

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7-9 pm**  
**Zoom meeting**

**Members (and substitute members) present:**

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)  
Ben Morse, Vice Chair (BM)  
Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)  
Cllr Brooke Ritchie, East Lothian Council (BR)  
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)  
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)  
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)  
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)  
Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)  
Philippa Barber, Chair Sustainable PSG (PB)  
Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI)  
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)

**Others in attendance:**

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)  
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)  
Jemma Davidson, SOLE, Support Our Local Economy (JD)  
Kirsty McIntosh, SOLE, Support Our Local Economy (KM)  
Amy Robinson Brunton Theatre Trust (AR)  
Barbara Gardner, Remembering Together (BG)  
Anne Kippler, ELC Housing Strategy Officer (AK)

**Apologies:**

Lisa Kerr, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (LK)  
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (SC)  
Jill Brown, Preston Lodge parent council (JB)  
Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)  
Karen Wilks, Deputy Chief Officer Musselburgh CAB(KW)  
Gala Committee  
Jill Brown, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (JB)  
Lynda Banks, Cockenzie School (LBa)  
Laura Martin, Preston Lodge (LM)  
Linda Bendle, Heavy Sound (LBe)  
Aniqah Chaudhry, ELC Community Development Officer (AC)  
Lorraine Stevenson, Pennypit Trust  
Natalie Mori, Pennypit Trust

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting. RD welcomed the new councillors to the meeting and it was BR 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting. Introductions and apologies were noted. RD appreciated all the speakers coming along tonight.	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b>		
	Minutes from the 9 <sup>th</sup> March meeting were approved at the AGM but actions carried forward to this meeting.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	<p>Carried over from the March meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P2 - Angie McInnes the digital champion is looking at identifying gaps in support. EB will share Angie's short video. RD suggested inviting Angie along to the next area partnership meeting for her feedback.</li> <li>• A list of all agencies that can offer support was compiled and shared with everyone. What's on flyer is available on line and in all community centres in the area.</li> <li>• P3 - Update on funding – H&amp;W will be discussed later in the sub group update.</li> <li>• P4 – RD suggested revisiting the logo competition with Preston Tower Primary School in the new term in August 2022.</li> <li>• RD mentioned that some of the lunch clubs children are keen to plant some bulbs and will look at taking this forward with In Bloom.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">RD</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">RD</p>
<b>4. SOLE presentation</b>		
	<p>Jemma Donaldson &amp; Kirsty McIntosh gave a presentation on SOLE</p> <p>SOLE is a brand new app and site that has just launched for 6 towns within East Lothian. These towns are Musselburgh, Preston/Seton/Gosford, Tranent, Dunbar, Haddington and North Berwick. SOLE stands for supporting our local economy and the main premise of SOLE is to connect and encourage people who live in these towns to shop locally. For the businesses to join SOLE is it totally free and is another amazing way for businesses of all kinds and community groups to promote themselves and have an extra platform to share on. We have many church / charities who can also post daily such as children's clubs. We have the local community news on the home page which is a section just tailored to your specific town or a town you wish to visit and this is always updated with the newest community stories. We also have an exciting trails feature which you can do with your children and there are various 'check in ' points such as restaurants or outdoor walks in nature and once you complete this trail you get a prize or a discount. If anyone would like to contact me my name is Jemma and I am the community engagement specialist for the Preston/Seton/Gosford area, myself and my colleagues are happy to help or speak to anyone who has further questions. My email is jemma@sole.scot.</p> <p>Here is a link to our Ebooklet : <a href="https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/sole-scotland/sole-scotland?pid=MjQ241416&amp;v=6.1">https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/sole-scotland/sole-scotland?pid=MjQ241416&amp;v=6.1</a></p>	

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	<p>RD thanked JD &amp; KM for their presentation which was really helpful and informative. RD encouraged everyone to get behind this project and get in touch if they have anything they would like to share on the website.</p>	
<p><b>5. Housing Strategy Review</b></p>		
	<p>AK gave a presentation on the Housing Strategy Review (Attached) and below is the script from her presentation. AK explained she is the contact for the Preston Seton &amp; Gosford Area Partnership.</p> <p>My name is Anne Kripler and I am part of the Housing Strategy Team at East Lothian Council. The Strategy Team has grown significantly in the past 6 months and is led by Rebecca Pringle who is managing Emma, Craig, Hannah and I. This growth is based on a bit of a reshuffle within the housing service and the fact that East Lothian Council has the duty to prepare a Local Housing Strategy every 5 years. With the previous Strategy coming to an end in 2022/2023; we are now preparing the next Strategy cover 2023-2028. This has now also allowed the Strategy Team to get in touch with each of the area partnership to keep each other updated and get into more detailed discussions within each of the areas.</p> <p>The Local Housing Strategy, also known as the LHS is a huge balancing document considering different information from demographics, the economy for example rising energy prices and the cost of living. Climate change and how we can make our home more resilient and energy efficient. It gives direction for East Lothian Housing Service, pin pointing where we would like to head in the next 5 years and work out actions points we would like to tackle over this period.</p> <p>The Strategy Team in not operational but we have been organising many workshop with the housing and homelessness officer as well as tenancy support officers to understand how we could improve social housing allocations. I will talk more about the consultation process later on.</p> <p>Importantly however the Strategy covers all tenures of housing, not just council housing. It looks at regeneration, energy efficiency, housing supply, affordable housing and particular needs housing. It is underpinned by a number of key research documents. It informs investment and puts forward a range of actions to be achieved by a range of council services and RSLs.</p> <p>Of course it also has to align with Scottish Government policy i.e. Housing to 2040 but also other local policies i.e. poverty plan, equality plan etc.</p> <p>One of the most crucial parts is the SES HNDA. It is very complicated to be honest. The Scottish government gives us a large spread sheet with an existing formula where we put in all the data we can access in terms</p>	

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	<p>of household and economic projections and then the toolkit spits out a number. But at least it has somewhat created consistency across the country on how much need and demand is approximately.</p> <p>We are currently waiting for SG to give feedback and hopefully approve our input. Importantly there is a difference between the needs and demand assessment and our Housing Supply Target which take all our current constraints such as the economic and available development land into consideration. The number of affordable homes we can deliver will be based on the Supply Target which is however informed by the needs assessment. Crucially because the authorities are so connected in SES we are closely working with them to ensure we have a collaborative approach to the housing delivery.</p> <p>To further inform the Local Housing Strategy we are also conducting Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for specialist provision. The JSNA identifies the need and demand for specific types of housing and housing support services. For example I am leading on the children and young people assessment where I am working with children’s services and education on how we can prevent young people from becoming homeless, what the specific housing needs are for disabled children for example and what sort of supported accommodation we need if a young person does become homeless, this include children who are care experienced. My colleague Emma looks at Mental Illnesses and my colleague Craig is look at particularly needs for adults including elderly people, people with dementia and people with disabilities.</p> <p>We started carrying out consultation sessions in February doing equalities workshops with different ELC services and charities on ethnic minorities, young people, elderly people, veterans, and gender based violence, mental health and so forth. Then we had more in depth workshop with the community housing and homelessness team who are allocating housing. We also started having workshops with people with lived experience such as homeless people, care experienced young people, people with mental illness. We are also planning on doing dementia walks etc. And of course we are now engaging with Area Partnerships, hence why I am here.</p> <p>The drafting and consultation of the draft, approval by ELC and Scottish Government then will take some time. The current aim is to publish the approved LHS by October 2023.</p>	
<b>6. Remembering Together</b>		
	<p>RD welcomed BR along to the meeting to give members a brief outline of this project.</p> <p>BR advised ‘Remembering Together is a project to co-create memorials that will honour the people we have lost, mark what has been lost and</p>	

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	<p>changed in our lives and preserve the best of what we have learned and created during the Covid pandemic.'</p> <p><a href="https://www.rememberingtogether.scot">https://www.rememberingtogether.scot</a></p> <p>Greenspace Scotland and East Lothian Council have commissioned artist Barbara Gardner-Rowell to work with local communities on Phase 1 of the Remembering Together project to develop ideas for a memorial project in East Lothian, over a five-month period, June – October 2022.</p> <p>To start the project, three face to face community workshops will be delivered in each Ward, in July and August, along with two individual activities by email and post.</p> <p>The aims of these activities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• offer a safe space for conversations about people’s experiences of the pandemic, through creative activities that focus on process rather than outcome</li> <li>• work with materials and objects in ways that open people up to self-reflection and creative thinking</li> <li>• encourage a co-creative approach</li> <li>• enable connections and meaning from our experiences</li> </ul> <p>Findings will be collated and presented back to the community in a touring exhibition in September, where visitors will have the chance to review all the activities and vote on their favourite idea for a memorial, which will be further developed in Phase Two.</p> <p>Contact for further information:</p> <p>Barbara Gardner-Rowell</p> <p>Lead Artist Phase One</p> <p>Remembering Together East Lothian</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:rememberingtogether@eastlothian.gov.uk">rememberingtogether@eastlothian.gov.uk</a></p> <p>EB advised there had been previous conversations with community groups. Initial discussion felt very different in each area. Pans snake/wave memorial garden could they feed into whats already happening. EB/RD happy to link in and support and happy to chat off line too. Members feel very strongly and we are delighted that Robin Hill (Longniddry Parish Church) is representing PSG on the Remembering Together steering group.</p>	
<b>7. Update from Annual Public Meeting</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• RD confirmed at the AGM 9 applications secured funding and all successful organisations have been notified and are listed below.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>3 applications were unsuccessful as they did not receive enough votes. There is still an underspend of £11,500 and RD suggested to carry this forward to the Health &amp; Wellbeing group to help with the high cost of living rises and food/fuel poverty. EB advises we are not quorate tonight to vote and suggested this be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads</li> </ul> <p>RD confirmed lots of requests including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longniddry Dean Road, Coal Road,</li> <li>• Cockenzie and Port Seton speed calming and resurfacing.</li> <li>• Prestonpans Hawthorn Road shops, Station Road and Preston Road.</li> </ul> <p>Looking at a 3 year plan. Will put out to members to look at highest priorities. Will take this to next meeting. EB will follow up with Alan Stubbs to see what is feasible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenities</li> </ul> <p>RD confirmed a number of requests have been received and EB will take back to Andrew Hogarth to see what is feasible and feedback to the members.</p>		<p><b>EB</b></p> <p><b>EB</b></p>																				
<p><b>8. Sub Group Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable PSG group</b></p>																						
	<p>PB gave an update looking at priorities at the next meeting. Will be inviting P Forsyth, Hargreaves to discuss Blindwells/local communities. Also inviting Active travel representatives from Faside and Musselburgh</p>																						

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	<p>to the next meeting. SUSTRANS national cycle, awaiting the report, upgrade network. Also discussing how we can make the most of the John Muir Way and connect better with tourist/economy</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing network</b>            EB advised there was a meeting last week following up on funding allocation for Mental Health, cooking and bereavement. Tom Gordon a member of Chalmers Church is coming along to the next H&amp;W meeting to discuss bereavement training and support. Proposal to do training sessions for 4 weeks to support bereavement. Covid really has had a huge impact for people who lost loved ones. EB/LK had a meeting with Changes on Friday to prioritise courses across PSG for professionals and Community members. Cooking courses have been advertised by the Pennypit Trust. Update on priorities for the area plan will be reviewed at the next meeting. LK will be leaving her post on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 as she prepares to start Primary Teaching Training. With FO also having moved on we are looking for a new chair of the H&amp;W group. Anyone interested please get in touch.</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Network</b>            EB advised there was a meeting on 3.5.2022 looking at priorities of the Area Plan. Discussed Holiday provision for secondary age children, weekend youth work and additional support needs youth work. In terms of ASN support Mark from the library service is providing support and the Port Seton Centre has starting a new dance group. Making good progress on priorities in our area.</p> <p><b>Salt of the Earth (SoE)</b>            The Lottery funding for the project will come to an end in June 2022. The steering group is transitioning to include groups from the Heritage network and JI is acting as Chair. The current projects include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Mining project with young people from Preston Lodge</li> <li>• Heritage trails with Go Jauntly</li> <li>• A physical map</li> <li>• Events during Heritage fortnight and Doors Open Day</li> </ul> <p>RD wanted to thank Jill for all her hard work and the legacy that the Heritage project has established bringing funding into the PSG area.</p>	
<b>9. A.O.C.B.</b>		
	<p>EB advised members of a funding application which has been received. It has been submitted to all 6 area partnership for an East Lothian Walking Festival. North Berwick Coastal had a walking festival last year and this is an expansion from that. EB advised PSG have trails being launched soon across PSG but not within the time frame to join with this walking festival. EB will circulate this to members for their views.</p> <p>RD wanted to remind people that the next meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 which was changed from the original date of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Hoping this could maybe be a hybrid meeting but will let everyone know nearer the time.</p>	<b>EB</b>

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	<p>RD thanked LK for chairing the H&amp;W sub group and all her hard work and commitment, we will miss you.</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for coming along tonight and to have a great summer holiday.</p>	
<b>10. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2022</b>		
	<p>14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (changed from 7.9.22)</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> October 2022</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022</p>	<p><b>Apologies to be sent to -</b>  <b><u>psg-</u></b>  <b><u>ap@eastlothi</u></b>  <b><u>an.gov.uk</u></b></p>