

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 24th November 2021, 7-9 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
 Cllrs Fiona O'Donnell, East Lothian Council (FO)
 Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
 Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)
 Bryan Hickman, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (BH)
 Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
 Andrew Stevenson, Prestonpans Community Council (AS)
 Janis Wilson, Secretary Prestonpans Community Council (JW)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
 Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)
 Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)
 Natalie Moir, SftS Family Worker & Fundamental Foods (NM)
 Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
 Lisa Kerr, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (LK)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
 Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)
 Jordan Irvine, Community Development Officer Cockenzie & Port Seton (JI)

Apologies:

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
 Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
 Claire Jamieson, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (CJ)
 Lorraine Stevenson, Poverty Champion (LS)
 Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
 Nicola Millar, Prestonpans Management Committee (NM)
 Owen Smith, Prestonpans Management Committee (OS)
 Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)
 Angie Davie, Pennypit Community Development Trust (AD)
 Ang McInnes, Pennypit Centre Management Committee (AM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting tonight. Introductions and apologies were noted.	
2. Guest Speaker – Ciara Webb, Team leader, Justice Social Work Service ELC		
	RD advised that CW unable to attend tonight but look forward to seeing her at a future meeting.	
3. Minutes of previous meeting x 2		
	8.9.21 – AC proposed & FD seconded 27.10.21 funding applications – HY proposed & FO seconded	
4. Matters Arising		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD still to organise radio interview – but did do an interview Radio Saltire re Festive Provision • Preston Road – now completed. AC advised not heard anything regarding through the school. AS said lollypop man asking double yellow lines – he wants clarification on that. EB confirmed a meeting had taken place now and another meeting has been arranged to discuss Active Travel to School utilising the Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding. • Bus Stop – EB update – 2 bus stops identified pharmacy been repaired other one not done yet re possibility electric bike stand EB will follow up re replacement of bus stop • Poverty Plan – has been sent out members and service users – been accepted and approved by council • Blindwells – There is another community leaders briefing organised for 18.1.22 • Picnic in the park – posters sent out and an evaluation to follow shortly. The picnics brought families together utilised outdoor spaces • Funding opportunities youth link – link was sent out • Youth Worker posts – recruited 8 new youth workers PSG area – 3rd round of adverts happening 	RD
5. Membership Request VCEL		
	VCEL would like to become members of the Preston Seton & Gosford Area Partnership. RD asked members to vote and enough members present voted in favour. EB will inform TR who isn't here tonight.	EB
6. Area Partnership Priorities		
	<p>RD discussed a re-focus on priorities of the PSG Area Plan in 2022. An action plan has been circulated to align priorities with sub groups with the request that the Area Plan priorities are discussed at meetings. This would then allow Chairs to feedback on progress at Area Partnership meetings. RD highlighted the link with the Area Plan to the new Poverty Plan and COVID 19 Recovery and Renewal plan which have been circulated to members. Key priorities are address inequalities and issues around poverty. RD asked members for any questions or feedback. BW commented at how important it is for sub groups to report back to the Area Partnership to tie it all together even if they can't attend. RD/EB can help the subgroups work on this. EB has met with a few chairs of sub groups and are happy to support them with this. RD suggested we review in 6 months to see what we have achieve and what can be worked on. FO commented that there are some new members who may want to join a sub group. There are Children & Youth, Health & Wellbeing, Sustainable PSG, and Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections. EB still looking for a chair to the C&YN. RD mentioned we were still in need of a vice chair for the PSG Area Partnership. There was the suggestion of all members of the Area Partnership being required to also attend a sub group but feedback indicated for time pressures and also specialist knowledge or interests it was better not to make this a requirement.</p>	

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	<p>RD highlighted that we still required some members to vote on the PSG lunch club application for October. A number of members voted which added to those previously received by email means we have reached quorate to agree funding. An update on funding was given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund Applications – we currently still have £18,348 still to allocate. RD/EB met to discuss this and due to current climate and needs of our community suggested:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £10,000 being allocated to the Health & Wellbeing sub group to tackle issues such as mental health and financial insecurities. - £2,000 being allocated between the two Kindness funds - £2,000 being allocated between the four pantries in PSG <p>RD asked for feedback. FO this is a great idea fuel poverty is a real concern. LK advised it would be good to have an idea on what the funding could be used for within the Health & Wellbeing allocation. EB/RD to meet with LK. There was a suggestion of funding training for community groups in mental health, dementia etc. NB mentioned fuel poverty is a big thing amongst families and more people are attending the pantry. The kindness fund is also accessed by a lot of people who are also signposted to the Welfare fund. This leaves some other funds to look at new applications that could come in. Return £5,340 return funds from Heavy Sounds so that is available also. EB mentioned that a meeting with Heavy Sound had taken place to look at bringing the bus to Port Seton Centre which previously worked very well. RD asked if there were any objections to awarding this money or any feedback and no further comments were made.</p> <p>FO mentioned a poor uptake in pension credits and warm homes discount. It was suggested to promote this through older person activities in the area which admin worker Chloe Houston is currently collating. JI will highlight at Port Seton groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital additional allocation – We have been awarded £4,500 from Scottish Government funding to improving digital inclusion across PSG area. As part of the Area Plan a digital audit is due to take place. EB suggested AM who runs the computer club at the Pennypit Centre and has been attending all of the digital meetings becomes the digital champion for the PSG area. The two proposals received are for Pennypit Centre Management Committee to upgrade computers and Port Seton management Committee to buy additional digital equipment which can be accessed in the café whenever the centre is open. Individuals can give support through People Know How and Connecting Scotland so resourcing community spaces would seem a good proposal. BH asked John Bellany centre have made an application. EB not aware but could have been made through 	

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	<p>other funding. BH to follow up and report back at the next meeting. RD asked if anyone else was aware of needs to please get in touch. There was discussion about individual community members' digital requirements. RD highlighted there are still devices at the Pennypit or you can apply through the previous mentioned schemes. EB suggested these proposals back to the January meeting for a decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Work – EB highlighted Connected Communities had received an extra allocation for funding for youth work from Scottish Government. Recently 8 new youth workers have been appointed. EB is progressing a proposal for a contracted youth worker from this funding. • Christmas and New Year – RD a lot of collaboration with Connected Communities and local community members and organisations for Festive Provision. If anyone is interested there is a meeting on 30.11.21 or if they want some information just let us know. Referral forms have been sent out to all schools across all PSG and winter clothing is now being allocated.. If anyone would like to volunteer just get in touch with RD/EB. 	
7. Sub Group Reports		
	<p>Children & Youth Network EB advised the group have had its first joint meeting merging Support from the start and Children & Youth. NM provided an update on the change to her role which is now shared with Michelle and frees up NM to be involved in other nutrition work. We looked at the Action plan for SftS which is currently being reviewed. Other discussions involved a review of holiday activities in October and looking at Christmas provision. Next meeting 7.12.21</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing network LK met last week and the latest discussions involved the role of MacMillan and improving the cancer journey link workers. The meetings are well attended and everyone happy to continue meetings online which is working well.</p> <p>Sustainable PSG group As PB was unable to attend EB provided a short update highlighting or previous discussion on Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding being taken forward with a pilot at Preston Tower then rolled out across other schools. Chris Milne & Ryan Robertson are involved in installing additional charging stations for Ebikes and cars. There will be new car charging points at: Pennypit Centre 2 points. North Grange Avenue (next to Pennypit Community Development Trust) 2 points and Prestonpans Community Centres 2 additional points. The scope of sustainable PSG sub group will now include Climate Change. RD mentioned interest from Tim Wallace the new Head teacher at Preston Tower in pupils being involved with the work of this group. AC to check with Tim.</p> <p>Heritage group</p>	AC

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	<p>As Jill and Andrew Crummy are not in attendance is was asked if BH could provide an update. BH fed back that there would another meeting early December. The main focus has been on the new web site set up and BH urged people to look at that and give feedback to Jill or Andrew. The project funding from the Lottery will finish in March next year and discussion will begin to focus on supporting this work going forward. EB mentioned at Preston Tower we are continuing progress with interpretation boards and new garden paths. Restoration on walls has taken place. All moving forward quite well. The building works at Prestongrange Museum will start to engage community members with the development of the bath houses. Prestonpans War Memorial work has commenced.</p>	
8. Climate Change (now under Sustainable PSG sub group)		
	<p>Now incorporated into Sustainable PSG sub group so can be removed from the agenda in future.</p>	
9. A.O.C.B.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £600 given to Prestonpans Community Council interpretation boards but they want to change to lightening and see if members agree to this change. RD What type of lighting? Janis not sure just new in post. FO confirmed improved lighting War Memorial. There was a vote and approval for this. • Welcome the new members of Prestonpans Community Council Janis and Steven. Rodger not present this evening. Appreciate your attendance, Cockenzie & Port Seton community repress Bryan and Sandy still the same two reps. Helen from Longniddry still the same rep. • Email from Remembering together. Fund released 2 phases. 1st Phase £20,000. RD/EB will circulate. Memories/Memorials re COVID. Looking for ideas? Localised or one for East Lothian. RD like the murals that Prestonpans. Cockenzie have already the wave garden. If divided between 6 areas. 2nd phase £100,000. Need to reply quickly re east Lothian memorial or individual areas. A few thinking local be better. Something that represents all workers. EB confirmed an artist to do this. A murals is an idea. Bryan agree locally but If one artist been employed then locally would be problematic. RD will feed back this info. If anyone have other ideas just let us know. EB confirmed a working group will be set up. If anyone would like to be involved with the discussion then please let RD or EB know to have our voice heard. SC mentioned the stones that were done last year. Enhancing them would be an idea. • Andrew – asking which grit bids need replaced or fixed as the weather will be getting really bad. EB mentioned contacting SPOC then Sandy Baptie if you have the audit list and send directly and he will follow up. • Bryan – Inch cape apply for an extension of planning permission which was expected • Bryan – Council applied to erect a wind turbine on the site for a period of 18 months. Details on planning portal. • RD thanked everyone for your attendance. Next meeting in January 2022. Anyone interested in volunteering around Christmas. A warm goodbye. Keep looking after yourselves. Turbulent year. Merry Christmas 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB will take back comments regarding the artist and feedback look at stipulations • Poster competition logo PSG sustainability can AC take back to schools to ask. Keen to use representation of young people • RD have asked for food ambassador – young people – come along to part of a meeting 	<p style="text-align: center;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AC</p>
10. Discuss Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2022		
	<p>19th January 2022 9th March 2022 11th May 2022 8th June 2022 7th September 2022 – now changed to 14th September 2022 12th October 2022 23rd November 2022</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>