

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Preston Seton Gosford Area Partnership
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 14th May 2025, 7-9 pm
Prestonpans Community Centre, Prestonpans**

Members (and substitute members) present:

Ben Morse, Chair (BM)
Pamela Fraser, Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council (PF)
Helen York, Longniddry Community Council (HY)
Sandy Darling, PSG Youth (SD)
Janis Wilson, Prestonpans Community Council (JW)
Sandra Bell, Chairperson Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SB)
Owen Smith, Prestonpans Comm Centre Management Committee (OS)
Gemma Skinner, Prestonpans Comm Centre Management Committee (GS)
Carla Allan, Volunteer Centre East Lothian (CA)
Stuart Thomson, Pennypit Development Trust (ST)
Jonathan Sharples, Pennypit Development Trust (JS)
Euan Stratton, Sports Hub (ES)
Ruth Davie, Pennypit Development Trust (RD)
Shannon Slight, Cockenzie & Port Seton Gala (SS)
Martin Muir, TRA Blindwells (MM)



Others in attendance:

Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC (EB)
Shirley Gillie, Business Support, ELC (SG)
Chloe Houston, Business Support, ELC (CH)
Jordan Irvine, Community Development Officer, ELC (JI)
Audrey Bain, Youth Worker (AB)
Gill Harman, ELC CDO (GH)
Lori Traghiem, Community Development Officer (LT)
Kat Prangle, Breastfeeding Lens (KP)
Ceira Thomson, Breastfeeding Lens (CT)
Susan Humble, ELPA (SH)
Hazel Fraser, CIRCLE (HF)
Oliver Henderson, CIRCLE (OH)
Charlotte McMillan, ELC Arts Service, (CM)
Craig Hodgson, ELC Arts Service (CHo)
Lucy Daniel, East Lothian Foodbank (LD)
Muriel Simmonte, Patchwork (MS)
Rosie Bloomfield, Longniddry Playgroup (RB)
Heather Forgan, member of the public (HF)
Marjory Hatvany, Coop Community (MH)
Lisa Irvine, Pennypit Development Trust, Befriending (LI)
Scott Mulhern, Enjoy Leisure (SM)

Apologies:

Cllr Colin Yorkston, East Lothian Council (CY)
Cllr Lachlan Bruce (LB)

Paul Ince, Longniddry Community Council (PI)
Hannah Montgomery, Lighthouse Central (HM)
Sue Northrop, Co-Chair Health & Wellbeing (SN)
Angie Davie, Pennypit Development Trust (AD)
Lorna Bellany, NHS (LBe)
Allan Sneddon, Prestonpans Children's Gals (AS)
Marilyn McNeill, IJB (MM)
Charlotte McMillan, EL Arts Service (CM)
Kayley Dobinson Co- Chair, Patchwork (KD)
Sarah Torrance, Preston Tower Parent Council (ST)
Suzanne McLeod, Cockenzie & Port Seton Christmas Lights (SM)
Andrew Stevenson, Destiny Project (AST)

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies		
	BM welcomed everyone along to the PSG Area Partnership Annual General meeting.	
2. Previous Minutes 15.5.2024		
	Minutes from last years APM meeting 15.5.2024 were approved by PF and seconded by SB	
3. Presentations from Projects Funded in 2024/25		
	<div></div> <div>3 - 2024-2025 funded applciations</div> <div>BM added it was great to hear the impact and how the funding we award makes a difference. Seeing the empowerment and impact. A huge thank you to all our funders and a round of applause for all our volunteers.</div>	
4. Reports from Sub Groups		
	<div></div> <div>4 - All sub group Presentations 14 Ma</div> <div>All Chairs gave a great update on all the amazing work that the sub groups have achieved and hope to achieve in the future.</div> <div><div>Children & Youth Network</div><div>Sustainable PSG</div><div>Health & Wellbeing</div><div>Heritage Connections</div><div>Gill Harman & Jonathan Sharples</div><div>Ben Morse</div><div>Sandra Bell</div><div>Janis Wilson</div></div>	
5. Membership, Voting for Chair, Vice Chair		
	BM reminded Members to keep us up to date on any changes to member representation, due to the requirements in our standing orders for quorate. BM was delighted to have MM along from Blindwells TRA which is a new community and great to help them be integrated into the area. BM explained we have not been quorate recently at a number of meetings and this is causing delay with funding decisions etc. We will look at the Membership at our next meeting.	

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	<p>EB then chaired the meeting and confirmed we have not gone through the normal advertising process for Chair as she wanted to ask BM if we was happy to stay on as Chair. If not a full advertising campaign would be done. BM was happy to continue as Chair and this was proposed by PF and seconded by CA. Welcome BM as the Chair of Preston Seton & Gosford Area Partnership.</p> <p>BM confirmed there had been no Vice Chair for the past few years but was now delighted to have someone who has expressed an interest. JW was proposed as Vice Chair by OS and seconded by PF. Everyone was in favour and BM welcomed JW as Vice Chair of the Preston Seton & Gosford Area Partnership.</p>	
6. Area Plan Updates		
	<p>BM reminded members and the public that the Area Plan was agreed at last year's meeting and is designed as a living document. If anyone has any suggestions please come forward. Integrating Blindwells is a huge step forward. EB added after the summer the document will be updated re progress.</p> <div data-bbox="422 817 470 884" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>PSG Area Plan 2024-2029.pdf</p>	
7. A.O.C.B.		
	<p>A question was raised about a lack of councillor attendance. The Chair at that point had not received apologies, but CY and LB had sent apologies.</p> <p>BM noted that the meeting had only been the bare minimum members for quoracy.</p>	
8. Voting		
	<div data-bbox="422 1299 470 1366" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>1- AGM Funding Application Slides.p</p> <p>BM asked everyone to now take the time and look at all the projects applying for funding. Members have RED dots and non members have BLUE dots.</p> <p>BM reminded Members about Conflict of Interest and please do not vote for your own projects.</p> <p>It's really important members attend on the 11th June to review voting and scrutiny group recommendations. Results will be available the following week.</p> <p>BM added Holiday Hunger is a separate pot of funding. The scrutiny group has considered 16 applications to the general pot. Holiday hunger funding a separate email has been sent to members as this comes from a different allocation, although the applications exceed our £5,400 allocation and therefore some funds would need to be taken from general pot, if agreed by members.</p>	

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	<p>BM advised the current amount of all the applications being considered tonight was still under the budget allocation for 2025/2026.</p> <p>BM also asked everyone to vote on the 5 suggested Roads projects. Maps are on the wall of each project. These votes will also taken to the 11th June meeting and a decision will be reached.</p> <p>Location - Town - Description of Works - Estimated Cost</p> <p>Gardiner Road (south section-Preston Rd to Schaw Rd – Prestonpans - Carriageway Resurfacing - £47,100.00</p> <p>South Seton Park (Fishers Road to Park View East) - Port Seton - Carriageway Resurfacing - £40,800.00</p> <p>Douglas Road (Links Road to Forthview Road) - Longniddry - Carriageway Resurfacing - £37,500.00</p> <p>Schaw Road (east side-Preston Road to no.10) - Prestonpans - Footway Resurfacing - £38,700.00</p> <p>Fishers Road (east side-Castle Road to Castle Walk) - Port Seton - Footway Reconstruction - £34,500.00</p>	
9. Area Partnership Meetings Dates for 2025		
	<p>11th June 2025</p> <p>10th September 2025</p> <p>22nd October 2025</p> <p>26th November 2025</p>	<p>Apologies to be sent to -</p> <p><u>psg-</u></p> <p><u>ap@eastlothian.gov.uk</u></p>