

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Wednesday 20th November 2024, 7-9 pm
Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ben Morse, Chair (BM)
 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)
 Graeme Hutchison, Prestonpans Children's Gala (GH)
 Stuart Thomson, Pennypit Community Development Trust (ST)
 Euan Stratton, Pennypit Community Development Trust (ES)
 Alan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gala (AS)
 Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton In Bloom (SC)
 Janis Wilson, Prestonpans Community Council (JW)
 Owen Smith, Prestonpans Community Centre Management Comm (OS)
 Elaine Anderson, Prestonpans Community Centre Management Comm (OS)

Others in attendance:



Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
 Shirley Gillie, Business Support, ELC (SG)
 Lorna Bellany, NHS Public Health (LB)
 Jo Gibb, East Lothian Climate Hub (JG)
 Angela Lamont, ELC Economic Dev Officer, Community Wealth Building (AL)
 Chevonne – Driver for Angela
 Callum Redpath, ELC Team Manager Roads Engineering (CR)
 Bruce Lindsay, Hargreaves (BL)

Apologies:

Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
 Cllr Neil Gilbert, East Lothian Council (NG)
 Sarah Torrence, Preston Tower Parent Council (ST)
 Hannah Montgomery, Lighthouse Central (HM)
 Lucinda Murray, Community Librarian (LM)
 Gill Harman, Community Development Officer (GH)
 Lyn Marshall, Deputy Lieutenant (LM)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	
	BM welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.
2. Minutes of previous meeting	
	Minutes from previous meeting on 9.10.24 were proposed for approval by PM and seconded by CA/GH
3. Matters Arising	

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	<p>BM advised most matters arising would come up during this agenda. BM advised we are hoping to have Blindwells TRA join us soon. BM thanked everyone for their quick responses to email decisions when we weren't quorate at last meeting. BM added he was delighted we were quorate tonight.</p>	<p>BM</p>
<p>4. Roads and Amenities</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Brunton Amenities Bulb planting Blindwells Roundabout – There was a proposal from Amenities for bulb planting at Blindwells Roundabout. Members voiced concerns in relation to the cost of the bulbs, the fact that the amenities budget should cover labour not physical items and the works due to be undertaken on the roundabout which could disrupt any planting. EB to liaise with Tony Brunton. • Callum Redpath update on Road priority selection CR gave members the background as to how projects are chosen and decisions made re priority roads projects. He highlighted the change to the process for roads influential spend due to the reducing councils budget. The Road Team will highlight 3 or 4 priority projects and ask the Area Partnership to select which one should be completed through the influential spend. The factors that CR highlighted for selection:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads inspection and needs assessment • Rating for combined factors • Usage, Road class (A, B etc) and rural or urban connection <p>This process allows us to identify roads or footways in the greatest need. The Roads influential spend is limited and can't include large complex projects ie Cockenzie High Street resurfacing was highlighted. There was discussion about the short time scale in making a decision which didn't allow members to visit sites. CR appreciated this point as it had been the 1st time we had undertaken this process and in the new financial year there will be an earlier indication of projects. HY asked about disability pavement requirements and CR highlighted there is a separate budget for drop kerbs which again is rated on greatest need. There was a discussion on new developments where pavements were missing or older pavements which were too narrow for wheelchair or buggy users. CR mentioned that new development responsibility sits with the developer or house builder. Any other pavements improvements can be highlighted through annual walk arounds between the area partnerships and the roads team. BM suggested we continue to highlight improvements through feedback at our annual public meeting. It was mentioned how helpful Morag Haddow and Chris Milne had been in accessing external funding. EB asked about Bus Stop replacements which were to be honoured from our previous financial years allocation. CR to take this as an action. HY identified two bus stop issues in and around Longniddry. One at St Germain crossing directly next to fast moving traffic and the second one where a bus stop was re located with the new active travel route from Longniddry village. This stop no longer has a shelter.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>5. Community Wealth Building – Angela Lamont – Presentation below</p>		

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	 <p>AP CWB Presentation Nov 24.pptx</p> <p>A discussion took place where the following issues were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of a Common Good Fund in PSG • The changing skills needs for the workforce • Balfour Beatty and works on Cockenzie Site and ensuring community benefit • The need for local jobs and apprenticeships • The new construction academy at Rosehill as currently students need to travel to Sighthill • The City Region deal coming to an end 	
6. Hargreaves – Blindwells site update – Bruce Lindsay/Jonathan Graham		
	 <p>Blindwells by Hargreaves Land Nov</p> <p>A discussion took place where the following issues were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of local shopping facilities and Hadden building going into liquidation which opens their part of the site opposite social housing for a potential temporary shop around 1000 sq² • Bankton roundabout and issue with congestion and queuing traffic on the A1 where it is appreciated Blindwells contributes however there is wider impact of housing developments along the coast. The designs for the roundabout and slipway are currently in discussion with Transport Scotland and BEAR and there maybe temporary interventions. The issue of the bus stop heading towards the A1 was raised as there is no designated area for the bus to pull off the road • Active travel corridor from Blindwells to Prestonpans train station which has been delayed due to the works being connected to Bankton roundabout improvements, noted by BL as being that Meadowmill roundabout would not receive any alterations as part of this work and was entirely the responsibility of East Lothian Council • It was highlighted that further large scale housing development BW2 – with work ongoing towards LDP2 and Hargreaves requesting to increase the total size of Blindwells would include designs for a new slipway form the A1 towards Haddington • Andrew Crummy has been appointed as the town artist • Discussion of a potential care home sited at Blindwells was well received due to concerns in the reduction of East Lothian Council care homes. There was mention about the changing strategy of the HSCP where residents are more in favour of remaining in their own homes. This was highlighted as a good topic for a future meeting and LB to invite a representative of HSCP to attend. 	
7. Community Heat Team for PSG		
	Bm apologised that there was no time for this point and asked HY if she could email us an update that can be shared with everyone.	HY
8. Funding		

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	<p>Email Votes – January (22nd Nov- 20th December open to applications, Scrutiny 6th Jan, AP meeting 15th Jan) £1,500 limit and link to Area Priorities It was confirmed that the closing date was 20th December 2024 and not 20th January 2025. <i>Apologies post meeting that notice of the funding round was not sent out until the 27th November 2024.</i></p>	
9. The East Lothian Partnership Update – Emma Brown		
	<p>BM apologised to EB that there was not time and BM asked EB if she could provide an update. EB provided an update at the first stage of the development of the local outcome improvement plan was the completion of Integrated Impact Assessment and Childrens Rights and Wellbeing Assessment which partners have bene invited to in early December 2024.</p>	
10. Vice Chair recruitment		
	<p>BM advised we are still looking for a Vice Chair and please get in touch if anyone is interested. It would be very useful to have a Vice Chair particularly as BM now also chairs Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council, so having the ability to pass the chair to someone else would be beneficial.</p>	
11. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<p>Children & Youth Network GH provided the following update prior to the meeting and EB read out the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12. Ensure young people have sustained safe places to meet and develop: PSG Youth Organisation, and it was decided to move forward as a constituted group. This has started and will be named PSG Youth. The have an email and will be distributing it asap. • 19. Enhance the voice of underrepresented groups The subgroup is looking at working with children before they've started school to develop a child friendly learning plan. Lauren, Lucinda, Zoe and Gill to meet and look at how to engage with harder to reach children and way to engage them in the Child Friendly Area Plan process. Next meeting is on the 2nd of December. • Next we are look at: Area Partnership Priorities 10. Strengthen the co-ordination of services and support provided for young people across the area. <p>Sustainable PSG BM advised this group are also looking becoming a constituted group. It is difficult as there aren't many members. Need more members to join. Group now looking at 4 main areas of work and have a broader spectrum. Would like to focus on a particular initiative. Heat project could apply for grants but need to be a constituted body. EB asked JG is when doing their consultation could they signpost anyone who is maybe interested to Sustainable PSG. Survey in the New Year for travel by rail into Edinburgh with support from Prentice and Scotrail.</p>	

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	<p>Health & Wellbeing SB confirmed the group have not met since the last Area partnership meeting</p> <p>Heritage JW provided an updated that the group will be moving to 4 meetings per year rotating location and chair with JW providing administration support. EB updated on the action from the last meeting regarding concerns about the failing structure at Cockenzie Harbour and the lack of slip way at Prestonpans Yacht Club. A proposal for a feasibility report for the slip way has been sent as part of Balfour Beatty Community Benefits, although there is no guarantee. Discussion is ongoing within ELC liaising with the Community Council on the harbour.</p>	
12. A.O.C.B		
	<p>EB/SG to review the membership list in line with our standing orders where organisations membership can be suspended if they have not attended or given apologies for 3 meetings. BM writing to elected members as disappointed none were in attendance.</p> <p>LB highlighted Winter Fest on the 29th November 2024 at Port Seton Centre for young people along with the information Hub on 11th December 2024 at Port Seton Centre.</p> <p>CA reminded that the Mental Health & Wellbeing funding closes on 29.11.24</p> <p>GH mentioned the Pride of Prestonpans Awards on the 22nd November 2024</p>	
13. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2025		
	<p>15th January 2025 12th March 2025 4th May 2025 APM</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>