seton were run by a fantastic team who did amazing. It was a bit slow up take for the first few weeks from children who had been identified but didn't take up the places. Ended up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RD</p>

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	<p>huge turnout which was great to see, Maybe need to engage earlier with families but well done to the team at the centre. Uniform bank run by volunteers last 4 weeks before school holidays was great and now has been taken over by the PTA clothing bank combining the two to one. This has been a big success and lot of clothing has gone out. People helping each other. Really good effort. RD mentioned it is great to recycle. CM mentioned the Summer of Play was announced at very short notice and what was achieved was amazing and everyone worked so hard. Some children may not have had a holiday this year at all. Perhaps the low numbers to start with were due to COVID and isolating at the beginning of the school holidays. FO really pleased to hear about recycling clothing/textiles. RD advised trying to destigmatize and not due to poverty but due to climate – re use re cycle. A swap shop was discussed and looking at new ways to order school uniform. We should all just recycle school uniforms and also sports club could do the same with uniforms/equipment. Don't put anything in the bin. Recycle. CJ mentioned that the P7 sweatshirts change every year which is hard for recycling. They now are going to keep the one colour to help with waste/recycling. LM mentioned pupils getting their names on the uniforms which makes it hard for recycling. RD mentioned we are working towards this and will all try together to reduce waste and recycle. Pennypit have “give away Fridays” which they have done three times now and have been very successful.</p>	
9. A.O.C.B		
	<p>AC mentioned that it had been discussed at a previous meeting about the possibility of a school competition for walking to school and see which school walks the furthest. Could this maybe be organised? PB would support this but not sure who would take the lead and run this kind of things. FO thought there may be funding from Chris Milne behaviour Change Officer. Discussion took place as to who could maybe lead on this. Would need funding. PB mentioned Cycling UK may have small pots of money but would need someone to facilitate this and run with it. FO mentioned beat the streets PB said there were issues with the cost of this programme, but we do have a model on how this could be done. AC will bring this up with the Head Teacher to see if he would agree in principal first before this could move forward. It was identified to use the Smarter Choices Smart Places funding to tackle Active Travel. EB and Chis Milne the new Behaviour Change Officer will be arranging a meeting regarding Preston Tower with the new head.</p> <p>CM wanted to remind everyone that the Community Council Elections close on the 16th September 2021 and anyone interested should apply.</p> <p>Queens Canopy - CM advised Jennifer Lothian is keen to involve Area partnerships, Community Councils, schools etc. to look at locations where we could plant trees. LM will be involved in this and has a meeting next week and will feed back to the partnership at the next meeting. Some groups are already looking at planting trees which is brilliant.</p> <p>Climate Change – RD mentioned we have had a discussion this evening regarding Climate Change and COP 26 but there will be lots of communication going out so keep in mind with your organisations/ members on how we can make a difference and invest in our future.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">RD</p>

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	<p>RD mentioned the funding opportunities from Youth Link closing 24th September and will send round the link.</p> <p>CM mentioned the Crown Estate Scotland Community funding and we will send the link round. Crown Estate Scotland Community Capacity Grants Programme Foundation Scotland</p> <p>PF asked for more information regarding the Picnic in the Park that RD mentioned earlier. RD explained this was planned for the summer but the due to bad weather has been rearranged for Prestonpans this Friday and Port Seton next Monday. This is for targeted families to come along and a picnic will be supplied along with organised activities for everyone. RD will send round leaflets and information to members and will contact schools and centres.</p> <p>Pennypit Update – what’s on idea to let people know what’s happening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the bunch now face to face on Thursdays for over 60. It is a blether and a hot meal and even a game of bingo. • Debbie still delivers hot meals to some of the elderly. • Befriending Service to support over 60s with phone calls or door step chats. Referrals are made through community link worker. • Walking Football is back up and running and provides a soup and sandwich afterwards. • Pantry open Tuesday-Thursday working in partnership with the Lighthouse. • Voucher for Period Poverty – volunteer opportunity. • C Card will be back up and running soon. • School engagement is back with POPS, PE, PLAC, Breakfast Clubs • Early years face to face weaning which is well attended. • Buggy Walks had 3 parents attend and are now organising these themselves which is great. Port Seton is also successful. • Family Worker Natalie Moir is changing her role. Part of her time will continue as Family Support Worker and her part of her time will focus on nutrition work. Michelle a current employee of the Pennypit Trust will job share the Family Worker Role with Natalie. RD/EB have met with Natalie and Michelle to discuss this change along with Morven Ross who is now providing support for support from the start. • One line cooking classes are well attended <p>RD is very proud of the work the Pennypit trust have achieved.</p> <p>LM asked how we can engage the teenagers causing trouble in the PSG area? Maybe having a youth worker on the committee would help. Looking for ideas to help with this age group. RD suggested EB could look into this and advised there have been interviews for youth worker posts. CM mentioned there is additional funding available for targeted youth work and this will be developing with EB and team. RD asked for this will go on agenda for update at next meeting.</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for coming along. We have achieved a remarkable amount of work as a partnership in very challenging times. We will</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>

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	continue to meet online at the moment and hopefully next year looking at possibility of hybrid model.	
10. Agree dates for Area Partnership Meetings 2021		
	<p>The agreed dates for 2021 meetings are as follows. They will remain zoom meetings at the moment.</p> <p>Wednesday 24th November 2021</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothi</u> <u>an.gov.uk</u></p>