

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 27th October 2021, 7-9 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Cllrs Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (PF)
Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)

Apologies:

Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)

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1. Area Partnership Priorities		
	<p>EB thanked everyone for coming along tonight and explained tonight's meeting would be discussing funding applications only and all other business would be carried over to our November meeting.</p> <p>The following applications were discussed which included the recommendations from the scrutiny group from the general budget:-</p> <p>Harlaw Hill - £2,357</p> <p>Fantastic application and much needed service. Digital skills and support is vital. It was felt although they said the person who immediately required the hoist had moved to end of life care.</p> <p>Recommendation - Award £2,357 but intimate that the hoist they have indicated is useful for wider service users in the future and could be included in award. If they do not want just now, encourage to submit an application in the future.</p> <p>ELC was asked if they would provide a hoist but they only do that for people living in their homes.</p>	

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	<p>No further questions on this application and 5 members present voted to support this application.</p> <p>Patchwork Health £1,395</p> <p>Great application, low cost for high delivery and there has been a shutdown of Early Years support in the area so needed. Aware many parents are socially isolated and it is a period in family life that could be stressful. Voluntary services are often better engaged than statutory too</p> <p>Recommendation - Award £1,395 Very supportive of their work and wonder if there was an opportunity to expand across PSG area.</p> <p>No further questions on this application and 5 members present voted to support this application.</p> <p>Library Service £1,300</p> <p>This application is meeting a need and a gap in provision and contributes greatly to tackling isolation and inequalities. There is a real wide benefit for sign language in early childhood development, not just for those with hearing impairments</p> <p>Recommendation - Award £1,300 fantastic development of library service</p> <p>No further questions on this application and 5 members present voted to support this application.</p> <p>Pennypit Trust POPS £3,000</p> <p>While it was felt the project can have a massive impact, it was identified that these projects should be funded out of Education, PEF or Community Foundation. We had updated guidance to identify the education should cover activities in school time. The project did not seem sustainable after continuous funding requests from AP</p> <p>Recommendation - NO AWARD – Pops has been funded for a great number of years by the AP and it is not meant for continuous funding. The application was also completed on an OLD form and was a cut and paste from a previous application</p>	

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	<p>No further questions on this application and 4 members present voted not to support this application. 1 member declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Pennypit Befriending £10,000</p> <p>It was felt that 1 to 1 work at people houses was provided as a time limited service to assist people who were shielding. The fact the Pennypit Trust were seeking to extend across PSG was of concern when there are other organisations in the area who could deliver with volunteers. It was felt that those that were being worked with could be signposted or integrated into other 1 to 1 support and instead group work could be. The request was for a salary and not something the AP has stated they will fund. The budget was very limited in description.</p> <p>Recommendation - NO AWARD – suggestion of potential to reframe an application in group work and concentrate in Prestonpans. A meeting has been arranged to look at social isolation with representation from Prestonpans, Cockenzie, Port Seton and Longniddry.</p> <p>No further questions on this application and 4 members present voted not to support this application. 1 member declared a conflict of interest</p> <p>Heavy Sounds £21,176</p> <p>The service appeared to be very expensive with 24 places available for PSG. It was discussed that whilst the bus was a brilliant provision for the area the need was not for during the day or in school premises but out in the community. Education/schools should be approached to fund school hour’s services. Heavy sounds currently have an application with funding that they wish to return as they are unable to provide the service. The application stretched from Jan 22-Dec 22 when the funding for this pot was until March 22. There was also funding given from One Partnership which needed discussion with cross over with this application.</p> <p>Recommendation - NO AWARD – Emma and Caitlin to meet with Heavy Sounds about their current work and future provision. NG asked why the previous funding was returned £5,230. EB explained Heavy Sound wished to support education alternative provision during school time and are not able to carry out</p>	

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	<p>evening work. NG wondered if maybe there were staffing problems. EB confirmed a meeting has been arranged and will discuss future options.</p> <p>No further questions on this application and 5 members present voted not to support this application.</p> <p>EB confirmed as we are not quorate tonight we will send out an urgent email to all members asking them to vote by email.</p> <p>Pennypit October Lunch Club £2,690 from Devolved Education Budget</p> <p>EB highlighted we had received a further funding application after the scrutiny group had met, which had previously been sent to all members, for the Lunch Club October holiday provision from the Pennypit for £2,690. This money is from the Devolved Education Budget and not from the general budget. This was also to provide transport costs and sessions staffing costs.</p> <p>PF asked where they were transporting people from. EB explained some children may not be able to attend the lunch club without additional support of a taxi picking them up and bringing them home. Transport costs are not a huge amount in the application but would help everyone to be able to attend.</p> <p>SD voted to support this application – all members will be asked for email votes.</p> <p>FO asked how much money was left in the general budget before we considered these funding application and the amount was £23,600.</p> <p>The scrutiny group suggested opening up another round of funding in November with applicants requiring to have a conversation with EB prior to any applications being submitted.</p> <p>EB thanked everyone for coming along tonight and looked forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on 24th November 2021.</p>	
2. 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 -</p> <p><u>psg-</u></p>

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