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Welcome

to our winter edition of the Angus Community Planning Partnership e-newsletter. This edition brings you up to date with all that's been happening at the partnership meetings as well as work taken forward by our thematic partnerships. There is also a round up of local community planning activity around Angus.

No winter edition would be complete without a mention of the upcoming festivities and I take this opportunity to thank all our community planning partners, colleagues and friends for their work in 2010 and with best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.



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Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP)

Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) for Angus - Full Year Progress Report

Delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement in Angus is devolved to Thematic Partnership Groups with six monthly reports submitted to the Single Outcome Agreement Implementation Group. The full year progress report also provides links to the much more detailed full year progress reports which were prepared by the thematic partnerships in June. These include progress on indicators and actions "below the waterline" as well as the SOA indicators themselves. This full year report has now been submitted to Scottish Government. You can find the [full report](#) on the [Angus Performs](#) section of the Angus Community Planning Partnership website. If you would like more information on the report please contact [Anne Mollison](#), Principal Corporate Planning Officer.

Forward Work Programme Area - Resources

The Director of Corporate Services reported that the largest issue currently facing the ACPP

related to public sector finance generally and for this and other reasons it was decided to recall a meeting of the wider partnership resources group. The discussions of the group will be fed back to the partnership in due course. It was also decided that given the significance of the resource issue faced by all Partners, resources should be a standing item on the ACPP agenda. A request was also made to the partnership to re-consider the named financial representatives for each thematic partnership. Other items reported were:

Community Safety Initiatives: an additional funding allocation for community safety initiatives was made available as a result of budget negotiations with Tayside Police Board. The funding was disbursed primarily for activities based on assessed needs related to the delivery of Partnership outcomes, rather than a bidding process. A number of local organisations have benefited from this additional resource and some thank you letters have been received in this regard.

Pooled Youth Fund: earlier in the year the ACPP established the principle of a pooled fund for youth work under the auspices of the Children's Services Partnership. The pooled funding arrangement is currently being finalised, however, in the meantime, monies from the Community Safety Partnership, related to young people, are currently being distributed.

Community Planning Governance

A short history of governance:

The Angus Community Planning Partnership was established in 2000 and a Terms of Reference for Partnership Working was agreed. This has been regularly reviewed and you can see the most recently agreed version [here](#).

Governance arrangements for partnership work in Angus were established in 2005. This recognises that the partnership is not a legal body in its own right but a collective of organisations who have their own clear governance and accountability arrangements that apply in the context of partnership work. In fact, while the partnership can and does promote joint working in respect of the delivery of outcomes, facilitation of partnership work is devolved to officer level to enable progress to be made. Decisions require to be made by individual partner organisations through their own governance arrangements.

The formal involvement of elected members in the process of partnership working in 2009 extended elected member involvement in the Angus Community Planning Partnership and reinforced linked representation with each of the thematic partnerships. Governance arrangements for the Single Outcome Agreement were also established in that it requires to be agreed by partner organisations' committees and boards. The Single Outcome Agreement Implementation Group has been established to lead and drive the delivery of outcomes for individuals and communities in Angus. An annual performance report on progress in delivering outcomes is submitted to Scottish Government in September each year and this is made publicly available.

A good practice advice note on governance and accountability for SOAs was circulated by the Scottish Government in a letter to Chief Executives in February 2009. Details of this can be found at the [Improvement Service](#) website

Recent Developments:

Audit Scotland has developed a number of improvement templates designed for application by auditors when carrying out Best Value audits of public bodies, which have recently been made available publicly on their [website](#). Although not expressly produced for self-assessment purposes, they have been made available for public bodies to use at their own discretion. An assessment for Angus Community Planning Partnership was made against 'How effective are the partnership governance arrangements – specifically scrutiny and

accountability.' and actions to strengthen governance put in place from this assessment. These actions include:

- 1) reviewing the roles/remits of thematic partnerships as part of the rationalisation process of moving from eight themed partnerships to five for April 2011
- 2) developing a new Angus Community Plan incorporating Single Outcome Agreement and
- 3) submitting six month and annual SOA reports to Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Sub-Committee of Angus Council

Community Planning Risk Register

The Community Planning Risk Register sets out the various risks facing partnership in relation to governance, political leadership, managerial leadership, partnership, outcomes, resources and community engagement.

Although all but one of the risks remain within tolerable levels, the current economic climate and the threat to public sector funding in particular has had an effect on the rating of the resources risk.

Over the last year a new risk register framework has been developed by Angus Council and this has been adopted for use by Angus Community Planning Partnership. Essentially, once potential risks have been identified, each one is ranked based on an assessment of the likelihood of it occurring and the probable effect if it does. This is done by scoring each risk in terms of likelihood and potential impact with the score taking into account those controls which are currently in place to manage the risk.

Progress against actions for the Community Planning Risk Register confirm that the pressure on public sector funding has increased the likelihood of a risk to resources and identifies resultant measures put in place to mitigate risks. If you would like any further information on the Angus Community Planning Risk Register please contact [Jacqui McNeill](#), Corporate Planning Officer

Community Engagement Impact Assessment

A key commitment designed to develop better community engagement activity the ACPP is the collation and analysis of data from an annual Community Engagement Impact Assessment.

The key findings of the most recent survey were that:

- 1) over 120 community engagement exercises were carried out
- 2) 70% of respondents said that 'yes' their service had changed as a result
- 3) 'sharing good practice' was seen as the best way to improve community engagement activity
- 4) the national standards for community engagement are applied consistently

Impact Assessment surveys have been carried out for the past 2 years, the results of which are published on the community planning website. You can find the report for 2009 [here](#).

Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme

Transport Scotland has launched their [low carbon vehicle procurement support scheme](#).

This scheme is supported by and agreed with COSLA and makes £3.6 million available to community planning partnerships to provide financial support for the procurement or lease of low carbon vehicles. The scheme will provide financial support to bridge the cost gap between a conventional vehicle and its low carbon counterpart and could also be used to provide support for the installation of publicly accessible charging/fuelling infrastructure.

Consideration is being given by the Partnership to the possible purchase of electric cars and electric heavier vehicles. The Tayfleet Project, of which Angus is a member is also looking at possible efficiencies in the Tayside Area including the possibility of building a network of charging points. Further updates will be given at future meetings however if you would like to find out more please contact [Ron Ashton](#), Director of Neighbourhood Services.

Third Sector

The Volunteer Centre Angus' ([VCA](#)) partnership work with schools will see more than 1000 pupils engage in positive volunteering opportunities. This will be achieved through their 'volunteering schools initiative' where pupils from P5 onwards will be supported to maintain a volunteering portfolio on learning from supported volunteering opportunities. This initiative will blend with the Millennium Volunteering awards (MV). Other work currently being undertaken by the Volunteer Centre Angus includes:

the opening of a new life skills centre which will play an important role in helping people move from poverty into employment or education

building the community volunteering initiative where volunteers support vulnerable and elderly people in their own homes and carry out environmental improvements

tackling health inequalities by building on 'Beyond the Trolley' report and developing co-productionist community volunteering effort and

extending the organic farm at the House of Dunn to open up positive learning opportunities and training for people most at risk of inequalities and exclusion.

Key developments for Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations [AAVO](#), have been:

- the successful delivery by AAVO, as Lead Agency, of the Digital TV Switchover Community Outreach programme
- excellent progress reported for the Angus Social Economy Partnership delivered through the AAVO Social Enterprise Initiative including the establishment of the Angus Social Enterprise Network and
- discussions around mergers and acquisitions caused by the current economic climate

Key areas of development with regards to the Angus Interface and future arrangements for working together in the Third Sector include.

- the development of a constitution to inaugurate new partnership working arrangements between AAVO and VCA. The new partnership is called **Community Action Angus (CAA)**

- the development and production of a draft business plan which outlines the areas for joint working going forward from March 2011

If you would like any more information on the above please contact either [AAVO](#) or [VCA](#).

Angus Economic Development Partnership (AEDP)

The Angus Economic Development Partnership has recently produced both an [Angus Economic Digest](#) for 2010 and now regularly produces an [Angus Economic Bulletin](#). The digest gives an overview of the economy of Angus based on five sections - place, economy, people, employment and employability. The bulletin offers information on the work of the partnership. For more information on any of these publications or any other content please contact [Prue Dowie](#), Strategy Officer, Infrastructure Services.

The Partnership has also recently produced an economic recovery plan for Angus. The Economic Recovery Programme is a constantly-evolving framework for action, undertaken collectively by the Scottish Government, local government, public bodies and social partners working together. If you would like a copy of the Angus Economic Recovery Plan please contact [Shelley Hague](#), Strategy Officer, Economic Development

Lifelong Learning Partnership (LLP)

Better Community Engagement - Community Councils and members of the Local Community Planning Teams have now attended workshops delivered by the Scottish Community Development Centre. Associated development work is being done by Local Community Planning Team members to develop training/resource materials that they could use with a broader set of community organisations, to help them participate in and undertake community engagement activities. A community of practice involving staff from Angus Council departments and other community planning partners has been piloted. There are plans to extend both of these strands of activity in the early part of 2011

16+ learning choices - a reference group has been established to guide preparation for full implementation and two members of staff have been appointed to take a leadership role. A very successful pilot initiative has been completed involving Angus College, Angus Council and Skills Development Scotland. Some of the challenges still around relate to developing a manageable way of implementing activity agreements, which draw as widely as possible on the range of learning opportunities available in the communities. A particular challenge in this regard will be providing some form of key worker to support young people entering into activity agreements and addressing continuing challenges in relation to the management of data which will assist partners in providing effective support to young people and meeting reporting requirements.

The partnership is now working towards arrangements for the move from eight to five thematic partnerships when the Lifelong Learning Partnership will merge with the Childrens and Learning Partnership. Initial proposals for the re-structured Childrens and Learning Partnership were considered by the Children's Executive and Lifelong learning Collaborative Forum on 15 and 16 of December.

Health Improvement Action Group (HIAG)

Links are being made with early years partners to take forward the recommendations outlined in the summary mapping exercise report around obesity in children linking with the Route Map - prevention of overweight and obesity national plan. The [Angus Physical](#)

[Activity Strategy](#) is now finalised. Like other partnerships the HIAG is now awaiting discussions with the other health partnerships to discuss the way forward from March 2011.

Angus Community Safety Partnership (ACSP)

The new Angus **strategic assessment** was completed for 10/11. The strategic assessment is a process completed by the Community Intelligence Analyst which analyses all available data regarding community safety/crime in an area and concludes what should be deemed high/medium or low priority for the partnership. High priorities for this year included drugs, alcohol and antisocial behaviour and the partnership is meeting most of the set targets.

The **Joint Services Team** is the operational wing of the Angus Community Safety Partnership, consisting of staff from Angus Council, Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue. The work of the team has been recognised both nationally and locally this year.

A new shift pattern has been introduced for **Angus Community Wardens** which means wardens are now patrolling earlier in the morning and later into the evening on certain days. The new shifts are designed to specifically tackle the issues consistently reported from residents and communities in Angus, namely the problems of dog fouling and littering in our communities. Community Wardens have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those who drop litter or fail to clean up after their dogs. Working with partners in Waste Management and Environmental and Consumer Protection means areas of concern are now identified to all those who can assist and tackling these issues becomes a partnership responsibility. During the period of bad weather, Community Wardens have been diversifying from their usual duties to respond to the needs of the communities of Angus. Community Wardens have helped numerous members of the public dig their cars from the roadside as well as clearing paths and accesses for local elderly residents in Sheltered Housing and other accommodation.

ACSP supported the work of the Joint Services Team in organising the annual **Safe Angus** project at the Jock Neish Scouting Centre, Tannadice in October this year. The event provides over 1300 P6/7 pupils in Angus practical ways to deal with everyday dangers, risks and hazard.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a theatre education project which explores the circumstances that can lead to a road traffic collision and the consequences that follow. Statistically young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a collision, often due to inexperience and a lack of understanding of the risks. This year, Safe Drive Stay Alive reached an audience of 1200 S5 and S6 pupils from Angus and they were joined by 300 pupils from Angus College.

The Tayside Police **community task force** have once again been working in Angus. The team of six officers and a Sergeant have been supporting the local police in tackling issue of antisocial behaviour and driving as well as drugs and alcohol issues in communities in Forfar, Montrose, Brechin and Arbroath.

Total Dry Up is a multi agency programme which tackles alcohol misuse and antisocial behaviour by young people, by seizing alcohol from underage drinkers but also providing information and support regarding alcohol and its misuse. Tayside Police and partners have undertaken 6 Total Dry up evenings in all the borough towns of Angus so far this year. This resulted in 16 young persons being referred to Tayside Council on Alcohol, Arbroath for alcohol awareness counselling.

The partnership supports the **Junior Road Safety Officers scheme** in Angus, which this year appointed two P6 JRS Officers for 48 out of the 53 primary schools in Angus. The children have to apply for these posts themselves, giving reasons why they think they would be suitable for the role. Duties undertaken include maintaining a road safety notice board, running competitions within the school and talking at assemblies, or classes on road safety issues.

Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP)

The ADP held a development day on 17th September at Seaton House near Arbroath with over forty people attending. At the development day partners considered the structure of the ADP and its sub groups and asked the question "do our current structures allow us to fulfil our business needs." On the day ADP members heard from the Scottish Government about what they expected from ADPs across the country and from two other ADPs about how they structure themselves. As a result of the day it was decided to modify the structure of the ADP and slightly amend the membership. The ADP in collaboration with the other two Tayside ADPs have begun work on an exciting project to help meet the information needs of the ADP. The system will allow the ADP to collect detailed information on the performance of alcohol and drug services and allow us to really understand how well treatment interventions are working for people.

Community Care and Health Executive Group (CCEG)

In response to the planned new structure of the Angus Community Planning Partnership the Community Care and Health Executive Group held a development day with all its partners to ensure its own structure was fit for purpose. Changes will be incorporated over the coming months to reflect the Partnerships new way of working.

The group are currently working towards producing a community care plan for Angus and are participating in the national review of the Community Care Outcomes Framework through current benchmarking networks.

Childrens' Services Executive Group (CSEG)

The group are currently looking at the joint national evaluation framework with a view to its applicability for Childrens Services in Angus. The purpose of self-evaluation is to improve quality and performance as well as to focus on the impact of services delivered by the Council and its community planning partners. An update report on the progress made with regards to the objectives in the Corporate Parenting Strategy is being produced by the group. Generally the partnership is preparing for an inspection of its Child Protection Services in January and the new structure arrangements for the ACPP to come into force in April 2011.

Angus Rural and Environment Partnership (AREP)

The group have been discussing whether there is a need for an Environmental Strategy to capture the main themes across Angus. It would contain the main environmental strategies for each partner agency attending the Rural and Environment Partnership. It was thought that this would be a beneficial document and work will begin to progress this.

The Tayside Bio-Diversity partnership has produced a document entitled [Travelling along the Tay](#) to highlight the range of wildlife visible from the rail line from Perth to Dundee and onwards along the coast to Montrose.

A local climate impact profile (LCLIP) has now been compiled for Angus. The Scottish and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research (SNIFFER) provided funding to employ a temporary researcher to carry out a media search of weather events reported for the region. The report produced summarises the findings of Angus Council LCLIP media search, the effect of weather events and also the response of the local authority and community partners. To access the report click [here](#). For further information on the Angus LCLIP please

contact [Kelly Ann Dempsey](#), Project Officer, Environmental Strategy.

Local Community Planning

Arbroath East and Lunan & Arbroath West and Letham

The **Arbroath and Area Partnership** has now updated and agreed its priorities for the Partnership. Whilst some priorities are current and ongoing, there are a number of new priorities to be developed which will need dedicated working groups formed in order to take work forward.

Ongoing Partnership priorities have been agreed as:

- 1) Develop a funding package and outline events programme for Year of the Light 2011.
- 2) Work in partnership to develop an Arbroath town centre regeneration strategy
- 3) Develop a collective marketing strategy for Arbroath

New priorities to be developed have been agreed as:

- 1) Community involvement in the cinema programme in the Webster memorial theatre
- 2) Rolling out the Arbroath cliff top safety project further up the coastline
- 3) Look at ways to develop Tartan Day celebrations in the Arbroath area

The **Town Centre Regeneration Group** continues to move forward on a number of actions which include the following:

- 1) Working towards working upgrading interpretation boards and finger post signs.
- 2) The idea of introducing a new tourist road vehicle route through the town centre
- 3) Dialogue with shop owners with a view to developing a collective marketing strategy.

The **Bruce Road Community Flat** group has secured funding through the Fairer Scotland Fund to produce car stickers promoting road safety in the area. The sticker design came from the winner of a road safety poster competition held in partnership with Warddykes Primary School. The Group continue to explore ways to tackle the issue of road safety around their area and Warddykes Primary. Bingo nights continue to run successfully and are well attended. The Group continue to seek volunteers for their Children's Arts and Crafts Group.

The **Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council** is keen to work in partnership with the **Bruce Road Community Flat** and the **Timmergreens Action Group** to develop a collective strategy to tackle the dog fouling issue in Arbroath. Timmergreens Action Group are now attending the Arbroath and Area Partnership and are working on engaging with their community in order to develop an action plan for the Group.

The Arbroath and Area Partnership, with the assistance of a special '**Year of the Light**' steering group has developed an ambitious calendar of events for next year to celebrate 200 years of the Bell Rock Lighthouse. The group's aim is to promote this historic occasion locally, nationally and internationally, to increase tourism and visitors to the area and boost the local economy of Arbroath and Angus. For more information on the bicentenary

celebration 2011 events please visit Arbroath and Area Partnership's new Year of the Light web page [here](#) on Angus Ahead. Nationally, Visit Scotland's has launched their Winter White website and is featuring the [Year of the Light – Arbroath](#).

Discussions have taken place between Council Officer and businesses in the **west links area** to explore the options for redevelopment of the area. Work continues to move forward.

The demolitions and environmental improvements at the shops at **Mayfield Terrace** are now complete. The community office is now open in the afternoon. The Local Community Planning Team are investigating the possibility of locating a temporary building in the area to deliver services locally and determine demand for such a community facility. The building would focus on providing health and employability initiatives as well as providing premises for local groups to use for community activities.

If you would like any further information on any of the above please contact the [Arbroath Local Community Planning Team](#)

Brechin and Edzell

Feedback from the Round Table's successful **Gala Day** in July 2010 suggested local people would like to see the procession improved for next year and a beer tent maybe considered following wider consultation. The planning of next years pageant requires increased involvement from the community and the Local Community Planning Team are supporting a group that has been set up called the Brechin Voluntary Organisation Group to take forward proposals.

A surgery with the local Community Police Officer at the **Hillview Community Flat** is currently being offered on a pilot basis and will hopefully become a permanent feature in the future. The local community planning team are currently liaising with Enable and Penumbra to devise a programme of events or sessions to be held in the flat in 2011. The team is also working with a group of local residents with a view to forming a registered community group to co-ordinate the running of the Community Flat. The Happy Healthy Eating Communities project session took place on August 18th. The turn-out was not as positive as expected, however future sessions are planned for the new year.

Brechin Local Community Planning Team have now produced and distributed an **Events Listing leaflet**, and would like to encourage all local groups, holding events, to get in touch with the team to be included in future versions.

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Brechin Local Community Planning Team](#).

Carnoustie and District

Three Streets Residents Association have held two public meetings over the last few months which included presentations from Angus Community Mediation and Doorstoppers/No Cold Calling Initiatives. Work continues with the group to enable them to receive the services that they require and to support them with developing an action plan. A multi-agency surgery, between Housing and Police is in place.

Carnoustie Forward held a networking event to discuss the benefits of partnership working and how the Local Community Planning Team can support ideas and projects identified. Follow up events are planned.

A positive meeting was held by **Carnoustie Business Association** which was attended by Officers of Angus Council's Economic Development Division and the Local Community Planning Team to identify the way forward for business enterprise within Carnoustie.

Carnoustie Centre Action Group's annual Christmas market which incorporate the St Andrews day food market was a great success with local shoppers. Thanks to funding from Events Scotland the food market was more extensive than last year with good signage, winter decorations and balloons. The group has also received an in principle £300,000 boost from Angus Council. Land at the former Kinloch Primary School site, valued at £160,000, will be leased to the Carnoustie Centre Action Group for a peppercorn rent. The council has also agreed to boost local ambitions for a new community facility in the town with a £140,000 cash commitment on the basis of a positive project feasibility outcome.

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Carnoustie Local Community Planning Team](#)

Forfar and District

60 community groups were invited to come along to a **Forfar and District Community Planning event** to develop a small action plan, with a series of actions designed to make Forfar and District an even better place to live, work and visit. Those in attendance agreed three priority areas; tourism; public facilities; and community development. A series of actions have been suggested, as have a list of groups who should be involved in their development. The Local Community Planning Team will now publicise these proposals and seek any additional thoughts before beginning work on the individual actions.

The Glens United Action Group (GUAG) succeeded in reaching the final of the People's Millions competition. They are seeking around £42,000 to redevelop Steele Park, in order to provide improved play equipment and other facilities for local young people.

The Forfar and Area Partnership is leading on the proposal for establishing Forfar as a Fairtrade town. The aim is to establish a Steering Group to take the Fairtrade Initiative forward and ensure that Forfar becomes one of the first Fairtrade towns in Angus.

The Forfar and Area Partnership are seeking additional support for the development of **Gala Week** in 2011. The Partnership successfully re-established the Gala Week some years ago and it is now a fixture in Forfar's calendar, attracting around 6000 people to events centred on the Myre. To date, the success of the Gala Week has relied on the hard work of a small number of volunteers and funding from a variety of sources.

The Forfar and Area Partnership and the Local Community Planning Team have recently put on an '**energise your community**' event in the Reid Hall, Forfar. This was an opportunity for local groups and individuals to find out information around energy awareness and climate change issues, as well as finding out about existing community activity in the Forfar area. Feedback from those in attendance was very positive and the Partnership will consider hosting a similar event in 2011.

The **Community Appraisal in Viewmount** was successfully carried out in September and October, involving door-to-door questionnaires, a flat drop-in and feedback sessions. Responses were gained from over 50% of the households in the Viewmount area and this was followed up with a meeting with interested residents on 24 November. This was a positive discussion and will hopefully lead to collective action in the future

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Forfar and District Local Community Planning Team](#) .

Kirriemuir and Dean

Kirriemuir Youth Power have secured support from local company, S&S Grewar, to redevelop the BMX track on Kirriemuir Hill. Work on the BMX track had been scheduled as a later part of the Kirriemuir Hill redevelopment, however, Youth Power have taken it upon themselves to seek to make improvements as soon as possible. S&S Grewar will begin the work in the near future.

The Rotary Club of Kirriemuir is seeking to redevelop an area of ground to the rear of the Health Centre on Tannage Brae as a Community Garden. Ownership of the land is currently being investigated, although support has been forthcoming from the Health Centre and Angus Council. Both parties hope to be in a position to come forward with a detailed proposal early in 2011.

70 community groups were invited to come along to a **Kirriemuir and Dean Community Planning Event**, in order to identify and agree a series of actions for community groups to undertake. The aim is to develop a small action plan, with a series of actions designed to make Kirriemuir and Dean an even better place to live, work and visit. Those in attendance agreed a series of actions, looking at public transport, tourism and communication; and proposed a list of groups who should be involved in their development. The Local Community Planning Team will now publicise these proposals and seek any additional thoughts before beginning work on the individual actions.

The Local Community Planning Team and CLD Service is currently working with a number of **youth groups in the Newtyle and Sidlaw area** to find out the thoughts and ideas of young people living in those areas, as to how youth facilities in this area can be improved.

Support has been given to **Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club** in relation to its planning application for a new club hut in Glen Doll. Planning permission has now been granted and further advice has been given in terms of potential funding sources, to supplement the extensive fundraising already undertaken by the club.

Members of the Local Community Planning Team met with the **Pupil Council**, comprised of S5 and S6 pupils in **Webster's High School** in November. A number of issues were covered in terms of priorities for younger people in the Kirriemuir area, potential involvement in community projects and assistance in determining the best way to get young people's ideas and opinions on a variety of issues. The Team will meet with the Pupil Council again in January to discuss this further.

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Kirriemuir and Dean Local Community Planning Team](#).

Monifieth and Sidlaw

The **Monifieth 'M' Factor** sub groups have now met to progress the four key agreed priorities of:

- 1) Environmental Issues & Beach Enhancements
- 2) Better Promotion of Town and surrounding area
- 3) Youth Facility and activities
- 4) Community Centre Facility

Positive engagement has taken place with Grange Primary School, Seaview Primary School and Monifieth High School with regards to the **Monifieth eco-fest** project. Jack's Garden and the orchard, at Grange Primary School, are to be further developed and the promotion

of walking/cycling (for example) instead of using cars is being actively pursued in a week of action and this is being financially supported by STRIDE.

The team continues to facilitate regular networking/information sharing meetings with the Chairs of the **Monifieth and Sidlaw area community councils**. The team are helping to organise and deliver a **youth consultation event** in the Sidlaw area, in partnership with Community Learning and Development. This was scheduled to take place on Monday 29 November 2010 at the Birkhill Millenium Hall but due to the bad weather, will now be rescheduled for a later date.

Monifieth Community Centre Steering Group held a public meeting which saw a good turn out and support from those who attended. The next stage of the project is to produce a brief which will be issued to local consultants to tender for a feasibility study. The group are pursuing the possibility of utilising a temporary building as a short term solution to the lack of facilities. The building could be used by local groups to deliver community activities and help the Steering Group demonstrate demand for such a facility.

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Monifieth and Sidlaw Local Community Planning Team](#)

Montrose and District

The work of the **Montrose Town Centre Regeneration group** continues. A consultation exercise on the group's plans is being proposed, using local press, the library and town notice boards as well as presentations to be delivered to Montrose Together and Montrose Community Council. The group continues to liaise with Scot Rail with a view to enhancing the station entrance.

Following discussion through Montrose Together a further environmental survey has been carried out on the **East Links** area and those involved through Montrose Moving Forward are planning wider consultation with other stakeholders before looking into the possibility of setting up a local trust to manage any proposed developments of the area.

A further follow-up to the **Montrose Moving Forward** events will take place in January 2011. Where the group will discuss and approve their proposed action plan. Actions identified previously included:-

- 1) Developing a Tourism leaflet and creating a 'what's on guide' for the area for distribution with local community groups and the private sector,
- 2) Promoting joint working across different groups, developing the East links Area and investigating the viability of a local management trust to manage the whole Links area,
- 3) Improving access to the railway station, promoting town history and heritage, Developing activities for the whole community, Investigating ways to support investment
- 4) in youth, investigating ways to improve the usage of the town hall and regeneration of the town centre including street furniture and bins, and
- 5) Investigating the possibility of cinema provision for all ages in the burgh.

Montrose Local Community Planning Team have now produced and distributed an **Events Listing** leaflet and would like to encourage all local groups, holding events, to get in touch with the team to be included in future versions.

If you would like any further information on any of the above projects please contact the [Montrose Local Community Planning Team](#) .

