

## FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP

### MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.00PM IN FORFAR FIRE STATION

#### Present:

Lee Crosby	<b>LC</b>	Street Games For All
Siobhan Fagan (Secretary)	<b>SF</b>	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Joe Harkin	<b>JH</b>	Forfar Community Council
David Hay (Treasurer)	<b>DH</b>	Forfar and Area Partnership
Gill Kay	<b>GK</b>	Angus Council, Community Wardens
Ian Kennedy	<b>IK</b>	Angus Council, Community Wardens
Julie-Anne Kinnear	<b>JK</b>	Angus Council, Community Learning and Development
Melvyn Lynch	<b>ML</b>	Forfar Academy
Ron Manderson	<b>RM</b>	Forfar and Area Partnership
Alan McKeown	<b>AMC</b>	Angus Council
Anna Mitchell	<b>AM</b>	East and Old Women's Guild and Church
Déirdre Mitchell	<b>DM</b>	Angus Council, Housing Division
Lorraine O'Brien	<b>LO</b>	Glens United Action Group
Thomas O'Brien (Vice Chair)	<b>TOB</b>	Glens United Action Group
Ruby West	<b>RW</b>	Ark Community Networks

#### Apologies:

Wendy Forbes	- Tayside Police
Jeanette Gaul	- Public Partnership Group
Kenny Hart	- Tayside Police
David Kidd	- Forfar East and Old Parish Church
Cllr Alex King	- Angus Council
John Mowatt	- Tayside Fire and Rescue
Charlie Murray	- Strathmore Highland Games
Carol Ramsay	- NHS Tayside
Barbara Reid	- Angus Council, Housing Division
George Shepherd	- Forfar Old Age Pensioners Association
Lesley Simpson	- Volunteer Centre Angus
June Smith	- Padanaram and District Community Association
Ken Stewart	- Forfar Business Initiative
Arlene Tait	- Graham Crescent Residents Association
Inspector Donald Thomson	- Tayside Police
Frank Wallace	- Tayside Fire and Rescue
Alex Webster	- Strathmore Highland Games
Danny Webster	- Angus Council

#### ACTION BY

#### 1 Welcome

TOB agreed to act as Chair for the meeting as Joe Harkin had resigned from the position of Chair.

TOB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

#### Apologies

Apologies of absence were received as shown.

**2 Minute of Previous Meeting - 28 August 2007**

The minute of the previous meeting held on 28 August 2007 was agreed as accurate.

**3 Matters Arising****Partnership Agreement**

The Committee have agreed that the matter of drawing up a new Partnership Agreement is to be put on hold until a new Chair can be found.

**Community Centre for Forfar**

AMC advised that Alistair Gray - Chair of the Arbroath and Area Partnership - has agreed to attend a future partnership meeting to give an update on what is currently happening in Arbroath and how the Arbroath and Area Partnership are taking their priorities forward.

**4 Commitment to Existing Priorities**

TOB informed the Partnership that Joe Harkin has resigned as Chair of the Partnership. TOB thanked JH on behalf of the Partnership for his work as Chair. JH wished the Partnership well for the future and commented that he hoped that the attendance at Partnership meetings would increase. TOB suggested that an election for a new Chair be held at the next Partnership meeting on 27 November - this was agreed. SF to circulate nominations forms. TOB then handed over to JK and SF to talk about the Partnership's commitment to existing priorities.

SF

A sticky wall was put in place in order to record information from this agenda item (*'see attached document entitled ' Sticky Wall - 16 October 2007'*).

The sticky wall showed:

- the 'Purpose of the Partnership - to encourage representatives of both the public and private sector to act together to develop the economic, social and environmental potential of Forfar, Inverarity, Letham and Lunanhead.
- the agreed priorities of the Forfar and Area Partnership as at January 2006:
  - tackling anti social behaviour
  - improving transport
  - improving access to health services for young people
  - promoting good things achieved in Forfar
  - improving the physical appearance of Forfar
  - improving leisure facilities
  - working together throughout the community
  - promoting volunteering.

The wall also provided an opportunity for participants to add any concerns and suggestions they may have for the Partnership.

JK suggested that as the Partnership has been in existence for approximately eighteen months, this may be a suitable time to give consideration to the original Partnership priorities and to decide what to take forward and how to do this. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that thought should be given to this as it was generally felt that the Partnership had been making little or no progress for some time now. SF advised that the previous sub-group participation record had been taken in May 2007, and that this may also be an ideal time to review Partnership participation in sub-groups.

Forms were then circulated for completion in order to record group membership in each sub-group (*see attached forms from the meeting entitled 'Partnership Sub-Group Membership Updates as at 16/10/07'*). JK suggested that each existing sub-group consider their priorities and how they want to progress in order to ensure that time and commitment can be given to taking work forward. New members were also asked to add their names to the form should they wish to join a sub-group.

The Partnership were then asked to submit any concerns and suggestions they may have for the Partnership (*see attached report 'Concerns And Suggestions - 16 October 2007'*).

Following some discussion JK and SF advised the group that they would collate the information gathered so far and circulate it for information. It was agreed that anyone not present at the meeting and who wishes to have their name either removed or added to any of the sub-group participation lists contact SF. In addition, further concerns and suggestions for the way forward for the Partnership are also to be sent to SF.

It was agreed that as it will take time to review Partnership priorities and to decide what to take forward and how to do this, this item will be ongoing over the coming months.

SF and JK thanked the group for their participation in this item and agreed to take the review forward to the next meeting.

SF/JK

## 5 Group Updates

- **IT Group**

There were no further updates at this time.

- **Tourism Group**

DH gave a report to the Partnership on the work of the Tourism Group - (*see attached report 'Notes of Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007'*).

- **Crime Group**

The Partnership was advised that the group are hoping to meet over the next week. TOB confirmed that plans for a disco are ongoing. TOB went on to speak about the 'Blue Light Disco Scheme'. The scheme is currently operating in Dundee and organises alcohol-free events for young people. TOB is to find out more about this scheme through Tayside Police and report back to the Partnership. Discussion followed regarding a venue for the event and suggestions included The

Plough and Forfar Academy.

- **Editorial Group**

There were no further updates at this time.

SF suggested that future newsletters be put on the community website. TOB agreed to give this consideration.

TOB thanked everyone for their updates.

## 6 **AOCB**

- DH gave a brief update as Treasurer and advised that the Partnership account currently stands at £894.09.
- SF gave an update from Roy Madden - Regeneration and Countryside Planning Manager, Angus Council - on the Forfar town centre improvements and a plan showing the proposed works was displayed.
- JK spoke about the Learning for Democracy training session which is to be held in Edinburgh on 7 November 2007. The session will focus on the role of Parliament and will also include a tour of the Scottish Parliament building. JK advised that places on the session and programme details would be confirmed shortly. JK also advised that there was a possibility that the training day would be repeated at a later date.
- Discussion focused on a community centre for Forfar. DH suggested that it might be helpful if the Glens United Action Group (GUAG) give an update at a future Partnership meeting on their search for a community facility/premises for the Glens Community. LOB advised that the GUAG have submitted proposals to Angus Council.
- Dates of future meetings were agreed and are as follows:
  - ◇ Tuesday 27 November 2007, 7.00pm, Forfar Fire Station
  - ◇ Tuesday 15 January 2008, 7.00pm, Forfar Fire Station
  - ◇ Tuesday 26 February 2008, 7.00pm, Forfar Fire Station
  - ◇ Tuesday 8 April 2008, 7.00pm **(AGM)**, Forfar Fire Station

## 7 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Partnership will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 November 2007 in Forfar Fire Station.

TOB thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.