

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 9th March 2022, 7-9 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
 Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
 Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)
 Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
 Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
 Lisa Kerr, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (LK)
 Philippa Barber, Chair Sustainable PSG (PB)
 Owen Smith, Prestonpans Management Committee (OS)
 Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)
 Claire Jamieson, Preston Lodge/Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (CJ)
 Michelle McKinney, Support from the Start, (MM)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
 Karen Wilks, Chief Officer Musselburgh CAB (KW)

Apologies:

Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
 Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)

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1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions and apologies were noted.
2. Minutes of previous meeting	
	19.1.22 – TR proposed and PF seconded
3. Matters Arising	
	All matters will come up during the agenda.
4. Area Partnership Priorities	
	Volunteering – RD would like to encourage volunteering and look at connections with VCEL to help promote volunteering in PSG. TR highlighted she is happy to deliver sessions in the PSG area and will meet with RD/EB to look into how we promote volunteering and partnership working. Good discussion took place. EB mentioned building community capacity and asked if anyone had any feedback on any further training that could assist. Go away and think about it and let us know any further ideas specific to the PSG area. RD updated members regarding the Digital additional allocation. PSG have been awarded £4,500 from Scottish Government funding to

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	<p>improve digital inclusion across PSG area. The two centres below were awarded funding and have purchased equipment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pennypit Centre Management Committee to upgrade computers. 2. Port Seton management Committee to buy additional digital equipment which can be accessed in the café whenever the centre is open. <p>Angie McInnes the digital champion is looking at identifying gaps in support. EB will share Angie’s short video.</p> <p>TR mentioned that VCEL are running a Digital Cyber Resilience course next Wednesday if anyone is interested. TR will send the link and can be shared.</p> <p>EB advised members of the Roads Improvement ongoing issues regarding working towards a longer term plan. RD/EB advised the AGM in May would be great if it could be face to face and be able to get peoples feedback on priorities and applications by voting. RD explained how the Roads budget is allocated by the community having their say in roads projects between £6,000 and £50,000. Looking at prioritising projects then voting. Lots of great projects have been done in the past.</p> <p>RD advised that the sub group’s priorities will be covered as we move through the agenda.</p> <p>RD highlighted the concerns for many people regarding the cost of living day to day and the further financial hardship many are experiencing. A great discussion took place covering the utilities increasing. KW gave some examples of the increase in costs for many people just now and the further rise likely in October this year. KW will compile a list of all agencies that can offer support and will share with everyone as soon as possible. EB felt this information would be helpful to share with the people who are accessing pantries etc. EB highlighted there are local hardship funds which can also be accessed and we can promote those also. RD mentioned that unfortunately the amount of money allocated might not go far with the new increases in utilities etc. RD mentioned the Cooking without cooking booklet that may be helpful and will also send this round. Michelle mentioned it would be good to be aware of what help is out there and what grants are available. KW mentioned that C.A.B. are working on appointments only and are already fully booked till the end of May. If it is an emergency then someone will be able to get help. KW will send out links to Advice Direct Scotland if there are any emergency issues regarding energy. EB advised all these links can be brought together on the whats on flyer to raise awareness. EB/KW will get together to look at this.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>TR</p> <p>KW</p> <p>KW</p> <p>EB/KW</p>

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	<p>A decision was previously taken to devolve £10,000 to the Health & Wellbeing sub group to tackle issues such as mental health and financial insecurities. 3 funding applications were received:-</p> <p>Bereavement Support - £1,700</p> <p>Members voted and this project was successful</p> <p>Changes - £6,100 for mental health courses</p> <p>Members voted and this project was successful</p> <p>Pennypit Trust - £2,200</p> <p>Members voted and this project was successful</p> <p>Other Funding</p> <p>Pennypit Lunch Club £1,919</p> <p>Members voted and this project was successful</p> <p>Hardship Funds – Award forms to Pennypit Trust – Angie/Natalie - £1,374; Port Seton Centre transfer (they will withdraw as cash) – Jordan/Dawn £900, Longniddry Community Centre (they will withdraw as cash) £474 Lori/Mike</p> <p>Members agreed the above</p> <p>RD mentioned the importance of evaluations to collect data on the impact these amazing projects have on the community. RD suggested any videos/pictures etc received along with the evaluation form would be really helpful. RD would be happy to put videos/pictures together to show at the AGM in May. All members agreed this would be a great idea.</p> <p>RD confirmed that historically at the APM we show all the projects that have been put forward and all the priorities are shown at the meeting. People then vote on the projects at the meeting. We may need to look at how this can be done. EB confirmed the funding opens on 1st April 2022 and maybe need to look at closing it on 22nd April so the scrutiny group have time to look at the applications before the APM. Lots of work to be done. Groups would have 3 weeks to apply and produce a poster. This would give a fair representation for everyone. All members agreed this would be a good plan.</p>	
5. Sub Group Reports		
	<p>Sustainable PSG group</p> <p>PB explained the group have been working through the priorities table. Looking to bring as many ideas forward for activities to the next meeting and how we can promote these. Continuing to strengthen links with the roads team. PB advised the sub group could do with more representation from community groups. PB asked if anyone has an</p>	

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	<p>interest in this to please come along and they would be made really welcome. RD will follow up on young people's representation from Preston Tower and feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing network LK advised the group met last week and the main focus was on funding allocations. They have had speakers attending some sub group meetings which has been really interesting and will continue to do this. LK confirmed that the table of priorities will be sent round members and discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network EB advised the group they looked at one of the areas of priority. Sustainability of the Family Worker parent pathway which has been extended till March 2023. Looking at holiday club and lunch club provisions. Great working with Pennypit, Port Seton and Longniddry Community Centres. The next meeting is 22.3.22 and the sub group will look at other priorities.</p> <p>Salt of the Earth (SoE) No representative at the meeting tonight. EB advised SoE is coming to an end but an extension has been granted till the end of June 2022. Looking at holding a celebration event. Town Hall May meeting. Looking at show casing films, mining events explain the mining strikes etc. Looking at the current transition steering group maybe coming a sub group. JI is chairing the transition process and there is a meeting next week. Also looking at a trail around heritage.</p> <p>VCEL TR advised that over the past month or so she has attended Community Council meetings, which were well attended, and TR has offered support to the Gala, In Bloom and the play park. TR has offered to help advertise for volunteers for the gala parade etc. TR updated members on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VECEL have run Introduction to funding training and was well attended • The Community Health & Wellbeing fund has now closed and everyone had been notified. • The Intervention in Community Funding for 2023/2026 is on line. They had a session last week looking at key priorities, which is tackling poverty inequalities. Would love groups to work together and to collaborate on projects. • Digital Cyber Resilience training starting next week • Census 2022 is digital and some people may find this challenging. TR offered her help and support to any groups with older people who may need help. RD will contract TR to arrange this. TR advised phoning for a paper copy of the census seemed to be challenging too. <p>RD added the census was very important and the need to get as many people as possible to complete this.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>LK</p>

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	<p>Support from the Start</p> <p>The vacancy for Support from the start lead for PSG has been vacant for some time but we have good news the vacancy has been filled by Tim Wallace Head Teacher at Preston Tower Primary School. We are very excited about this and having a lead means that we can do more work on the support from the start Parenting Pathway and the action plan for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We are discussing with Katy Pollock (Homestart) and Aniqah CLD about delivering Raising Children with Confidence and who and when the course will take place · The service is busy with a lot of people needing support and signposting around money and income maximisation. This will only increase because of the fuel hike in April. · Money has been approved for the Oasis case management system which will be live in the next few months (this will allow for better reporting and confidentiality). 	
6. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>RD advised members that the application from Pennypit for the February Lunch Club still needs to be decided. Members received this by email twice but unfortunately, we still did not have enough members replying to make a quorate decision. RD asked members if email is the best way forward for urgent decisions. Members advised they do receive a large amount of emails and ideas were discussed as to how we could make the emails clearer:-Subject Bar – PLEASE VOTE. A table on the email which makes it clear a decision is needed, yes, no, conflict, and abstain.</p> <p>Members voted and this project was successful</p> <p>RD advised the next meeting is the AGM and would like members to bring forward ideas as to how we can share all the amazing work that is happening in our community. Looking to include videos, photos as previous mentioned and fundamental foods may be able to provide for refreshments.</p> <p>EB reminded members that the Area Partnership Training has been re arranged for 24.3.22 in Port Seton is any member would like to come along please sign up. EB will send out link.</p> <p>RD advised the In Bloom have a meeting in a few weeks and OW will feedback. Looking at next steps and the how they can move forward. Linking in with other groups. RD mentioned that some of the lunch clubs children are keen to plant some bulbs and will look at taking this forward.</p> <p>EB advised an 11 year old girl who lives in the new houses, emailed about the Welcome to Prestonpans sign being after the new houses and that she didn't feel very welcome. They have decided to move the welcome sign to the start of the new houses. EB highlighted the effect young people can have in their community. Well done.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>EB</p> <p>OW</p>

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	<p>OS highlighted another potential site for bloomers. DJ might be interested in the longer term</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for coming along tonight and looking forward to the May AGM meeting being face to face</p>	
7. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2022		
	<p>11th May 2022</p> <p>8th June 2022</p> <p>14th September 2022 (changed from 7.9.22)</p> <p>12th October 2022</p> <p>23rd November 2022</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothi</u> <u>an.gov.uk</u></p>