

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 6th September 2023, 7-9 pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ben Morse, Chair (BM)
 Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
 Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)
 Lyn Marshall, Cockenzie and Port Seton (LM)
 Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
 Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)
 Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
 Tracey Redpath, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (TR)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (SC)
 Andrew Burns, CPS Community Council
 Irene Watson, Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom (IW)

Others in attendance:

Chloe Houston, Senior Business Support Assistant, ELC (CH)
 Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
 Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI)
 Gill Harman, ELC Community Development Officer (GH)
 Robin Edgar, ELC Team Manager, Policy & Strategy (RE)

Apologies:

Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
 Cllr Brooke Ritchie, East Lothian Council (BR)
 Hannah Montgomery, Lighthouse (HM)
 Louise Phillips, Cockenzie Primary Parent Council (LP)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	BM welcomed everyone along to the meeting. Introductions were done and Apologies were noted.	
2. Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by SB and seconded by JI.	
3. Matters Arising		
	BM advised:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for vice chair for Area Partnership and chairs for some sub groups if people can share • Looking to invite further groups into Preston Seton & Gosford Area Partnership membership, the members agreed to invite Church groups along. 	
4. Local Development Plan 2		
	RE gave members a presentation with an overview on Local Development Plan 2.	

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5. Funding		
	<p style="text-align: center;">- Decisions from online voting</p> <p>For remaining balance of £13,000 including £2,500 which was previously ring-fenced for John Bellany.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• East Lothian Play Association – Play Rangers Blindwells – £2,270 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully fund this project</p> <p>• Longniddry Bowling Club - £1,440 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award half the amount to allow a trial to take place. Members voted unanimously to funding half of this project.</p> <p>• We Are With You – Patient Welfare Fund - £1,250 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award part of the amount with removal of £600 for patient fund and reduce plants and tools to £50. Members voted unanimously to fully funding this project.</p> <p>• STAND – Neurodiversity Dance Class - £1,034.74 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award the full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully funding this project.</p> <p>• Prestonpans Bloomers - £700 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award part of the amount, with removal of £300 which would go into next financial year 24/25. Members voted unanimously to funding part of this project.</p> <p>• Friends of Preston Tower - £970 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award the full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully funding this project.</p> <p>• Port Seton Management Committee – Fitness for All - £900 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award the full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully funding this project.</p> <p>• Blindwells Community Group – Stay & Play - £500 Scrutiny Group recommendations to award the full amount. Members voted unanimously to fully funding this project.</p> <p>• Port Seton Centre Management Committee – Time to Sign Fund - £750 Scrutiny Group recommendations was that the project was no funded and submitted with more information next round.</p> 	

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	<p>Members voted unanimously that no funding will go to this project at this point but will be considered if resubmitted with more information next round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAN DO - Transport - £10,455 Scrutiny Group recommendations is to use the remaining balance after other projects have been decided as it is not possible to fully fund. Members voted unanimously to Scrutiny Group’s recommendations for funding this project. It was agreed that the money which had previously been ring-fenced for John Bellany be offered to this project as the chair of JB did not wish to proceed. Combining the remaining balance of £1,412.73 with the £2,500 previously ring-fenced totalling funding of £3912.73. <p style="text-align: center;">- Update on Roads Budget</p> <p>Half of the budget from last year has been lost as there was not enough time to carry out. It was suggested to ask Roads to attend next meeting – EB to enquire with Roads Department</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Amenities proposals</p> <p>Amenities have a remaining balance of £956. Suggestions for this funding;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden at Port Seton – EB to add to agenda for next meeting • Cutting back the shrubbery at the end of King Avenue, this will stop people from having to walk on the road – EB to enquire with Amenities for a price for this so that group can consider at next meeting 	
6. Vice Chair recruitment		
	If anyone is interested in this position please let us know and more details can be provided.	
7. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Sub group met to discuss the timeline of updating Area Plan and suggested holding the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing Consultation Café 9th October 7pm at the Pennypit Centre • Climate Change Consultation 24th October 7pm at Port Seton Centre • Children & Youth Consultation Café 30th October 7pm at Prestonpans Community Centre • Heritage Consultation Café 14th November 7pm at Prestonpans Town Hall <p>There will also be boards within all PSG Centres and Libraries to allow people to feedback and offer suggestions</p>	

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	EB/CH to advertise in the Longniddry Newsletter	
8. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>Marlene Love wishes to resign as a Full Member representing Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom. Sheila Chambers who is currently sub will step up as Full Member and Irene Watson will be Sub. Emma to pass handbook to Irene</p> <p>Resignations within VCEL means that TR will have limited capacity for the foreseeable.</p> <p>BM will be attending next meeting remotely so EB to assist with chair.</p>	
9. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2023		
	<p>11.10.2023 22.11.2023</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothi</u> <u>an.gov.uk</u></p>