

Minutes of the Meeting of the Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership Wednesday 15th June 2016, 7-9pm

Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans

Members (and substitute members) present:

Peter Ford, Chair (PF) Cllr Steven Brown, Elected Member (SB) Cllr Peter MacKenzie, Elected Member, ELC (PM) Liz Clark, Cockenzie & Port Seton CC (LC) Gordon Campbell, Cockenzie & Port Seton CC (GC) Sheila Chambers, Cockenzie & Port Seton CC (SC) Philippa Barber, Longniddry CC (PB) Janice Finney, Longniddry CC (JF) Zoe Inglis, Prestonpans CC (ZI) Ferhan Ashiq, Prestonpans CC (FA) Gillian Stewart, Cockenzie West TRA (GS) Jim Melvin, Cockenzie West TRA (JM) Lynne Lewis, Preston Lodge HS Parent Council (LL) Rachel Menzies, Prestonpans PS Parent Council (RM) Stuart Thomson, Pennypit Comm Dev Trust (ST) Nicola Dickson, Support from the Start (ND) Keith Forrester, Longniddry & District Rotary (KF) Others in attendance: Helen Bathgate, Port Seton CC Management Committee (HB) Janice Thomson, Port Seton CC Management Committee (JT) Sheila Laing, Head Teacher, Prestonpans Infant School (SL) Angela Leitch, Chief Executive, ELC (AL) Lori Tragheim, Community Development Officer, ELC (LT) Helen Harper, Community Development Officer, ELC (HH) Pat Gordon, Community Development Officer, ELC (PG) Sandra King, Area Manager, ELC (SK) Carolyne Murray, Business Support Administrator, ELC (CMu)

Apologies:

Cllr Margaret Libberton, Elected Member Ross Boyce, Longniddry PS Parent Council (RB) Angela Davie, Pennypit Community Dev Trust (AD) Jim Hislop, Prestonpans Community Sports Hub (JH) Gordon Horsburgh, CLD, ELC

AGENDA ITEM		KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION		
1.	1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies				
		PF welcomed Angela Leitch, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council to the			
		meeting. Apologies received were noted.			
2.	Minutes from	n Previous Meeting			
		18 May 2016 – Approved proposed by SC and seconded by PB.			
3.	. Matters Arising				
		At the last meeting SC had raised a query re 'signage' in the minutes of			
		the 23 March meeting as Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council			
		were not aware of the project. SK advised that this was referring to			
		interpretation boards and not a street signage project.			
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4.	Preston Seton Gosford Priorities				
		PF introduced the main focus of the meeting and explained this was why			
		everyone was split into geographical groups. The intention was to look at			

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	the On The Move (OTM) priorities first and then move onto outcome 10	
	onwards in the area plan.	
	SK added that the Community Development Officers present (PG, LT, HH) were facilitating and that the OTM priorities could be voted on now as priorities had been identified by the sub group. With outcomes 10 to 18 there were 3 steps: 1) decide short, medium or long term; 2) agree order of priority 1, 2, 3 or 4 (1 being the highest); 3) each person vote with	
	dots, 5 dots per outcome.	
	PF thanked everyone for their input at this and the last meeting and added that SK would now take away the information, summarise, identify costs etc and then at the next meeting in September the members can allocate the appropriate budgets. PF also noted that the area partnership were ahead with planning its spend compared to last year which means that September onwards can be spent on developing substantial projects.	
5. Priorities fro	m Sub Groups	
	Communications Sub Group	
	SK advised that the sub group had met once so far and although a small	
	group there had been a good discussion with ideas developing. The next	
	meeting is 29 th June at 6.30pm in the Longniddry Community Centre. If	
	anyone else is interested in joining they are very welcome to come along.	
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	Children & Youth Network (C&YN) and Support from the Start (SftS)	
	SK reported that the C&YN had been very busy looking at priorities in the community and that there was a conference being held tomorrow with	
	school heads where discussion will take place with regards the new	
	education initiatives to improve attainment budget. Y Binks, Deputy	
	Head Preston Lodge is chairing the network and the group are doing the	
	ground work in preparation for the decisions to be made in September by	
	the area partnership.	
	SL provided a brief update on SftS's work. They have reviewing the	
	positives already in the community eg nutrition, active schools, Parenting	
	Groups - Dads work, Patchwork etc but there are still vulnerable families	
	that struggle to connect with the help available and SftS are considering	
	the role of a family support worker to link these families.	
	Health & Wellbeing Sub Group	
	The need had previously been identified for this sub group and at the last	
	meeting Ruth Davie, Janice Thomson and Philippa Barber had	
	volunteered. However more people are needed and SK asked everyone	
	present to consider being part of the sub group.	ALL
6. Joined Up Th		
	Area Partnership – PF asked everyone to remember that the partnership	
	is a 'live' organisation and if anyone wishes to raise concerns, ask	
	questions they only have to say.	
	Health & Wellbeing – there are development in this area which is a	
	priority for the area partnership and the sub group does need more	
	people to take part. The Goth – PF advised there was no decision yet.	
	Roundabouts – PF suggested that the area partnership consider ways of	

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	'dressing up' roundabouts throughout the ward. These are gateways to	
	the area yet some are very unattractive, perhaps we should consider	
	encouraging businesses to sponsor.	
	Cockenzie Forum – PF is also the Chair for the forum and commented	
	that there had been a difficult few weeks with misreporting causing bad feeling. He asked that if anyone has anything to say about Cockenzie and	
	what's happening to bring it to the forum as that is what it is there for.	
	There are plans for the forum minutes to be recorded on ELC's website,	
	there are no closed doors.	
	John Muir Way (JMW) – There is particular issues around the JMW	
	particularly in Prestonpans. EL is the home of JMW and yet we are not	
	capitalising on the potential benefits this could bring to the area.	
	Perhaps the 3 coastal area partnerships over the next 3-5 years should	
	consider a joint project to create seed money to encourage more	
	funding. FA suggested beacon technology linked to mobile phones	
	dotted along the John Muir Way e.g. at interpretation boards to ensure	
	people are on the right path and provide more information about the locality. Food for thought with regards to the future work of the area	
	partnership.	
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	PF asked if there were any other issues/ideas for thought. HH suggested	
	that WiFi for the High Street in Prestonpans be looked at as there are	
	major issues with the O2 signal in buildings not being strong enough. SK	
	noted that this had been raised in other areas within EL. JT added that	
	the Port Seton Centre's WiFi is only available when the library is open. PF	
	agreed that this subject is one that should be taken forward.	
	Angela acknowledged the good work being done by the Partnership.	
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7. AOCB		
	Royal Bank of Scotland - Prestonpans Branch Closure	
	PF advised that he had been asked to include this item on the agenda for discussion. Both Cockenzie & Port Seton and Prestonpans Community	
	Councils are writing the RBS Chief Executive to express their concerns.	
	councils are writing the has enter executive to express their concerns.	
	PM advised that George Kerevan MP is also contacting RBS, collecting	
	signatures for a petition and will be raising the issue with George	
	Osborne as the bank is 75% owned by the government. He also advised	
	that both SNP and Labour councillors are working together with regard to	
	this problem.	
	This is a major issue for the area and during the ensuing discussion	
	concerns raised included - charities unable to use internet banking;	
	community councils need to use cheques and pay in small amounts of	
	money often; not everyone has access to internet banking; Santander	
	bank accounts can be accessed via the Post Office. ZI asked if the	
	building was leased from ELC as pressure could be brought to bear if this	
	was the case. AL replied that she didn't think this was the case but she	
	would check. PF suggested that perhaps a credit union solution could be	
	explored, Capital Credit Union already work with ELC and are established	
	and perhaps the could expand into the area.	
	PF noted that he was willing to write on behalf of the area partnership to	
	RBS although he was doubtful the decision would be changed, footfall in	

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	the branch is down 21% and RBS is under pressure to repay the government loan. Moving forward however people should consider 1) the Post Office which provide a good service; 2) Credit Union option – Musselburgh has a well established union and ELC. It was agreed that PF would write to RBS on behalf of the area partnership to express its concerns and ask them to reconsider their decision.		
8. Date of Next Meeting			
	The next meeting is Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7pm in the Pennypit Centre.	Apologies to be sent to - <u>psg-</u> <u>ap@eastlothi</u> <u>an.gov.uk</u>	