

ANGUS RURAL AND ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

**MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
10.30AM, COUNTY BUILDINGS, FORFAR**

Present:

George Chree (Chair)	GWC	Head of Planning and Transport, Angus Council
Ernie Patullo	EP	Head of Environmental Management, NHS Tayside
Cllr Ian Mackintosh	IM	National Farmers Union (Scotland)
Mike Strachan	MS	Policy & Development Officer, Forestry Commission Scotland
Gary Malone	GM	Manager, Volunteer Centre Angus
Phil Gaskell	PG	Area Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage
Mark Crush	MC	Station Manager, Tayside Fire & Rescue
Mai Hearne	MH	Chief Officer, AAVO
Anne Mollison	AM	Principal Planning Officer, Chief Execs Dept, Angus Council
Eric Guthrie	EG	Director, Tayside & Central Scotland Transport Partnership (<i>Tactran</i>)
Dianne Brand (Minutes)	DB	Angus Council

Apologies:

Eric Lowson – Director of Infrastructure Services, Angus Council
 Stuart McGowan – Senior Environmental Protection Officer, SEPA
 Kevin Murphy – Director of Learning and Teaching, Angus College
 Catherine Lloyd – Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Co-ordinator
 Andrew Harper – Head of Social & Economic Development, Cairngorms NPA

1	Welcome and Apologies	ACTION
	GWC welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2	Minute of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	
	The partnership agreed the minute of 6 th July 2009.	
	MH raised the issue of £6,000 funding. GWC to meet MH outwith the group to discuss further.	GWC
	Post meeting note – meeting arranged for 22/10/09	
	Single Outcome Agreement 2009-2012	
3	Local Outcomes and Targets (AREP)	
	AM advised that meetings had been taking place between partner agencies and AM/GWC outwith the group, some meetings had yet to take place. These meetings are to ensure full coverage and most effective representation on AREP and in particular to agree and develop Angus Indicators. AM has added and changed outcomes and targets as result of meetings. Any key actions not addressed in the SOI need to be finalised by end of November. The AREP presentation to the SOA implementation Group is on the 3 rd December and will be delivered by GWC - AM informed the group that Economic Development and Life Long Learning would also be presenting. AM suggested all comments to be in by the next meeting on 23 rd November. EG informed group that TACTRAN had been holding discussions with consultants regarding indicators and targets.	ALL
	GWC to meet with EP, NHS Tayside	GWC/EP

(Post meeting note – meeting arranged for 6/10/09)

Delivery Plan

Discussion followed regarding purpose of the group. It was decided that a progress report would need to be done for key actions. AM issued copies of the Delivery Plan and stated that Rural Transport would definitely be covered by TACTRAN. AM also stressed the importance of National Outcomes 10, 12 and 14 for the group. PG suggested that the group could focus more on additional initiatives and priorities such as Open Space Strategy and Rivers.

GWC asked for the group's reaction to the production of an "Angus Profile" document. This would be a document capturing the group's activities and detailing where the remit of the group starts and ends, it would also provide details of the groups intentions and detail how it proposes to move towards the outcomes.

All

MH felt that the Delivery Plan didn't fully capture local outcome awareness and the effect it would have on Rural communities. AM stated that local Community Planning Officers are now area based. Rachel Green will sit on the AREP in place of Lee Haxton to build on the local community planning links to AREP. IM asked if the group's focus should be more on an environmental sense. It was noted that there are 8 other Thematic Groups which cover a wide range of Agendas. EG asked if other Development Plans could be shared with AREP, it was felt that would be beneficial to the Group.

4 Presentation by Mark Crush, Tayside Fire and Rescue

MC thanked the group for opportunity to present a "Strategic Overview". MC then gave an informative presentation entitled "Protecting the Community – Protecting the Environment". It covered details such as Strategic Objectives and Risk Management Plans. It also gave details on what measures the Fire Service have put in place to save energy at their local offices and reduce their Carbon footprint, etc. **Copy of Presentation attached for information.**

GWC thanked MC for presenting to the group and asked if Tayside Fire Service were audited on Environmental Issues, MC said they were audited and work was being done on the findings. GWC also asked for the name of a lead officer. MC suggested Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Dave Boyle Head of Service Support as a contact.

PG informed the group that SEPA/SNH provide advice to the Tayside Regional Emergency Co-ordinator Partnership on the operational side to help avoid environmental issues/damages.

5 Gary Malone, Manager VCA

Gary Malone addressed the group and gave an informative talk on "Volunteering for a Greener Angus" (**Handout attached for information**). GM stated that volunteering has a huge social impact yet has no mention in the Delivery Plan. His talk covered topics such as the School involvement in environmental issues; the "Make Angus Beautiful" Campaign; The Volunteer Academy and Dobromysl Foundation.

The partnership was asked to consider the need for volunteer services, focusing the strategy round a greener/safer Angus. GM stressed the importance of the volunteering effort, and talked about health gains and employment gains especially in today's economic climate and how the volunteer effort needed proper resources. GM stated that Age policies and Disclosure Scotland checks were both an issue for the VCA.

Discussion followed re the budget impacts and IM also mentioned the Health and

Safety aspects of volunteering. GM informed the group that general Health and Safety training was given by the VCA.

GWC thanked GM for giving an interesting and informative presentation to the group.

GWC asked for a volunteer to present to the AREP meeting in November, EP agreed.

EP

6 A. O. B.

MH informed the group that VCA/AVO were meeting on 2nd October, this was a major event and would look at partnership working and SOA's. MH to report back to AREP.

MH

Date of Next Meeting: 23rd November at 10.30am, County Buildings, Forfar