

FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING

MINUTE OF INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2006 AT FORFAR FIRE STATION, FORFAR, 7.00 PM

Present:

Flora Barlow	FB	Forfar Association for Continuing Education (FACE)
Sylvia Breen	SB	The Drug Initiative Group Forfar
Jill Cowan	JC	Community Learning & Development Service
Deirdre Daly	DD	Angus Council
Lynne Devine	LD	Forfar Wheeled Sports Facility
Graeme Doctor	GD	Forfar Youth Council
J Bruce Dorward	JD	Forfar Instrumental Band
Siobhan Fagan	SF	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Maureen Fenton	MF	St Margaret's Church Office
Ian Flanigan	IF	Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
Charlie Foreman	CF	Forfar Youth Council
Cllr Iain Gaul	CllrG	Angus Council
Jeanette Gaul	JG	Public Partnership Group
Eric Gray	EG	Federation of Small Businesses
Joe Harkin	JH	Glens United Action Group
Kenny Hart	KH	Tayside Police - Community Planning Liaison Officer
David Hay	DH	
Ian Kennedy	IK	Community Safety Team
Melvyn Lynch	ML	Forfar Academy
Lisa Marshall	LMA	Graham Crescent Residents Association
Gavin MacKillop	GMC	Tayside Police (representing Ron McNaughton)
Duncan McLaren	DMC	
Caron Millar	CM	Forfar 4 U
Emma Millar	EM	Forfar 4 U
Cllr Bill Middleton	CllrBM	Angus Council
Cllr Glennis Middleton	CllrGM	Angus Council
Lorna Mitchell	LM	Forfar Community Council
John Mowatt	JM	Tayside Fire & Rescue
Douglas Nicol	DN	Lodge Forfar Kilwinning No 90
Lorraine O'Brien	LO'B	Glens United Action Group
J Oswald	JO	Community Safety Team
Robert Peat	RP	Angus Council
Neil Prentice	NP	Angus Council
Sheila Phillips	SP	Angus Community Health Partnership
Susan Reid	SR	The Web Project
Cllr Bill Robertson	CllrBR	Angus Council
Ian Robertson	IR	East and Old Church
William J Robertson	WR	
Kathleen Shepherd	KSH	Community Learning & Development Service
June Smith	JS	Padanaram and District Community Association
Bill Strachan	BS	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Arlene Tait	AT	Graham Crescent Residents Association
Sheilagh Taylor	ST	Ark Community Networks

Apologies:

Ann Craig	AC	Angus Gold 50+ Project
Eileen McArthur	EMC	Angus Council Community Learning
Ron McNaughton	RMC	Tayside Police
Carol Ramsay	CR	NHS Tayside
George Shepherd	GS	Forfar Old Age Pensioners Association
Ken Stewart	KS	Forfar Business Initiative

1 Welcome

Acting Chairman Councillor Robertson welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received as shown.

2 Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the previous meeting held on 10 January 2006 were agreed as accurate.

3 Background to the Formation of the Partnership - Bill Strachan

Bill Strachan, Head of Policy and Performance Unit, Angus Council provided background information on the formation of the Forfar and Area Partnership.

4 Adoption of Partnership Agreement

A draft partnership agreement for the Forfar and Area Partnership was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the draft agreement would be adopted. The following organisations agreed to sign up to the agreement:

- Angus Community Health Partnership
- Ark Community Networks
- Community Learning & Development Service
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Forfar Business Initiative
- Forfar Community Council
- Forfar Youth Council
- Glens United Action Group
- Graham Crescent Residents Association

Siobhan will issue documentation to confirm this.

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5 Nominations and Election of Office Bearers

Office bearers were elected as follows:

- Chair - Jeanette Gaul
- Vice Chair - Arlene Tait
- Acting Treasurer - Lorna Mitchell

Siobhan Fagan had been nominated as Secretary at a previous meeting.

Councillor Robertson thanked the group for their support and stood down as Chair. Jeanette Gaul chaired the rest of the meeting.

6 Newsletter Launch

Siobhan circulated a draft newsletter for comment from the group. It was agreed that the newsletter could now go to print.

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7 Taking Forward Other Priorities

In relation to improving the physical appearance of Forfar, a sub-group was formed to address tourism and accommodation issues in Forfar and surrounding areas. The members of the sub-group are Lynne Devine, Siobhan Fagan, David Hay and William Robertson. The group will meet to concentrate on tackling this priority and report back to the group at the next partnership meeting.

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DH, WR**

It was also agreed that Siobhan would invite a representative from the Angus Council Planning Department along to the next partnership meeting.

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Following discussion, it was agreed that the group concentrate on one or two definite priorities to begin with. The group will form sub-groups in order to follow up on the specific priorities. This will be discussed at the next partnership meeting.

8 Any Other Competent Business

Jill Cowan informed the group that there would be a youth event at Forfar Academy on Saturday 25 February 2006.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the partnership will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28 March 2006 in Forfar Fire Station.