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Welcome to the third edition of the Community Planning Partnership's e-newsletter. In this edition you'll find details of the discussions taking place at the Angus Community Planning Partnership over the last few months as well as what the thematic partnerships have been up to. There is also the usual round up of local community planning activity going on in and around the burghs of Angus

Perhaps one of the most important events to have taken place recently however is the Partnerships annual planning day where partners across Tayside and Angus came together to discuss a new Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement. Watch out for further details of how you can comment on the draft in the coming weeks.

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## Angus Community Planning Partnership (ACPP)

Annual Community Planning Partnership Day - Message from Richard Stiff, Chief Executive, Angus Council

*I am writing this just a few days after attending the Angus Community Planning Partnership planning day held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. In my fifth week as Chief Executive at Angus Council I am still in the position that almost everything I do is focussed induction. This was certainly true of the planning day, which provided a perfect overview of partnership working in Angus – and my verdict is that partnership working is well established and, most important, it is delivering. Over the last 5 or 6 years in my work in England I have been closely involved in “Local Strategic Partnerships” (the Community Planning Partnership equivalent), and Children’s Trust partnerships in particular. The ability of partnerships to tackle issues that no one agency can master has been very clear, and this is especially so when there is a shared strategy and set of priorities in place, and hence the importance of last week’s meeting. There is an proportional rule applying here perhaps? The bigger the problem the more likely a partnership solution is to make a difference. In addition the challenge of the moment – doing more with less in the simplest terms – also supports the development of partnership and collaboration. While I can’t say that the Angus Community Planning Partnership is unlikely to learn anything from other places – that is never true – it is plain to see that the Angus partnership is moving forward and is making a difference, and I am looking forward to making my contribution to its growth and development.*

## Resources Group

The Resources group meet on a regular basis and members are continuing to share their respective current positions and the difficulties they are facing following the Government Spending Review. The group has identified **appropriate finance contacts** within the resources group to formalise an identified channel of communication between them and each of the Thematic partnerships.

The External Funding team wish to better share their knowledge and expertise and have offered to develop a **funding database** as it was agreed that this is essential for a coherent approach to funding.

Thematic partnerships have met with the resources group to highlight any resource issues they have in their **delivery plans** for the years 2011-2014. The chair of the group noted that it was comforting to see that thematic partnerships had, in the main, identified all resources for their planned work. Where there were gaps the chair urged partnerships to work with them so that they could assist where possible to close those gaps.

#### Data sharing, Information and Referral Group

Work is underway to extend the **data sharing protocol** between NHS Tayside and the three Councils in Tayside with Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue. A draft protocol is being developed for consideration.

**Child Protection Messaging** is now live between Social Work and Health, Education and NHS Tayside. It is intended to review opportunities to include housing staff who come into contact with children who are at risk in future.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership agreed to pursue a local solution to sharing information in relation to **single shared assessments**. NHS Tayside are pursuing the development of a new platform locally that would enable the system used by Social Work and Health, i.e. Care First, to share data from Angus CHP's Midus System.

Partners have worked through a number of issues in relation to obtaining data to populate the **Geographic Information System (GIS)** in respect of anti social behaviour activity in Angus. However, the Data Sharing Information and Referral Group wished to extend the use of the GIS locally to include some health and social care data. Some work has already progressed in this area that could be included in the GIS.

The chairs of thematic partnerships joined a meeting of the data sharing information and referral group to allow the group to **obtain more current data** than was presently being used by the partnership to better assist with the management of performance. The difficulties around obtaining current data were discussed and some solutions were proposed and agreed including the use of **invalidated data** in particular where the latest available data was more than one year old.

#### Accommodation

The group has made progress **mapping Partners properties** onto a dedicated page on the Angus GIS mapping system, this is used primarily as a visual aid during meetings, but also to assist wider planning.

An initial special meeting on Arbroath has been held to begin more focused discussion on potential synergies over the next 8-10 years. This time frame ties in with potential requirements for improvements in health facilities and any funding opportunities which might be accessible to partnership bids. Early discussion has concentrated on possible links between health; social work and care training, and the need for plans that allow for easy adaptation through time to allow for rapid technological change and changes to service delivery.

#### Review of Partnership Effectiveness

Members of the Partnership are generally happy with partnership work in Angus but recognise the need to respond to changing expectations and to deliver

improvements. There is a consensus amongst Partners that there is a strong basis on which to **build and consolidate** the work of **the Partnership**.

Scottish Government are pursuing a new interface with the [Third Sector in Scotland](#). This had occupied both [AAVO](#) and [VCA](#) in recent months with a new organisation having been established to provide the interface with Scottish Government. Both AAVO and VCA were committed to pursue joint partnership arrangements in relation to the interface however, many partners had expressed the view that they had anticipated that the two organisations should look to consider opportunities for more **formal partnership arrangements in future years**. It was the intention of AAVO and VCA however to further develop their representative role on the Partnership for both the voluntary sector and volunteering as well as the development of social enterprise through a partnership forum. This has been welcomed by the Partnership.

### Local Community Plans

Draft **Local Community Plans** have been prepared for eight areas of Angus. They are to be shared with the chairs of the Thematic Partnerships with a view to creating a **two way flow** between local and strategic community planning. The Draft Local Community Plans will also be considered by the Council and Angus Community Planning Partners to enable their services to identify opportunities for **closer working links** with local community actions and plans.

**Local Community Planning Teams** have set out how they will deliver the community led actions in each of the plans as well as engage in broader community consultation on, and publication locally of the plans. The teams will also identify other locally based activities that complement or contribute to the delivery of the actions in the draft plans.

### Scottish Parliament Finance Committee - Preventative Spending Event

The Scottish Parliament Finance Committee advised of an event to discuss their [report on preventative spending](#). Representation from Community Planning Partnerships was undertaken by Angus Council's Director of Education who chairs the Children's and Learning Partnership given the large focus on early years.

### Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland

In association with the development of a **national dementia strategy** a cross party group within the Scottish Parliament has developed a charter of rights for people with dementia and their carers. The charter is consistent with human rights legislation and sets out a number of key principles for people with dementia and their carers based on the themes of participation, empowerment, non discrimination and equality and the legal right for people with dementia to have their full range of human rights respected, protected and fulfilled.

The **charter** focuses on a number of over-arching objectives to **ensure dignity and rights for all**; effective care management and personalised care; and the development of a workforce that is knowledgeable and competent. The principles contained within the charter are enshrined within the dementia strategy and are consistent with the values and approach of delivering social work and health services in Angus. These principles are also consistent with existing staff awareness training and workforce development plans. The Angus Community Planning Partnership endorses the charter of rights for people with dementia and their carers.

## Third Sector

The work of the Futures Group over the past few months has been to draft an **Angus Interface Framework for Delivery** paper that is ratified by both Boards prior to submitting to the Scottish Government.

The Futures Group had also agreed to draft a **Memorandum of Understanding** between AAVO and VCA to ensure both agencies are working together for the betterment of communities and individuals and to strengthen the Third Sector. New arrangements for interface funding is now in force and Community Action Angus will receive the funds on behalf of both AAVO and VCA.

The **annual AAVO Fair** – now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year – took place at the Reid Hall. Over 50 exhibitors participated and over 300 visitors attended. The Chair of NHS Tayside Board, Sandy Watson, visited the Fair and met with many of the exhibitors.

The **Annual General Meeting of AAVO** has taken place. This was AAVO's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Looking to the Future and the *next* 20 years, was the main theme of the AGM. The Guest Speaker was Dr Robert Peat, Depute Chief Executive of the Council, and Director of Social Work and Health. Representatives from over 25 organisations attended to hear Dr Peat's address and his update from Social Work and Health, and his empathy for the work of the third sector, was appreciated by all.

The **Social Enterprise Initiative** is now in its second year and continues to build social enterprise as a key element for Third Sector development and sustainability. As well as the groups and organisations who have been helped by the Initiative, AAVO is also working directly with 3 established Angus charities, to develop social enterprises for their organisations. Bids are being drawn up to access a new funding stream to achieve external finance for the planned work.

Since its opening, '**Praxis**', the volunteer life skills centre has received 122 referrals. Due to the launch of Angus Work employability partnership there has been keen interest from other local authority areas, keen to replicate the Praxis model. Praxis was developed through partnership working in Angus and is based on a peer volunteering mentoring skills exchange.

VCA works in partnership with Angus Council Housing Department and NHS Tayside to help address issues relating to the underlying causes and needs of the **Homeless** community. The 'survivors guide to homelessness' has been launched and is based on the experience of people who were/ are homeless.

Eight schools have now been recognised as '**volunteering schools**'. This is the first strand of activity across all primary schools whereby pupils from P5 upwards develop learning around volunteering based on their own interests. Currently there are 600 pupils involved in the programme.

The **community volunteering project** engages often isolated, unemployed volunteers in doing odd jobs and gardening for elderly or disabled people in Angus. The project takes referrals from any agency who support people coming out of care where their clients/patients are unable to maintain their gardens and other jobs. This work can help offset the cost of statutory care services, provide unemployed people with a reference and the motivation to return to work and more importantly allow senior citizens and others in need to maintain their dignity of home life.

## Volunteering Strategy

A final draft of a **Volunteering Strategy for Angus** has been approved by the Angus Community Planning Partnership. The strategy has been developed through a series of consultation events with volunteers, managers and partners. The strategy describes the current environment in which volunteering is operating in Angus as well as its values and commitment. A series of outcomes have been identified within the strategy to strengthen volunteering and comments have been invited on these as well as on the strategy as a whole.

## Preventing Overweight and Obesity in Scotland - A route map towards healthy weight

The Scottish Government has published a **Route Map towards healthy weight**. The Route Map is aimed at decision makers in central and local government and outlines how the Scottish Government will tackle the obesity problems in the Scottish population in the years to 2030. By 2030, it is anticipated that almost 40% of adults will be obese. Overweight and obesity brings with it a risk of disease and a cost to society that will directly impact on our ability to achieve sustainable economic growth. Whilst this situation is avoidable it is an extremely complex issue and the responsibilities for implementation of the route map are not exclusive to one organisation but extended to all community planning partners in Angus.

## Thematic Partnerships

For the last time the eight thematic partnerships submitted their mid-term progress reports to the Angus Community Planning Partnership. The reports can be found on the [Partnership website](#). Based on last years annual partnership planning day, as of 1st April the thematic partnerships will be the:

### Economic Development Partnership

Work is progressing on updating the Angus Economic Development Partnership's **Action Plan** both at strategic and operational level. The work was completed in time for the Community Planning Day on 25 March 2011. Details of the Partnership's activities during 2010 have been put into report format to be considered at the next meeting of the Economic Development Partnership on 6 May 2011.

### Children's and Learning Partnership

Progress is being made with implementing the '**getting it right for every child**' agenda with the adoption of Named Person and Lead Professional roles being agreed by all partner agencies. A **steering group** has also been established across Tayside to identify and share best practice and look at common procedures and approaches. A **progress report** on the **Corporate Parenting Strategy** was presented to Strategic Policy Committee at the beginning of February. An HMIE joint inspections of child protection services was undertaken in January and a draft report is currently being considered by the Angus Child Protection Committee.

The Lifelong Learning Partnership and Children's Services Executive have developed a **structure** for the new Children's and Learning Partnership which will come fully in to place between April and June 2011.

Work to deliver the **Growing Excellence** (upskilling the community learning and development workforce) programme has continued. Opportunities have been

created for staff to participate in learning activities in the fields of leadership development, outcome focused practice, continuing professional development and the use of information and communications technology in community based learning. Further work is planned to extend access to information on continuing professional development activities and provide community learning and development practitioners with an online community learning and development planning and reflection tool to support their development. The end outcome of this learning activity will be improved community learning and development practice and improved outcomes for learners.

The partnership is working to complete its involvement in the **Working and learning Together Challenge Fund initiative**. Consultants have been engaged to support partners in developing a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to community capacity building practice, linked directly to important SOA outcomes and targets.

**16+ Learning Choices** – a rolling programme of “stepping stones” provision is in place and will be expanded in the near future, with involvement from a wider range of partner providers. Funding has been secured to further support the implementation of the initiative in general and activity agreements in particular. A small pilot in the operation of activity agreements has been successfully completed and arrangements are being progressed to implement these agreements in full for summer school leavers. Angus is an early implementer for the national data hub and pilot activity is scheduled to begin in the early summer with the Local Authority, rolling out to Colleges in June or July. Initial awareness raising training in relation to the data hub has already been provided for key staff.

### Community Safety Partnership

The **Tayside Police Community Task Force** are back in Angus, focusing their attentions on community issues in **Arbroath, Carnoustie and Monifieth**. In particular they will be dealing with issues surrounding drug misuse and drug dealing, antisocial behaviour, speeding and dangerous driving. As during previous deployments, the Task Force will be supported by the Angus Community Safety Partnership, with assistance already being provided by Angus Trading Standards, Angus Arrest Referral service and the Community Wardens service.

The **Angus Alcohol and Drug Prevention Officer** continues to provide a wealth of support to people involved in the misuse of alcohol or drugs including educational inputs to young people in schools and community groups across Angus and assisting with the **Friday Night Projects** in Arbroath and Monifieth.

The **Community Wardens service** now has primary responsibility for tackling issues of environmental antisocial behaviour - namely dog fouling, littering and fly-tipping. Members of the public can report any concerns they may have on this subject to **ACCESSline 08452 777 778**, and the issue will be passed on to the wardens Service for attention. To date, the wardens have issued fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and littering offences and are actively investigating some long standing complaints in relation to other similar offences.

An initiative is underway to expand the successful Montrose **Pubwatch scheme** to other towns across Angus. An initial meeting to establish a scheme in Arbroath was attended by a large number of local premises, and was hosted by the **Condor Military Police** who intend to assist with the project. The Arbroath

scheme will be launched in the weeks ahead, and other schemes are planned for the other main towns in Angus in due course.

### Community Care and Health Partnership

In response to pressures on the health and social care system, and current budget constraints, the Scottish Government has allocated approximately 1.7 million in 2011-12 to Angus, from the NHS budget, to establish a **Change Fund**. The change fund will enable NHS Boards and local partnerships to redesign services, support the delivery of new approaches and develop integrated services which will improve outcomes for individuals who use services.

The Angus Community Care and Health Partnership have developed a four year plan to utilise resources from the change fund (change plan). This has involved consultation with representatives from the voluntary sector and the independent sector. From 1 April 2011 the independent sector and the voluntary sector, will be members of the Community Care & Health Executive Group. The executive group will oversee the delivery of the change fund proposals. The Angus proposal also links with **existing local redesign programmes** namely the Best Value Review of Older Peoples Services and the Angus Community Medicine and Rehabilitation Redesign programme.

The aims and objectives of Angus Community Care and Health executive in relation to the change fund and the change Plan are to **improve care pathways**, to **contain costs within budget** and **improve services to the local population**.

There is now a slightly smaller Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy Group, with some new members, who give direction to the partnership and oversee the work of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership sub groups and support staff. One of our new sub groups is a Recovery and Joint Working group, this group is looking to embed the principles of 'recovery' in Angus. Some early work commenced by the group includes working closely with neighbourhood services to look at the housing needs of people in recovery from drug and alcohol misuse, working with community learning and development staff to establish a literacy group for people in recovery and working with NHS Tayside's Keep Well programme to look at piloting fitness checks/programmes for people in recovery. Other exciting pieces of work include the recent evaluation of the Montrose Link-Up initiative which has been shown to model a new way of working with children affected by substance misuse.

### Rural and Environment Partnership

Partners have been working to review actions and targets for the next three years, aligned with the development of a new Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement. This included a **meeting of chairs of the sub-groups** on Transport, Volunteering, Biodiversity and Climate Change. A presentation on Climate Change was made at the Angus Community Planning Day, held to review proposals for the next 3-10 years.

The next meeting of the partnership will be held on 13 May, and will focus on aspects of the built and natural environment in Angus, in particular on developments in and around Brechin.

## Local Community Planning

### Arbroath East and Lunan and Arbroath West and Letham

The **Arbroath Ahead Charitable Trust (AACT) Sub-Group** recently held it's AGM and the new committee is now looking at how to progress the work of the group.

The Local Community Planning Team is to begin work with young people in the community to move the **Cinema Sub-Group** project forward.

A **Cliff Top Safety Sub-Group** is currently being established to take this project forward.

Whilst the Arbroath and Area Partnership will not be holding any **Tartan Day** events in 2011, a Tartan Day 2012 working group has been established to plan events for Tartan Week 2012.

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

- The area around the **Arbroath Sheriff Court House** has been identified as an area for improvement - litter issues and use of the Court House buildings window space is to be focused on.
- Work is progressing well with the **Arbroath Tourist brochure** - due to be distributed for summer 2011.
- Alongside the brochure, work is also continuing towards the installation of **pole banners** which are due to be in situ for Summer 2011.
- Work to **refurbish benches** and **finger post signs** is also moving forward.
- Local businesses have now started to contact the group to get involved with the regeneration of Arbroath town centre and the group will be contacting **local businesses** to look at ways that we can progress this.

The [Friockheim and District Community Council](#) are continuing to take forward their proposal to develop Friockheim Park.

**Bruce Road Community Flat** recently made over £300 at their Bingo Fundraiser which will go towards running costs for the flat. They recently held a children's party using monies donated from the dissolution of Strathairlie Neighbourhood Association. **'Suss it Out'** committee training is due to take place over the coming months.

**Timmergreens Action Group** regularly attend Arbroath and Area Partnership meetings and continue to look at ways to engage with their community in order to develop an action plan for the group. The group is also looking into the creation of a TAG website.

The **Year of the Light** web page on the Angus Ahead website has now had almost 10,000 page views with 90% from UK visitors. STV, BBC, ITN, CNN news have all broadcast a **Year of the Light** Bell Rock Lighthouse item within their news and television programmes since 1 February. The following television programmes - The Hour, Daybreak, Landward have travelled out to the Bell Rock

Lighthouse to film and interview at the Bell Rock Lighthouse which has allowed them to show this footage in their programmes. Countryfile is planning to film here in spring/summer for their popular Sunday evening TV programme.

The Arbroath and Area Local Community Planning Team has received direct contact from Brazil, New Zealand, America and Canada and the [Bellrock website](#) has received hits from over 165 countries including Australia, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Holland, Germany, Norway, Czech Republic and Brazil. This website has a reciprocal link to the Year of the Light web page, as do national museums and galleries throughout Scotland.

For more information on the bicentenary celebration 2011 events please visit Arbroath and Area Partnership's [Year of the Light](#) web page on Angus Ahead.

A draft report for the **Arbroath Traffic Management Review** is at an advanced stage and is due to be put into the Council committee cycle shortly.

The housing sub-group of the Clifftown and Hayshead Community Planning group is currently involved in presenting a case for an "[Excellence in Regeneration](#)" award.

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

#### Brechin and Edzell

The [City of Brechin Fairtrade Steering Group](#) was successful in gaining Fairtrade status for Brechin and was presented with their certificate on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 during an event in St Andrew's Church Hall.

The **Brechin Pageant** is being co-ordinated by the **Brechin Round Table**, with assistance from the **Rotary Club** and will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

A further **Brechin in Partnership** event has been held in the Cathedral Hall, where priorities for the Brechin area were identified. The main priorities are: -

- Identify and develop a positive 'Vision' for Brechin, for example, marketing Brechin in terms of tourism and economic investment.
- Improve Local Transport
- Developing an Arts/Crafts Co-operative
- Consider the future of City Hall

A **Tourism/Heritage leaflet** is being produced and a group has been set up to take this forward.

All grants have now been allocated from the **Townscape Heritage Initiative** and a significant number of properties have now been improved under the initiative. A mosaic made by local school children has been erected in Cross Keys Close. The Brechin Town House Museum has been nominated for 'My Place' award.

Following a successful pilot Police surgeries are now held in the **Hillview Community Flat** on the third Friday of each month.

The first stage of consultation on the **Brechin High School** community campus has now taken place and a report, based on the results, is to be submitted to the

Education Committee in April 2011 and the results will inform the next stage of the process.

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

### Carnoustie and District

Work continues with the **Three Streets Residents Association** 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 & Police is now in place and the local community planning team have been supporting the group to compile a newsletter highlighting various strategies and projects to enable the community to improve their environment. This will be distributed to residents in May.

**Carnoustie Forward, Carnoustie Business Association** and **Carnoustie Community Council** are working with partners from the private, local business and tourism sector and the voluntary sector to progress an action plan which will create a vibrant Carnoustie ward for residents and visitors alike.

**Carnoustie Centre Action Group** have chosen the architects to develop a new hub for Carnoustie. The complete set of plans are on show in Carnoustie Library and a presentation by the chosen architects will be given to the community. The group are now working closely with pupils from Carnoustie High and this will feed directly into the next bid to Big Lottery for funding.

The **Carnoustie Business Association** continues to work with Angus Council Economic Development in relation to vacant High Street commercial units. The association are also currently working on a fun filled programme for Tartan Day – A Week of Celebrations.

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

### Forfar and District

The Local Community Planning Team along with Servite Housing are working with residents to plan a **community appraisal** to seek the views and aspirations of residents living in and around **Padanaram**. Some of the residents are keen to improve the play park in the village.

A list of groups and organisation that provide **youth work opportunities** for young people in Forfar & District areas is being collated. A list of youth work providers will appear in the local paper (Forfar Dispatch) giving the community more information about activities for young people and an opportunity for groups and organisations to promote their work.

The **Forfar Fairtrade Initiative** group hosted a display and tasting session of Fair Trade goods in the foyer at Angus House. An Angus Fair-trade Zone group has also been established with the group made up of people from across Angus.

The Forfar and Area Partnership have established a **Gala Steering Group** and two planning meetings suggest this year's event will be a complete success! The next Gala Steering Group meeting is planned for 25 April 2011.

The Forfar and Area Partnership are currently working on a proposal for the

establishment of a **Friday Night Project in Forfar**. A Youth Consultation, completed in late 2010, highlighted an interest among young people in Forfar for the creation of a Friday Night Project in the town.

The **Community Appraisal in Viewmount** has now resulted in a number of residents setting up a residents group. The group's intention is to become a Registered Tenant Organisation with Angus Council and their next meeting is planned for April 12. The group has registered on the National Spring Clean (keep Scotland Beautiful) website with a clean up of their area planned.

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

A list of groups and organisation that provide **youth work opportunities** for young people in Kirriemuir & Dean areas is being collated. A list of youth work providers will appear in the local paper (Kirriemuir Herald) giving the community more information about activities for young people and an opportunity for groups and organisations to promote their work.

The **Sustainable West Angus Project (SWAP)** has made significant progress over the last few weeks. They have now agreed a constitution, elected a committee and submitted a funding application to employ a worker to support their initiatives.

The Local Community Planning Team have been supporting a group of local residents in the Southmuir area of the town in their desire to improve the play area in **Davidson Park**. An initial meeting in February was very well attended and a large number of people indicated an interest in being involved in some form of an action group.

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 Eco Fest** group is working on a full action plan which includes: -

- Beach Enhancements (Beach Award Conservation)
- Dighty Valley Project
- Working with local Schools
- Walks
- Community Garden Competition
- Fundraising
- Promotion - The group plan to do a publicity drive in the near future to attract more volunteers.
- Bring back the Scottish Bluebell Campaign

Achievements so far include:

- Cycle lockers have been bought through funding from STRIDE to encourage both staff and pupils to cycle more and reduce carbon emissions.
- Successful walk to school week was carried out with Grange Primary School.

- Monifieth Community Council have agreed to fund eco awards to High School pupils.

The team continues to facilitate regular networking/information sharing meetings with the Chairs of the **Monifieth and Sidlaw area community councils**.

The **Monifieth Community Centre Steering Group** have acquired the use of an unused portakabin from Angus Council and have revamped it for community use to act as a temporary facility until a permanent facility is in place. The portakabin is now operational and can be hired for any occasion as a block booking or a one-off.

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 Local Community Planning Team continues to support the **Borrowfield Community Group** to organise this year's gala day and various fundraising and community events throughout the year.

The views and involvement of young people on what they would like for the **East Links Area** is being sought. Wheels sports/skills is one idea that has been put forward for consideration.

The Local Community Planning Team received a very low response to a request for information into the **follow-up events listing**, therefore a second was not produced. It was agreed however at the recent Montrose Moving forward Event that this was still a priority and that one more would be produced to give groups the opportunity to become involved. The publication will cover the period of May – September and local groups are encouraged to contact the team to have their events included in the next edition.

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

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