

# ANGUS RURAL AND ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 MARCH  
10.30AM, COUNTY BUILDINGS, MARKET STREET, FORFAR

## Present:

Eric Lowson	<b>EL</b>	Director of Infrastructure Services
George Chree (Chair)	<b>GC</b>	Head of Planning and Transport, Angus Council
Lee Haxton	<b>LH</b>	Rural Community Planning Officer, ACP
Pam Coutts	<b>PC</b>	Senior Development Plan Officer, Angus Council
Mai Hearne	<b>MH</b>	Chief Officer, AAVO
Cllr Ian Mackintosh	<b>IM</b>	National Farmers Union (Scotland)
Mike Strachan	<b>MS</b>	Policy & Development Officer, Forestry Commission Scotland
Catherine Lloyd	<b>CL</b>	Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Co-ordinator
Robert Conlan	<b>RC</b>	Facilities Manager, Tayside Police
Anne Mollison	<b>AM</b>	Principal Planning Officer, Chief Execs Dept, Angus Council
Kevin Murphy	<b>KM</b>	Director of Learning and Teaching, Angus College

## Apologies:

Euan Hart – Scottish Agricultural College  
Eric Guthrie – TACTRAN  
Bill Strachan – Senior Service Manager, Corporate Planning, Angus Council  
Genna Dall – Angus CHP / NHS Tayside  
Andrew Harper – Cairngorms National Park Authority  
Phil Gaskell – Scottish Natural Heritage  
Stuart McGowan – Scottish Environment Protection Agency

## ACTION

### 1 Welcome and Apologies

GC welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. LH read out an email from Carol Littlewood confirming that due to the demise of FWAG Scotland and Carol setting up independently, she would no longer be attending AREP meetings. All members wished her well.

### 2 Minute of Previous Meeting Matters Arising

The partnership agreed the minute of the January meeting.

#### 2.1 Local Footprints

Partners agreed not to purchase the REAP software at this stage due to ongoing uncertainty over its accuracy, availability of data and staff resource implications. LH made partners aware of the REAP Petite software which is freely available to community groups, interested partners to contact LH for further details.

ALL

### 3 Role and Remit

An updated role and remit was circulated for comment. Partners agreed the document, on condition that the term 'group' was replaced with 'partnership.'

LH

### 4 Presentation from Pam Coutts

PC gave an informative discussion on the work of Angus Council's Environment and Sustainable Development Corporate Working Group. The presentation gave details of the Carbon Management Programme, Travel Plan, Carbon Reduction Commitment,

Eco Schools and Eco Teams Projects. Angus Council now has a commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 15% from 2007 levels by 2012.

Partners agreed that this presentation was useful and that the other agency's represented around the table should provide a similar presentation in future. RC has agreed to do so for the next meeting.

RC

## **5 Single Outcome Agreement**

### **5.1 Outcomes, Indicators and Targets**

LH and GC updated the partnership as to the result of the Community Planning Day which had taken place on 20 March at Piperdam. Those involved in the workshop which GC was facilitating were generally happy with the content of the proposed outcomes, indicators and targets for the SOA under National Outcomes 10, 12 and 14. Some suggested amendments were considered and an updated document will be sent out for consideration by the end of the week.

LH and  
AM

### **5.2 Resources for SOA 09-12**

GC provided a brief outline of the situation regarding resources for 09-12. The partnership agreed to deal with this in more detail at the next meeting of the group.

### **5.3 Reporting Arrangements**

AREP has agreed to provide six-monthly updates to ACPP, in June and January. LH to ensure that AREP meetings in these months take place before the nearest ACPP meeting.

LH

## **6 Any Other Competent Business**

### **6.1 Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework**

LH reported that Rural Development Initiative have been appointed as the contractor for this project. RDI have suggested that this could be completed by December 2009.

### **6.2 Survey of Rural Facilities**

LH reported that there are now two options regarding this project. Option 1 involves asking Angus Council's GIS Co-ordinator to look at providing information on facilities and Option 2 involves a desk-top study which could potentially be conducted through a student placement from Dundee University. LH is to contact Hamish Thomson and Neil Prentice.

LH

### **6.3 Local Community Plans and Roadshows**

LH informed the partnership of the production of Local Community Plans on a multi-member ward basis, as well as Roadshows to reinforce the community planning message in Angus' communities. Partners agreed that this may prove to be a useful exercise for introducing community planning to rural areas.

## **7 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the group will be Monday 15 June at Training Room C, Angus House, Forfar. The meeting will start at 10.30am, with lunch provided.

LH