



# **Prestonpans**

## **Community Council**

Meeting Agenda  
For  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
At  
7pm in Town Hall

**Welcome**

**Apologies**

**Police Report**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**08/08/17**

**Matters Arising:**    **Vacancies**  
                              **East Lothian Plan Consultation**  
                              **War Memorial**  
                              **Prestoungrange**

**Secretary Report**

**Treasurers Report**

**AOCB**

**Close meeting**



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## Minutes Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Apologies:** Zoe Inglis, Suzanne Maynard, Finlay Locke, Janice Costello, Thomas Gibbons, Mike Inglis, Councillor Willie Innes & Police Scotland:

**Present:** Brian Weddell (Chair), Ferhan Ashiq, Alan Hunter, Graeme Hutchison, Andrew Stevenson, James Yule, Faith Brennan, Tony Leach, Douglas-James Johnston-Smith, Calum Miller, Owen Smith, Tom Ewing, Leanne Ward, Gordon Laing & David Cater:

**ELC Councillors:** Fiona O'Donnell & Neil Gilbert:

**Press:** Marie Sharpe, East Lothian Courier

### Adoption of Minute of meeting's held on 13<sup>th</sup> June & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Chairperson asked members present to approve the minute of the previous meeting which elected a new Chairperson and also the May meeting as the June meeting was not quorate.

Moved – DJ and seconded by Graeme Hutchison

### Police Report

An officer handed in a written report but had to leave the meeting due to an ongoing incident. The report from 13/06/2017 to 06/08/2017 stated that during this period there had been 477 calls to the Police for the Prestonpans area, 124 crimes had been recorded with 41 of these crimes currently solved. The written report was circulated around the members but there were no questions raised.

### Treasurers Report

The meeting agreed to take the Treasurers Report before considering funding requests.

There is £11,422.78 in the Community Council Local Priority Scheme account with approximately £2,500 set aside for the installation off the Xmas Lights.

## **Funding Requests -:**

### **Miners Memorial**

A funding request had been received and was circulated from the Prestonpans Miners Memorial Group and Tom Ewing had come along to speak to the request for additional funding. Following questions to Tom and a short discussion the meeting agreed to the funding request of £1,560 which was moved by Calum Miller and seconded by Ferhan Ashiq.

### **Dalkeith & Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band**

This funding request had been continued from the inquorate June meeting. Following discussion on the membership and activities of the brass band the meeting agreed to partly fund their request with a donation of £600 which was moved by James Yule and seconded by Graeme Hutchison.

### **Preston Athletic Youth Football club Funding Request**

Graeme Hutchison asked the Chair if a funding request form had been received from Preston Athletic Youth Football Club to support a youth tournament taking place at Middleshot on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. The Chair asked Graeme to forward on the application which the chair and treasurer would consider and send on to cc members for consideration.

## **Matters arising from last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June -:**

**The Red School:** There had been no incidents to report over the school holidays.

**Inchcape:** Cllr. O'Donnell advised the meeting that a report was going before the Planning Committee in September. Cllr O'Donnell also mentioned that Inchcape were meeting with representatives from Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council and members asked if Prestonpans Community Council could also be included in this consultation.

**Harlaw Hill speeding vehicles:** Mr. Cater asked the meeting where he should progress his concerns and told the meeting that new signage had been installed but in his view this was inadequate. He also said that the Police had advised him that their hand held radar gun had been stolen. There was discussion around Cllr Innes suggestion at the previous meeting about East Lothian Council setting up speed recording equipment over a period to monitor the actual speeds of vehicles on Harlaw Hill and the Chair agreed to pursue this with Cllr Innes and the council. In response to a question Mr. Cater said that the speed should be monitored at the narrowest point on Harlaw Hill.

**Meeting with mining museum:** DJ reported that a very constructive meeting had taken place with ELC's Head of Museum's on the future of the mining museum following the failed lottery bid by the Battlefield Trust. East Lothian Council are to carry out a feasibility study

and prepare a business plan to progress the upgrade of the museum and DJ had been assured that Prestonpans Community Council would be fully consulted by the council.

**Friends of Cuthill Park:** Cllr O'Donnell advised the community council that following a meeting with cc members and Cuthill Park trustees at end of June Strive had been approached to consider governance and training issues and were going to engage with trustees.

Under this item Jimmy Yule advised the meeting of a problem of youths throwing stones from the path in the park onto the bowling green which was damaging the bowling club's cutting equipment. Cllr's O'Donnell & Gilbert undertook to take this up with ELC officers in particular in relation to the unfinished work on the path by the contractors.

**State of wall at Goshen Farm:** The Chairperson advised the meeting that he had followed up his predecessor's e mail to Ashfield Commercial Properties with another e mail to ask if they were going to repair the damage to the perimeter wall. It was also noted that repairs were currently getting carried out on the wall opposite the park and ride at Wallyford.

**East Lothian Plan Consultation:** A question was raised as to the status of the plan following circulation of a 'recall' e mail from the PSG Area Partnership. Cllr's O'Donnell and Gilbert said they would check this with ELC and the Chairperson undertook to ask the council to extend the consultation deadline to enable the community council to discuss and agree a response at the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Xmas Lights:** The treasurer updated the meeting and advised that we were in the fifth and final year off the contract. Treasurer has been tasked to find out the cost of a) purchasing the existing lights b) purchasing new lights (same as existing quantity) c) Rental off new lights (same as existing quantity) d) purchasing existing lights and rental of new lights (same as existing quantity) – possible discount.

### **Secretary Report:**

**Airspace Change Programme:** Edinburgh Airport had forwarded their report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP consultation which had been widely reported in Scottish media. Tony Leach had attended meetings on this issue on behalf on the community council and was of the view that the options in the report were vague and had focused mainly on peak times. The meeting agreed to note the report which Edinburgh Airport were submitting to the Civil Aviation Authority.

**North Berwick Community Council:** Planning Aid Training on 15<sup>th</sup> August fully subscribed and NBCC are going to try and arrange further training.

**EVO Cycling Tour of Britain:** Correspondence from the organisers advising that the first leg of the cycling event will pass through Prestonpans on the morning of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Poppy Scotland Sportive 2017:** Correspondence from organisers about charity cycle fundraiser which includes Prestonpans on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**Defibrillators for communities awareness campaign:** Correspondence with contact details for savings on community defibrillators. Agreed Chairperson contact them to establish if they keep an inventory of defibrillators in Prestonpans.

## **A.O.C.B.**

**Edinburgh Ironman event:** Graeme Hutchison raised several concerns in relation to the Ironman Triathlon which was held in early July. These included the organisers charging £10 for car parking, loud music being played on a tannoy system from 6am on the day of the race and Graeme also asked why East Lothian was not more prominently displayed by the race promoters given that most of the event was taking place in the county. It was agreed that the community council would take these issues into consideration if the organisers planned any future events.

**Cockenzie Power Station site :** Calum Miller expressed concern at lack of progress on council's masterplan for the site and suggested that the community council re-convene sub group tasked with looking at options for the vacant site. This was unanimously agreed.

**Foundation Stone :** Cllr O'Donnell advised the meeting that Scottish Power had contacted ELC in relation to the uplifting and laying of a commemorative foundation stone from the former power station site. Jimmy Yule informed the meeting that both former Treasurer Margaret Kay and Jimmy had arranged for the stone to be moved to Prestoungrange Mining Museum and for a stone table top at Cuthill Park. Cllr O'Donnell agreed to check this out with ELC officers.

**Roadside Commercial Advertising:** Graeme Hutchison informed the meeting that he had been approached by a resident in the new estate concerned about the proliferation of posters and banners on fencing by the side of roads and at roundabouts. After discussion the Chairperson undertook to clarify council policy with ELC.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Next Meeting: 12/09/2017**