

## FORFAR GROUP MEETING

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT FORFAR FIRE STATION, FORFAR, 7.00 PM

#### Present:

Lorraine O'Brian	Glens United Action Group
June Watson	Glens United Action Group
Jill Cowan	Community Learning and Development
Caron Millar	Forfar 4 U
Graeme Doctor	Forfar 4 U
Emma Millar	Forfar 4 U
Charlie Foreman	Forfar 4 U
Lorna Mitchell	Forfar Community Council
Robert Peat	Angus Council
Arlene Tait	Graham Crescent Residents Association
Lisa Marshall	Graham Crescent Residents Association
Bill Strachan	Angus Council
Fiona Duffy	Angus Community Planning Partnership
John Mowatt	Tayside Fire and Rescue
Siobhan Fagan	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Councillor Bill Robertson	Angus Council

#### ACTION BY

#### 1 Welcome

Bill Strachan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2 Local Community Planning Outline

Fiona Duffy gave a brief overview of local community planning and an outline of what has been happening in other areas. Discussion followed.

#### 3 Exercise on Theme of 'Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour'

As was agreed at the previous meeting, the production of 'a community newsletter to promote good news stories in relation to health, safety and wellbeing; canvass support for activities targeting anti-social behaviour; and raise the profile of this group' would be one of the first actions to be undertaken.

Therefore, taking this theme of 'tackling anti-social behaviour', Bill introduced an exercise to answer three key questions relating to the theme and create a basis for the production of a newsletter.

The three questions were:

- 'what are the messages in terms of anti-social behaviour to communicate'
- 'what is already happening - good news'
- 'what are the practical things we need to do'.

Two groups were formed in order to discuss and answer the key questions, and the outcome of these discussions were as follows:

## GROUP 1 (Bill Strachan)

1. What are the messages in terms of anti-social behaviour to communicate?

- *\* WE CAN DO THIS \**
- *Not prepared to tolerate it*
- *Wants to do something positive to deal with these issues*
- *It's bringing the area down*
- *Support the police and others on their campaigns*
- *Make community a healthier place*
- *Schools doing their bit*
- *Examples of what is happening elsewhere*
- *Partnership trying to do something about these issues*
- *Police calls reducing in Graham Crescent*
- *Working with the agencies to develop more honest relationship*
- *Learn from each other*
- *Want the other ones to play their part*
- *Target a small number of people*
- *People need to speak up - power in numbers*

2. What is already happening?  
Good news?

- *Vandalism*
- *Rapid Response Team*
- *Noise Pollution Team*
- *Community Wardens*
- *Glens United and Graham Crescent Groups*
- *Current drug use services*
- *Dry Up Campaign*
- *People making their opposition to anti-social behaviour clear*
- *Community events*
- *Skatepark - mobile facilities*
- *Mobile CCTV unit*
- *Safe Angus activities*
- *Youth Bytes bus*
- *Pitstop*
- *CC survey on vandalism*
- *Come and join us*
- *Good drugs and alcohol work*

## GROUP 2 (Fiona Duffy)

1. What are the messages in terms of anti-social behaviour to communicate?

- *Young people are getting alcohol from home*
- *There is a problem but some things are happening*
- *Young kids can't use parks when drunk people are there*
- *'Drink before bed, in the morning you could be dead'*
- *There's a difference between young people hanging around and talking and hanging around drinking*
- *Did you know? Local facts*
- *CRIMESTOPPERS - anon reporting*
- *Call for interest in something and competition*
  - eg:- *graffiti 'school' to reduce vandalism*
  - *tie in with Community Learning and Development Art Workers*
- *'There's nothing to do' - tell good stories*
- *Lots of opportunities to volunteer*
- *Survey/questionnaire - what do you think?*
- *Crossword/sudoku*
- *Who are we? Explanation of the group and call for support*
- *Young people on committee/group*

2. What is already happening?  
Good news?

- *Good work with licensees*
- *Ongoing police work - name the projects - get advice from workers*
- *Promote other initiatives - lottery fund skatepark project*
- *Launch of skate ramp*
- *Arts workers already working on several projects*
- *Promote uniformed groups like guides, scouts etc and young Scot, Duke of Edinburgh etc, award schemes - youth achievement etc*
- *Links to Volunteer Centre Angus and case studies*
- *Open times and information about Pitstop etc*
- *Reporting statistics - positive use*
- *How to apply for funding*
- *Positive role models - Forfar FC, volunteers, Joey Proctor*

3. What are the practical things we need to do?

- *More detail required - DRAFT ARTICLES*
- *Meetings with agencies to get more detail of what is going on*
- *Seek sponsorship from local companies.*
- *Detailed costings on production*
- *Speak to local media*
- *Posters in local shops*
- *Distribution*
- *Structure of this group*
- *One-off or regular production?*
- *A name for the paper*
- *What will it look like?*
- *Who on the group does what?*

3. What are the practical things we need to do?

- *Funding and costs - DAAT, - Community Planning*
- *Sponsorship*
- *Information from contributors*
- *Editorial group - reporters*
- *Constitution - bank account, officer bearers*
- *Design - logos, colours, layout, content, photos*
- *Promotion - press coverage, video, freebies, posters*
- *Printer - Robertsons, Astute*
- *Distribution - list of venues*
  - eg: - *library, tesco, etc*
  - *add to local papers*
  - *cds, websites, paper version*
- *Learn from other areas*
- *Use existing contacts*
- *Photos*
- *Timescale/frequency*

The groups compared outcomes of the activity and it was agreed that ideas were similar and that the newsletter should encompass these shared ideas. Discussion then followed about the practical things needing to be done in order to produce the newsletter and about the operation of the group in general.

It was agreed that Jill Cowan, Siobhan Fagan, Emma Millar and Arlene Tait would meet on Tuesday 4 October in order to discuss the newsletter further and report back to the group at the next full meeting.

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## **7 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 October 2005 in Forfar Fire Station.

ALL

Bill Strachan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.