



Prestonpanns

Community Council

AGENDA

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019 AT 6.30PM IN TOWN HALL

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Skyora Presentation**
- 3. Matters from previous Minutes**
- 4. Update from Cockenzie Forum**
- 5. Update on Town Hall**
- 6. ELC Update**
- 7. Community Issues**
- 8. Treasurers Report**
- 9. AOCB**

Date of Next Meeting: 10 September 2019 @ 6.30pm – Non Business Meeting



Prestonpans Community Council

Prestonpans Community Council Meeting - 14th May 2019

Present: Brian Weddell, Leanne Ward, Nicole Millar, Graeme Hutchison, Beckie Rankin, Roger Bromley, Gordon Laing, DJ Johnston-Smith, Ferhan Ashiq, Calum Miller, Tony Leach, Tam Gibbons, Allan Sneddon, Janice Costello, Janis Wilson, Neil Gilbert (ELC), Fiona O'Donnell (ELC), Rachel Mackie (East Lothian Courier), Arran Johnston (Battlefield Trust), Douglas Proudfoot (ELC), Staff and pupil council members from St. Gabriel's Primary School

Apologies: John Reynolds, Andrew Stevenson

Police Report: provided by email.

Funding Application: An application was received by Preston Athletic Youth Football club for £500. This was granted. An application from Patchwork EH32 for £200 towards new toys. It was suggested that they are pointed in the direction of the Area Partnership and the community council will be a backup. It was agreed that this would be put on hold and re-addressed.

It was suggested by DJ that a review should be done on how funding applications are considered.

Arran Johnston – Battlefield Trust

Arran introduced the Trust and where the funding comes from. He explained that they have hired consultants to review the work done so far over the past 10 years and that they are looking for a more permanent location. An online consultation and further information can be found at visionforvictory1745.org. The centre will be an educational facility with an events programme and short term exhibitions. There are 3 or 4 locations being considered, which must be in close proximity to the Battlefield site, however, further details cannot be disclosed. There has been a positive response so far during the consultation process despite slight negative feedback from some community council members. After a lengthy discussion the conversation was closed by the chair.

St Gabriel's Pupil Council

The members were interested in learning about ideas for the previous Cockenzie Power Station site. They would like to see some sort of monument similar to the Kelpies. They also said there weren't many locations for Scouts and Rainbows etc. The chair advised this would be a matter of research and discussed at a future meeting. Pupils then informed us how they voice their opinions on the school and how the Pupil Council works. They then asked how they could work in the Community and explained how they recently won the gold award as a Rights Respecting School. It was suggested that the Community Council agenda would be forwarded to the school prior to each meeting so they can form opinions and decide whether they would like to attend.

Cockenzie Power Station Update – Douglas Proudfoot

An update on current developments at Blindwells was given. Numbers of engagement at recent consultations carried out in the area were given. Infrastructure, local heritage, impact on settlements and employment were flagged as the primary concerns. A wrap up session is still required but feedback dictated that people were happy to be informed. As well as the current ideas of film studios and a cruise terminal for the site, further suggestions have been a farmers market and supermarket. Douglas stated that ELC were dedicated to providing job opportunities. Update on Port Engineering study and the status of Prestonpans station was requested. Douglas stated a PES will be undertaken, however, no time frame has been set. Although, otherwise stated in the masterplan. Douglas assured community council members, there will be no effect on Prestonpans station.

Town Hall Update

Calum discussed their idea of a digital space in further detail from the proposal distributed.

They believe the old Town Hall ethos is out of date now and a new idea is needed to provide a boost. ELC have stated that it needs to be something which doesn't already exist. The idea of a digital centre will suit all ages but in particular engage young people. The idea needs to be diverse, sustainable and have wide appeal. Feedback was very positive with Ferhan stating it was impressive and unique proposal.

Secretary update – Not necessary as regular updates are sent out via email.

Treasurers Report – See attachment

Update on War Memorial

DJ stated emails are not being responded to, despite being given a completion date of mid April.

AOCB

It was suggested that Community Wardens should be contacted and invited to future meetings.

Graeme requested for help and support with the Gala due to changes in council guidelines. If you are able contact him direct.

Nicole – Resilience plan has been streamlined. Looking for a scenario to happen in September/October with a budget of £500 and an area for storing supplies.

Next Meeting – Non Business meeting Tuesday 11 June 2019 @ 6.30pm