

# FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 28 MARCH 2011 AT 6.45PM

IN EAST AND OLD PARISH CHURCH

## Present:

Lee Haxton	- Local Community Planning Team	LH
Bob Kidd	- East & Old Parish Church	BK
Jeanette Gaul	- Angus Public Partnership Group	JG
Ella Merriman	- Forfar OAP Association	EM
Chalotte Nicoll	- Guide Dogs for the Blind	CN
June Ainsworth	- Guide Dogs for the Blind	JA
Iain Robb	- Viewmount Voices	IR
Ann Hattersley	- LRP Action Group	AH
Ron Manderson	- Forfar and Area Partnership	RM

## Apologies:

Freda Stewart	- Angus Community Health Partnership
Craig Borland	- Senior Countryside Ranger
Graeme Hodge	- Local Community Planning Team
Barbara Reid	- Local Community Planning Team
David Hay	- Forfar and Area Partnership
Isa Carnegie	- Forfar Disabled Club
Raymond Gerrard	- Forfar and Area Partnership
Eilidh Collins	- Forfar Ambassador
Brodie McCash	- Forfar Ambassador
Fiona McCash	- Forfar and Area Partnership
Ken Stewart	- Forfar Business Initiative
Eleanor Gledhill	- Forfar and District Garden Club

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

Introductions were made and apologies of absence received as shown. The Partnership sent their best wishes to Isa Carnegie, who is currently suffering from illness.

## 2 Minute of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minute was accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.

### 2.1 Christmas Lights

JG reported that she had written to John Shand, Lighting Superintendent, but had not received a response as yet.

### 2.2 Forfar Community Planning Meeting

LH updated the group on the discussion that took place earlier in the month, with JG adding that it was disappointing to see only three groups represented at the meeting.

## 3 Tartan Week

JG confirmed that the Tartan Week programme has been finalised, with the window competition, Pipe Band on consecutive Saturday's and Highland Dancing Festival on Sunday 3 April.

The Dancing Festival requires additional volunteers to help on the day, although more people have come forward recently to assist with food and refreshments. Sponsorship has come from North Street Dairy, Strathmore Springs and Rennie's Butchers. A grant

application for £337 has been submitted to Angus Council to cover some of these costs.

In addition to this, JG suggested that the Fairtrade Steering Group may seek to set up a stall to sell Fairtrade goods on 9 April at The Cross, whilst the Pipe Band are playing.

#### **4 Priorities Action Plan**

Updated as attached.

The main discussion centred on Fairtrade. If the Fairtrade Steering Group are going to host a stall on 9 April, they require funds for a float and other expenditure. This will come in the form of a grant from Angus Council, which will then be paid back. At this stage, the Steering Group do not have a bank account and JG requested the Partnership's permission to apply for the funds and hold them in the Partnership's account. The Partnership were happy to support this proposal.

#### **7 Any Other Business**

##### **7.1 Raymond Gerrard**

JG informed the Partnership that she had received a letter from Raymond Gerrard, stating that he was withdrawing from the Partnership for the time being. Members expressed their thanks for Raymond's contribution and support for a variety of events in the past and hoped that he would be able to return to the Partnership once his health improves. The Partnership agreed to send a card to Raymond, outlining these thoughts.

##### **7.2 Annual General Meeting**

JG reminded the Partnership that the next meeting was the AGM and that new office bearers would be required as the period of office for JG and Ken Stewart will end. As a result, the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer will become vacant.

Nomination forms were supplied to those in attendance and LH will send out additional copies with the papers for the AGM.

JG also informed the group that the Partnership accounts were to be taken to Johnston & Carmichael on Thursday.

##### **7.3 Viewmount Voices**

IR introduced himself as the Chairperson of the recently formed Viewmount Voices, a group of residents who have come together to make a positive contribution to their local area. To date, every household in the Viewmount area has been contacted and a quarterly newsletter will be prepared.

Viewmount Voices have already undertaken a litter pick in the area and are seeking to have kerbs dropped so that communal bins can be emptied properly. The group have drafted a constitution and are now awaiting feedback from Angus Council.

JG offered the support of the Partnership wherever possible and AH offered to provide advice and examples of the work they have done in the Lordburn, Restenneth & Pitreuchie area of Forfar.

#### **8 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Partnership will take place on Monday 9 May at 7pm in East and Old Parish Church. This will involve the AGM, followed by the regular Partnership meeting.