

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7-9 pm  
Pennypit Centre/Hybrid meeting**

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

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)  
Ben Morse, Vice Chair (BM)  
Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)  
Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)  
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)  
Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans Community Council (FA)  
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)  
Natalie Mori, Support from the Start (NM)  
Michelle McKinney, Support from the Start (NM)  
Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI) arrived at end of the meeting  
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)  
Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)

**Others in attendance:**

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)  
Zara Carmichael, Early Years, Pennypit (ZC)

**Apologies:**

Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)  
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (SC)  
Lyn Marshall, Deputy Lieutenant (LM)  
Claire Jamieson, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (CJ)  
Sarah Torrence, Preston Tower Parent Council (STo)  
Jill Brown, Preston Lodge parent council (JB)  
Cllr Brooke Ritchie, East Lothian Council (BR)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>		
	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting and those joining on line. We are trialling the equipment tonight and would welcome any feedback from those attending the meeting on line. RD added the meeting would be recorded. Introductions and apologies were noted.	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b>		
	Minutes from the 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 meeting were approved and the meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to Queens's death.	

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<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	RD confirmed there are no matters arising.	
<b>4. Funding</b>		
	<p><b>Underspend from previous years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighthouse £200 18/19 RD suggested this underspend be distributed back into the food bank. Members voted and everyone was in agreement.</li> <li>• Venturing Out £400 19/20 Venturing Out offered to provide activities in the Easter 2023 Holidays for young people with the outstanding amount. Members voted and everyone was in agreement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding remaining - £11,464.76</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we want to devolve funds to H and W Group? RD asked members if they wished to devolve £10,000 to the H&amp;W group? A great discussion took place and it was agreed to add future funding process to our next meeting agenda. Members voted 13 YES EB clarified H&amp;W will decide the funding applications that come forward and will report back to the main partnership. As usual evaluations will be needed for every application awarded.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding applications received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Festival (past august) EB confirmed that the Walking Festival had now passed and this application was no longer required. It was initially rejected on consideration by the Chair as it did not cover PSG.</li> <li>• Brunton Court trips Out - £1,043 Members voted and everyone was in agreement to support this application.</li> </ul>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB/SG</p>
<b>5. Roads Budget</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from Annual Public Meeting</li> <li>• Only viable project is the Speed warning sign replacement CPS which everyone was supported of but It was asked if EB can check if there are other poles that it could be sited as they tend to be more effective when not static.</li> <li>• Electric charging points Longniddry Station – A good discussion took place and members all voted not to support this project. Members felt chargin points at the station were not a priority for the Roads Budget and took up value parking space at a time of housing</li> </ul>	<p>EB</p>

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	<p>expansion in the area. EB will try and get stats and see if we can get the broken ones fixed at Prestonpans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean Road Longniddry. The Community Council is liaising directly with the Roads Team regarding issues raised.</li> <li>• Proposed pelican crossing Bankton Terrace Prestonpans (Colin Yorkston) works will not be scheduled until the new financial year. It was felt a wider discussion needed to take place on Active travel routes from Blindwells. EB to invite Morag Haddow to the next Sustainable PSG meeting.</li> <li>• Discussion took place on the confusion for new residents in Blindwells who sit under Longniddry Community Council and the PSG Area Partnership but Tranent Housing Team.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EB</p>
<b>6. Amenities Budget</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from Annual Public Meeting</li> <li>• Cuthill park clearing weeds – A good discussion took place and everyone voted in support of clearing the weeds at Cuthill park as part of a Community clear up day.</li> <li>• Longniddry Community Centre trees. The trees to the rear of the Community centre were raised by residents as there is not a clear line of sight and young people are gathering which could lead to ASB. Mike Foy tree officer meeting with Community centre staff 1<sup>st</sup> week in November 2022.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Area Partnership self-evaluation</b>		
	<p>Members were split into groups to look at some of the questions below and this will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has the AP achieved?</li> <li>• What have they done well?</li> <li>• What could they have done better?</li> <li>• Are you clear about your role in the AP?</li> <li>• What do you bring to the AP?</li> <li>• What opportunities does the AP offer?</li> <li>• What are the challenges for the AP?</li> <li>• What if.....?</li> <li>• Your recommendations for the AP?</li> </ul>	

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<b>8. Standing Orders:-</b> Proposed changes in red		
	<p>33. Decisions may be taken out with meetings on occasion e.g. emergencies or short deadlines. Or in exceptional circumstances where these dictate that we cannot meet face to face – please see 16.3 and 16.4. In these cases, members of the Partnership will be communicated with through an appropriate manner and given the opportunity to participate in the decision.</p> <p>33.1 A decision made in this manner will be confirmed if, <b>we receive a quorate response and it is agreed by the majority of those members who have voted.</b></p> <p>33.2 The Chairperson <b>and Vice Chairperson</b> will have the authority to act on the Partnership's behalf if/when the views of the membership cannot be ascertained e.g. emergencies or short deadlines.</p> <p>Members voted to support the changes to the Standing Orders.</p>	
<b>9. Community Consultations</b>		
	<p>BM made members aware that there have been lots of events taking place around the community and the feeling is that the community are not been consulted and closing roads has adversely effected residents and businesses. BM asked members if they would like him to write a collaborate response from the Area Partnership to see if we can improve the communication for everyone. Members agreed.</p>	<b>BM</b>
<b>10. A.O.C.B.</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSG H&amp;W funded a number of Changes workshops which are advertised on line and through social media with posters in the doctors and libraries etc. BM suggested the Resilience Group at Port Seton could also distribute information.</li> <li>• Cooking Classes which were funded through PSG H&amp;W are running and advertised through Social &amp; Health Care Professions/family support workers etc</li> <li>• TR advised VCEL are running a Community Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course and is open to anyone. TR will check the age range for this course.</li> <li>• BM highlighted the reformed Cockenzie West Residents Association with issues in Whin Park. EB confirmed that following their recent AGM officer bearers had to step down. There are currently no active TRA reps on the PSG membership. Sue Cairns will keep us updated.</li> <li>• TR highlighted the Community Mental Health Fund which opens on 17.10.22 and closes week before Christmas. This funding is also open to Community Councils and Parent Council. TR will share slides and urges everyone to have a think about applying. <a href="#">Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Round 2 - PowerPoint Show</a></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EB</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TR</b></p>

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	<p data-bbox="443 136 1217 165"><a href="#">Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Round 2 - PDF</a></p> <ul data-bbox="395 230 1222 651" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RD confirmed we have had no feedback from sub groups at tonight's meeting as they had not met during the summer. The Sustainable PSG meeting is 8.11.2022 on line The PSG C&amp;Y meeting is 15.11.2022 at 3.30pm The PSG Heritage meeting is 16.11.2022 7pm Port Seton Centre The PSG CAPP meeting is 9.11.2022 6.30pm at Port Seton Centre The PSG H&amp;W meeting is the 31.10.2020 at 10.30am on line. We have Natalie and Debbie as new co-chairs for this sub group.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="347 696 1190 768">EB thanked the members who joined on line and they confirmed the camera angle and sound had worked really well.</p> <p data-bbox="347 813 967 842">RD thanked everyone for coming along tonight.</p>	
<b>11. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2022</b>		
	<p data-bbox="355 893 687 958">23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 Feedback on dates for 2023</p>	<p data-bbox="1257 893 1422 1088"><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>