

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 7-9 pm
Pennypit Centre/Hybrid meeting**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ruth Davie, Chair (RD)
Ben Morse, Vice Chair (BM)
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)
Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)
Philippa Barber, Chair Sustainable PSG (PB)
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)
Michelle McKinney, Support from the Start (NM)
Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI)
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
Claire Jamieson, Preston Lodge High School Parent Council (CJ)
DJ Johnston-Smith, Prestonpans Community Council (DJS)
Graeme Hutchison, Prestonpans Children's Gala (GH)
Lesley Mohammed, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council (LM)

Others in attendance:

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)
Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
David Sweeney, ELC Strategic Asset & Capital Planning Management (DS)
Samantha Williams, ELC, Team Manager – Design & Prog Management (SW)
Bruce Lindsay, Development Director, Hargreaves Land (BL)
Claire Davie, J M Architects (CD)
Andrew Stone, resident (AS)
Ashley Gray, Citizens Advice Bureau (AG)
Marilyn McNeill, Integrated Joint Board (MM)
Lyn Marshall, Deputy Lieutenant (LM)

Apologies:

Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
Sarah Torrence, Preston Tower Parent Council (STo)
Cllr Brooke Ritchie, East Lothian Council (BR)
Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Primary (ACa)
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)
Zara Carmichael, Early Years, Pennypit (ZC)
Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
Paul Huish, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (PH)
Marlene Love, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (ML)
Debbie Reynolds, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (DR)

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1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		

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	RD welcomed everyone along to the meeting including our guest speakers. RD added the meeting would be recorded. Introductions and apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes from the 8 th June 2022 meeting were approved by TR and PF Minutes from the 12 th October 2022 meeting were approved by HY and SB.	
3. Matters Arising		
	<p>RD informed members that the following items are from the meeting 8th June 2022:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New logo – Still keen to do this and expand it to other cluster areas. RD/EB will take this forward • Bulbs re planted – Prestonpans In Bloom have taken this forward <p>RD informed members that the following items are from the meeting 12th October 2022:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip has been funded for Brunton Court • Roads update will be covered during the meeting • BM advised he has asked for usage data regarding the charging points and will feedback once he gets the information • Crossing Pelican – Feedback will be given during Hargreaves Land presentation • EB is meeting with Tranent Housing Team on 29/11/2022 and will feed back to members at the January 2023 meeting • Community consultation about planning – BM collective response in progress • Leaflets have been distributed • TR confirmed that minimum age limit for the First Aid course is 14+ 	RD/EB
4. SOLE		
	No representative present will invite to January 2023 meeting.	
5. Blindwells		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Update – Bruce Lindsay from Hargreaves Land gave a presentation on the stages of development on site. There were concerns raised about consultation around the new Active Travel path between Blindwells and Prestonpans train station. BL is happy to attend Community Council meetings where helpful. A number of other question were asked around the Health facility. The presentation is attached. • School Update – DS/CD/SW provided an overview of the plans for the school including separate Community access out with school hours. Members were very positive about the plans and we ran out of time to answer all members' questions. Presentation attached. Suggestion to invite the team back to a meeting in 2023. 	

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6. Amenities/Roads budget Update		
	<p>BM advised it had been agreed the previous year for funding for replacing the Cockenzie House Bus Stop but this hasn't happened yet and will come out of this year's budget. It has also been suggested that the bus stop at Preston Road/Hawthorn Terrace also be replaced with an anti-vandal bus stop. Majority of members agreed in principle but await final costs for this. There were no objections. EB will check costings.</p> <p>BM gave a further update on the replacement of the Digital Control Display as you entre Cockenzie from Prestonpens. It was agreed at the last meeting to fund this replacement but it was suggested that evidence show if it is moved around is if more effective. The other areas it can be located are Edinburgh Road near boatyard on B1348 opposite 12 Links View, B6371 opposite chimneys and Fishers Road opposite Alder Road. Each time the sign is moved it will cost an additional £300.</p> <p>BM highlighted we propose to ask the public through social media for potential places we can improve pavements. This has been successful previously with drop kerbs. SC mentioned pavements been left in a mess by Virgin. EB fed that back at the last meeting and will catch up with SC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">EB</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">EB</p>
7. Amenities Budget		
	<p>EB met with Amenities to discuss projects. Amenities are happy to organise a Community clear up day but this will need to be sometime between Monday till Friday lunch time. The preferred time period is in March 2023. To be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">RD</p>
8. Area Partnership self-evaluation		
	<p>Due to time constraints this item is to be discussed at our January 2023 meeting.</p>	
9. Sub Group Update		
	<p>Health & Wellbeing - NM advised members the main focus of the last H&W group was the £10,000 funding devolved. The closing date for applications is the 28th November 2022 with a meeting the following day.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network – EB updated on the closure of the problem solving partnership relating to ASB in the area. The multi-agency work had been key to supporting young people identified and members did not want to lose these focused discussions. A new case based meeting has be set up bi-monthly to continue this work. The C&Y network continues to meet bi-monthly we are currently focussing on Christmas and New Year support.</p> <p>Heritage Network – JI reported that the evaluation of the Salt of the Earth Heritage funded is currently taking place. The network attendance has been lower and therefore at the last meeting we</p>	

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	<p>discussed relooking at dates and times of meeting and rotating location around Heritage groups. There was an event last weekend at Preston Tower with a hard hat tour and discussion at the Community Centre. This was for residents interested in being more involved and a potential future guardianship agreement. LM asked if Prestongrange was included in this work and EB confirmed that Kate Maynard, Team Manager for Museums had attended the last meeting. Current work on site has focussed on building a new engine shed and moving the locomotives. EB/JI sit on the project team.</p> <p>Sustainable PSG – PB updated that unfortunately at the last meeting Hargreaves Land and ELC transport staff were due to attend but there was a mix up with meeting links. There was concern raised by members about the consultation process. PB recognises links between themselves and the Heritage network and also is keen to work with other On the Move groups in Musselburgh and Tranent. BM is taking over as chair of this group in 2023.</p>	
10. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>Dates were circulated for 2023 meetings and all agreed.</p> <p>SC reported on the devastating vandalism at Cockenzie Port Seton in bloom. There is an on line fundraising platform to assist with the costs including CCTV on police advice. SC asked if the partnership could support with £5,000. EB shared concerns and upset for the impact this has had on the group. Unfortunately all area partnership funding has been spent or devolved. EB suggested we can share the link and that JI/TR could assist with other places for funding.</p> <p>Members raised concerns about the CCTV in East Lothian and this is something which is currently being prioritised by East Lothian Council.</p> <p>RD thanked everyone for coming along tonight.</p>	
11. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2023		
	<p>18.01.2023 08.03.2023 10.05.2023 07.06.2023 06.09.2023 11.10.2023 22.11.2023</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - psg- <u>ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>