

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 5th June 2024, 7-9 pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ben Morse, Chair (BM)
Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala (PF)
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)
Carla Allan, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (CA)
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
Paul Ince, Longniddry Community Council (PI)
Jordan Irvine, ELC Community Development Officer (JI)
Diane Baillie-Whyte, Cockenzie Port Seton TRA, (DB)

Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support, ELC (SG)
Jo Gibb, East Lothian Climate Hub (JG)

Apologies:

Robin Hill, Longniddry Parish Church (RH)
Lyn Marshall, Deputy Lieutenant (LM)
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
Lorna Bellany, NHS (LBe)
Graeme Hutchison, Prestonpans Children's Gala (GH)
Andy Castle, Preston Tower Parent Council (AC)
Sandy Darling, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (SD)
Lucinda Murray, Community Librarian (LM)
Sarah Torrence, Preston Tower Parent Council (ST)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	BM welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. Unfortunately we are not quorate tonight's and we won't be able to take decisions on all the applications as planned which is disappointing.	
2. Minutes of previous meeting		
	Minutes from previous meetings 27 th March 2024 and 15 th May 2024 were unable to be approved due to not being quorate. We will email out members seeking approval rather than wait till September meeting.	
3. Matters Arising		
	BM mentioned Holiday Hunger funding had all been allocated for the whole year. BM attended the East Lothian energy forum last Friday.	

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	<p>BM was confirmed as Chair at the APM but the position for Vice Chair is still open. Also Chairs for all the sub groups are available also. If anyone is interested or would like more information please just let us know.</p> <p>BM confirmed the new Area Plan is now live and adopted. This is a living document. If anyone sees any gaps etc please discuss this with us so the document can stay relevant.</p>	
4. Funding		
	<p>Meeting votes – It was good to get members votes at the APM</p> <p>Online votes – We have had a great response to online voting and a great response form Children & young people voting.</p> <p>BM added it would be great to get decisions to people as soon as possible. BM Thanked EB/SG for pulling everything together. Breakdowns regarding scores have been shared with members.</p> <p>BM advised if we funded every application there would still be money left and another round of funding would be open in September. BM discussed the scrutiny groups recommendations by going through all applications with members at the meeting. Looking at level of Online votes, members votes and Scrutiny recommendations.</p> <p>Tonight’s recommendations were:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prestonpans MC P7 Club £5,019.24 - Suggest full funding 2. PSMC – Walking Football £3,976 – Suggest full funding (check if require someone who is SFA qualified for insurance. Can a volunteer undertake this role for sustainability) 3. PT – Access to Summer Sports £2,975 – Suggest full funding 4. Pennypit Centre Summer Provision Blair Drummond £1,500 – Suggest full funding (request from members to include educational activities) 5. Longniddry in Bloom £2,000 – Suggest hold the application for more details. EB will follow up and conditions could be added around linking with agencies for referrals. 6. Patchwork EH33 £2,628.89 – Suggest full funding 7. Mother and Baby Tranent £4,775 – Suggest full funding 8. PT – Befriending £4,966.80 - Suggest part funding £2,366.80 Equipment only just now – rest of money ring fenced till September and EB to follow up on questions around circumstances of 50 people receiving meals. 9. Galas – Inclusive activities for autistic and neurodiverse children £3,000 – Suggest full funding 	

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	<p>10. PSMC – Food and Fitness £1,925 – Suggest full funding (concerns were clarified by SB multiagency working)</p> <p>11. Foodbank – Growing and Changing Voices of YP £2,750 – Suggest full funding and conditions around avoiding duplication by linking with youth forum, MSYP, school council.</p> <p>12. Skylark – Watercolour classes £2,740 – Suggest Hold till September – more information required around them being embedded in the local area.</p> <p>This was a new way of voting and has been a learning curve for everyone. There will be a request made in future not to leave applying until the last minute.</p>	
5. Changes to Budget		
	<p>Amenities – BM would like to keep collating a list of potential projects eg re instate the stones covid snakes. Keep letting us know your ideas. SB asked about resurfacing skate park or look at the railings but this wouldn't qualify. BM added we need to be proactive. HY suggested the sports pavilion needing some TLC. HY also mentioned shrubbery cut back which was promised by Ian Lennox roads. BM added Cuthill park and EB added there was recent fire damage to the container however positively they have received funding from Inch Cape. EB will follow up on these requests.</p> <p>Roads – BM highlighted the Roads budget has been suspended since last financial year but our previous projects such as 2 replacement bus stops will still be carried out. The Roads Team will approach us with potential projects in future and ask us to prioritise. BM asked members still to come forward with any suggestions/concerns they identify within their area. Sustainable PSG have a good relationship with Roads Team and through Active Travel external funding could maybe be looked at.</p>	
6. New Area Plan		
	<p>This is a live document that we need to keep an eye on and make sure we keep working on priorities. BM mentioned the impact of Blindwells within the PSG area and need to support this new community thanking LCC and HY for all their effort. EB highlighted the two drop in sessions to make residents aware of site development and these had been well attended. BM thanked EB/SG for doing a leaflet drop to houses. At the drop in some residents were even enquiring about Community Councils. HY said she was happy with a sub group that could maybe work for them. Discussion re traffic congestions within the area.</p>	
7. Vice Chair Recruitment		
	<p>BM asked if you know anyone who may be interested in the position and would like some more details to please get in touch.</p>	
8. Sub Groups		
	<p>Sustainable PSG BM advised the group had met but no notes were available yet. Lots of discussion around NCR 76 and Sustrans keen to go as far a long the coast as possible. Congestion of traffic leading towards Blindwells at Meadowmill was discussed. Update from JG East Lothian Climate Change Hub was established 3 months ago and is here to support Communities with Climate/nature</p>	

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	<p>Biodiversity. The last few months has been a listening exercise, gathering information, meeting organisations and community groups. There is an event on 25.6.24 6.30-9pm Fisherrow Centre in Musselburgh and information will be circulated to members. JG confirmed they are aware of high levels of deprivation and how this can inform peoples priorities around climate change. At the theme selection day they expect, poverty, food, energy fuel to be raised. JG also asked for any advice on how to gather information from young people. JI mentioned the youth forum and will swap contact details with JG to arrange a meeting. EB highlighted it is important to catch everyones voices. There is also MSYP in the area. Young people are aware of issues and would be good to link in and support them. JG confirmed there is some seed funding which may be able to help get the young people engaged.</p> <p>BM confirmed there is a new climate officer in ELC Cheyne who will be carrying out a consultation in the 2nd half of the year which will go to Council Jan 25.</p> <p>Next Sustainable PSG meeting is 15.8.24 Prestonpans Community Centre.</p> <p>Children & Youth Network</p> <p>EB advised the group had not met yet but all subgroup chairs had been asked to report back on the Area Plan priorities for the meeting on 18.6.24</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>SB advised they had met a few weeks ago and the main outcome was everyone was having difficulty getting funding. Looking at becoming a constituted group and explore this as soon as possible. Link Worker at Prestonpans practice has been retained until September directly employed by the practice. There next meeting will focus on the Link Tree. Next meeting 27.8.24 on line option is available but face to face at Longniddry Community Centre. EB suggested SB get in touch with HS the Chair from North Berwick Area Partnership who had managed to constitute their Health & Wellbeing sub group and it is doing really well.</p> <p>Heritage</p> <p>JI advised at the last meeting there wasn't many people attended so they have rescheduled a meeting on 3.7.24. This will be their AGM to constitute and draw up interest for new members. The meeting following this will be 20.8.24 a carousel for the Heritage Network with each group promoting their work by sharing for 5 mins each. Preston Tower buildings works will complete imminently and there is a meeting for the Friends of Preston Tower on 12.6.24 to constitute their group.</p>	
9. A.O.C.B.		
	BM thanked everyone for coming along tonight. See you all on 11.9.24	
10. Area Partnership Proposed Meetings Dates for 2024		
	<p>11/9/2024</p> <p>9/10/2024</p> <p>20/11/2024</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to -</p> <p><u>psg-</u></p> <p><u>ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>