

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 7-9 pm**  
**Pennypit Centre**

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

Ben Morse, Chair (BM)  
Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)  
Cllr Lachlan Bruce, East Lothian Council (LB)  
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)  
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)  
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)  
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Parent Council (AC)  
Janice Wilson, Prestonpans Community Council (JW)

**Others in attendance:**

Shirley Gillie, Business Support Administrator, ELC (SG)  
Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)  
Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI)  
Ethan James, East Lothian Play Association (EJ)  
Colin Gilmour, ELC Senior Officer, Regeneration (CG)  
Marilyn McNeil, IJB (MM)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)  
Cllr Brooke Ritchie, East Lothian Council (BR)  
Sandra Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)  
Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)  
Natalie Moir, Support from the Start (NM)  
Michelle McKinney, Support from the Start (MM)  
Stuart Thomson, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (ST)  
Graeme Hutchison, Prestonpans Children's Gala (GH)  
Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (SC)  
Peter Dickers, Port Seton Centre Management Committee (PD)  
Paul Huish, Club & Community Sports Development Officer (PH)  
Louise Phillips, Cockenzie Primary School Parent Council (LP)  
Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>		
	BM welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were done and Apologies were noted.	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting</b>		
	Minutes from the 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 meeting were approved by PF and seconded by HY.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>		
	BM advised:-	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads point – SB advised a quick walk around meeting between CPS CC and Management committee had taken place and an update will be submitted soon.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Funding on</b>		
	<p><b>Decisions from meeting votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>MotherBaby Together Prestonpans – £5,920</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully fund this project</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Cockenzie &amp; Port Seton In Bloom – Safe, Secure Together - £1,305</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted unanimously too fully fund this project less £278.85 that the Community Council are holding for them. Award £1,026.15</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Heritage Network - £3,568.80</b> Scrutiny Group recommendation part fund as part of the application covered school curriculum delivery Members voted unanimously to fund £3,128.80</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Can Do - £10,455.76</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations part funding – good discussion took place Members voted to ask for an update/more information then make a decision at September meeting.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Pennypit Lunch Club - £4,985</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations not to fund this just now and take to September round of funding. BM asked members if they wished to set the September round of funding as a priority for holiday hunger? Members voted and agreed this. BM asked members if they wanted to set this rule for funding in the Area Plan. Members voted and agreed this. During the meeting we received an email regarding a lack of funding for summer lunch club. Members voted unanimously to allocate £5,000 which could be used for summer, with any remainder for October and Feb 24. There was an in-depth discussion about the sustainability of Pennypit Lunch Clubs with members suggesting; Adult volunteers, working with ELC staff at Prestonpans and Pennypit, adopting a mixed model of paid and free places, distinction of PSG lunch club serving Prestonpans community, training of staff in play and the need to continue to look for external funding as we are aware they already do.</p> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>Members also raised that there needed to be fairness across PSG to invite applications for the summer from Port Seton and Longniddry. Members were updated that Longniddry have found alternative funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>● <b>John Bellany – Tell Us A Story - £7,000</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations part funding. A discussion took place about the costs of working with tell a story and whether they could partner with Preston Lodge and equipment bought for Salt of the Earth. JI to follow up. It was agreed to ring fence £2,500 for this project to allow these discussions.</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Preston Lodge Foundation – Uniform Recycle and Resource Room - £2,388.00</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted unanimously to fund £2,388.00.</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>ELC – Youth Work - £3,958.10</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted unanimously to fund £3,958.10</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Pennypit – Pantry - £4,656</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations 100% funding but cannot fund again. A discussion took place. About the continued need for supporting pantries however Members did not agree in funding staffing long term. Suggestions included; volunteer recruitment and relocating the pantry within ELC Pennypit Centre or Prestonpans Community centre. Members voted and majority agreed to award £4,656</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Pennypit – Befriending - £1,950</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted to fund £1,950</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Longniddry In Bloom - £3,000</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award part funding. HY declared a conflict. A good discussion took place. Members voted unanimously to part award £2,000</p> </li> <li> <p>● <b>Cockenzie &amp; Port Seton Box Meeting – £5,000</b> Scrutiny Group recommendations to award part funding. Members discussed how Covid had impacted the group’s ability to fund raise leading up to this event which happens every 5 years. It was felt if we provided seed money for this year the group could begin fundraising for future event. Members voted unanimously to award full amount £5,000</p> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Amenities proposals</b> No amenities proposals received although plans for October and March in Cuthill Park.</li>   <li>- <b>Roads proposals</b> Due to limited time on the agenda we were unable to discuss proposals however Cockenzie &amp; Port Seton have completed part walk around and will feed back. EB/BM to meet post meeting to look at feasible projects and then get feedback from Roads for September.</li>   <li>- <b>ELPA change of funding use</b> EJ gave an update to members regarding the need to apply for a change of funding. They wish to use underspend for a loose play event at Cockenzie House. Majority of members voted for ELPA to use this underspend. No objections were raised. SB highlighted that this organisation does great work and makes sure their sessions are accessible to all which is excellent.</li>   <li>- <b>Already had three expressions of interest for the Sept round.</b></li> <li>- <b>2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding open 19<sup>th</sup> June – Close 21<sup>st</sup> August – Scrutiny meet 30<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm</b> Looking for a resident from Prestonpans to join the scrutiny group. Others members were confirmed as HY, EB, BM, LB, and SC.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. New Area Plan Development 2024</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Regeneration Presentation, Colin Gilmour</b> CG gave members a presentation with an overview on regeneration projects; Civic Square, Preston Tower, Preston Grange Heritage Park, Claret Tower, Cockenzie Harbour etc and encouraged members to start the thought process for “What’s Next” for the PSG area. Slides to be shared. There is a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 4pm till 8pm at the Pennypit where there will be an opportunity to be involved in many consultations all in the one place. CG is happy to come back to the Partnership to discuss regeneration and the Area Plan.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Vice Chair recruitment</b>		
	If anyone is interested in this position please let us know and more details can be provided.	
<b>7. Reports from Sub Groups</b>		
	BM advised sub groups have not met since our last meeting and therefore nothing to report. BM advised we are still looking for new chairs for some of the sub groups. Please let us know if you are interested.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children &amp; Youth Network</li> <li>• Sustainable PSG</li> <li>• Health &amp; Wellbeing</li> <li>• Heritage Connections (Salt of the Earth)</li> </ul>	
<b>8. A.O.C.B.</b>		
	BM advise we had a suggestion to invite churches along to join the Preston Seton & Gosford Area Partnership membership. Members felt this would be worth doing as many areas have very active churches. EB to follow up.	
<b>9. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2023</b>		
	06.09.2023 11.10.2023 22.11.2023	<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>