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Agenda for Tues 25th October 2022 at 7pm in Town Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of September meeting minutes
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. Treasurer's Report - Inc funding requests
6. Secretary's Report
7. Ward Councillors' updates
8. Area Partnership update
9. Social issues
10. Preston Tower and Civic Square update
11. Any Other Competent Business

Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 7pm in the Town Hall, this meeting will also be our AGM.

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Meeting held on 27th September 2022 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, Prestonpans

Present

Elaine Anderson, Ferhan Ashiq, Michelle Ritchie, DJ Johnston-Smith (Chairperson), Tam Gibbons, Graeme Hutchison, Tony Leach (Treasurer), Alexander Park, Allan Sneddon, Andy Stevenson (Vice Chairperson), Janis Wilson (Secretary)

Emma Brown (ELC), Gregor Millar (East Lothian Courier), Cllr Neil Gilbert, Cllr Lachlan Bruce, Natasha Huq (GRAS), Fiona Milligan (ICOL), Gavin Runciman (ICOL).

Apologies – Roger Bromley, Jane Park, Sophie Marshall, Iain Whyte, Joe Simpson.

Preston Tower Project

Project manager Natasha Huq gave an update to the meeting. Key points -

- Phase one complete (Garden, Doocot, walls)
- ELC now possess all except the tower and doocot – open to public
- There has been serious deterioration issues with Tower fabric and the restoration has been very tricky
- Inside the staircase is being repaired – needs lighting and display boards
- NTS owners of site are giving local contractors advice as the tower is a monument of national importance.
- Open day a possibility to give folk more info
- Hopeful opening spring 2023
- ASB issues were addressed and incidents dropping
- The possibility of communication with the area if more delays happen

The meeting thanked Natasha for the update and info.

Inchcape Project Update (Fiona and Gavin). Key points -

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- Secured funding so project can go ahead – start date possible Feb 2023.
- Siemens secured to build the substation and cabling.
- Hopeful to get local businesses as suppliers as well as working with Edinburgh College re apprenticeships.
- Project has planning permissions with conditions – Siemens chosen and submitted design to ELC awaiting validation.
- Turbine contractor decision is imminent – offshore construction to start next year
- Position of substation located on southwest corner of site – no roof on majority of the building – noise within legal limit – path to the north will be temporarily closed
- Building 18 metres at highest point – planting around the perimeter of the site
- A decommissioning bond is in place, so if substation needs to be removed it will be at zero cost to East Lothian Council.
- Hopeful that Inchscape will fund local projects inc. the CC xmas lights or a Common Good fund. Could be lump sum or available in smaller sums over 5 years.

The meeting thanked Inchscape for the update and info.

Treasurer's Report - £28,530 in total. Paid £100 to guides and £1600 for lights on tree. Can get Xmas tree for this year for £130. Bill from last year's xmas lights was £1473. the meeting voted for one more permanent tree and a xmas tree for this year.

Secretary's report – n/a

Councillors report – ASB Problem-solving partnership ended because incidents returned to normal levels for PSG. Focus now to be on ASB prevention. Police can no longer attend CC meeting but will still attend CAPP meetings the next of which is 9/11/22 at Port Seton community centre. Any problems with roadworks can be passed on to councillors.

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Area Partnership – two suggestions from the AP meetings – focus on a particular area and community police email addresses. Next AP meeting 12/10/22.

Civic Square – hopefully ready next month.

Cemetery – looking for volunteers to help tidy – post on social media and ask ELC if this can go ahead.

AOCB – Roger asked if Prestonpans “Men’s Shed” can attend future meetings. New Community Council member, Prasun Barman was co-opted by acclaim.

Meeting ends 9pm