

FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP

NOTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00PM IN FORFAR FIRE STATION

Present:

Isa Carnegie	- Forfar Disabled Club
Denis Cooney	- LRP Action Group
Wendy Craigie	- Tayside Police
Isla Davidson	- Angus Council, Neighbourhood Services
Siobhan Fagan	- Angus Community Planning Partnership
Jeanette Gaul	- Angus Public Partnership Group
Eric Gray	- Federation of Small Businesses
Joe Harkin	- Forfar Community Council
Julie-Anne Kinnear	- Angus Council, Community Learning and Development Service
Ron Manderson	- Forfar and Area Partnership
Ella Merriman	- Forfar Old Age Pensioners Association
Cllr Glennis Middleton	- Angus Council
Déirdre Mitchell	- Angus Council, Neighbourhood Services
Lorraine O'Brien	- Glens United Action Group
Lesley Simpson	- Volunteer Centre Angus
June Smith	- Padanaram and District Community Association
Ken Stewart	- Forfar Business Initiative/Forfar Rotary Club

Apologies:

Lynne Devine	- SNP
Barbara Reid	- Angus Council, Housing Division
Freda Stewart	- Angus Community Health Partnership
John Zimny	- Angus Council, Neighbourhood Services

AGM

1 Welcome and Apologies

Introductions were made and apologies of absence received as shown.

2 Note of Previous AGM - 8 April 2008

Agreed.

3 Chairperson's Report

Jeanette Gaul gave a report as follows:

"The Partnership has been very busy over the past year. With different events being undertaken and involvement with community groups as well as businesses being involved.

We were chosen as one of ten community achievement events which also highlights that people round the table are willing to work hard to ensure that we do interact with the community.

We have had several speakers along to our meetings who have provided us with information on differing aspects of community life.

The past year has seen changes within the membership of the group, some new members, some leaving because of other commitments. It would be good to see the group grow again over the next year.

I would like to thank those who have motivated me in my role as Chair in the past year. Here an example, the Tartan Week Concert - I was down in the dumps about the number of people who came along to the concert as it was not much better crowd-wise than the year before. I was thinking should we do this again? Having stated this at the last tourism group meeting I was met with 'well lets get out there and advertise earlier, get the hall booked up, and the acts booked up', which made me see that working as a group we can bring forward our doubts about events and there is always someone willing to push harder to make events work for another year.

I would like to thank the Partnerships Lead Officer for his support over the last year and to everyone else who sits round the table at our meetings for their support and contribution to the meetings.

Let's hope the year ahead will bring new and innovative projects for the Partnership to lead on and again work with the different community groups for the benefit of Forfar.

Thanks".

4 Treasurer's Report

Eric Gray gave a report to the group - see attached 'Treasurers Report for 2008/2009'.

5 Election of Office Bearers

The election results were as follows: Chair - Jeanette Gaul, Vice Chair - Ken Stewart, Treasurer - Eric Gray and Secretary - Siobhan Fagan.

6 Adoption of Changes to Partnership Agreement

The changes to the Partnership Agreement were adopted.

AGM concluded.

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7 Note of Previous Meeting - 31 March 2009

Agreed.

8 Forfar Online

Ron Manderson gave an update on the Forfar Online website.

Ron advised that there is a growing interest from various local groups to link into the site, and that the IT Group is currently looking into a new registration system for organisations to use.

The IT Group is to meet with Chris Dunkerley of Smart Communities to discuss changes to the website, and the website will be re-launched during Gala Week.

9 Priorities Action Plan

Updated plan attached.

Additional updates were also given:

- **Tourism Sub-Group Report from April 2009 Meeting**

(1) Tartan Week - covering 4th to 13th April 09

Overall a very successful week with more events staged this year than last. Group also staged these events without Grant assistance this time round which will require some draw on the group funds held due to the constraints of the timing of Tartan Week and the printing and advertising demands. We do require to revisit this self funding decision for next year.

Events were well recorded this time round with Angus Ahead sending a photographer round the various activities.

Put on a selection of events:

- Forfar & District Pipe Band in Castle Street.
- Tartan Concert in Reid Hall.
- Scottish Fayre in 3 local Restaurants
- Beer Festival and Folk Evening in Plough Inn
- Highland Night organised by Forfar Pipe Band and the Plough
- Tartan Shop Window Competition for Schoolchildren
- Scottish Songs of Praise by East & Old Church

Grateful for the help given by group members and local businesses.

(2) Gala Week - 21st to 28th June 09

Still await the outcome of our £5000 Grant application to Angus Council. Success of this application is key to the size of event we can stage and how much we can advertise. Sponsorship isn't so forthcoming this year with say £1000 on offer.

Event should be bigger this year with a growth in the number of activities throughout Gala Week and on Gala Day. As ever the challenge is to pin groups and individuals down to say yes or give firm details.

Should include for *Gala Week*:

- Mountain Bike & Music Event on 21st in Reid Park
- Continental Market in Myre 26th & 27th
- Forfar Gala 5s. Football Competition for Under 16s boys & girls run by Forfar Farmington over the week. Supported by Scottish Woman's Football, Bukta and could develop into a national event in time.
- Craft Fayre in the Reid Hall
- Tie in with Armed Forces Day on 28th
- Pitch & Putt & Crazy Golf Competitions run by the Leisure Centre
- Countryside Ranger Walks
- Witches Walks
- Dog Competition
- East & Old & St Johns Churches Open Days

- Looking to the Crime Group to organise another Gala week event similar to last year's Blue Light Disco. Bring forward 1 x male and 1 x female competition winner.

Gala Day itself:

- Say 30 stalls
- Full main ring programme of events
- Cookery Demos
- Pony Rides
- Funfair
- Refreshments Tent from Round Table
- Fire Brigade
- Strathmore Vehicle Vintage

Still open for more help.

(3) Interaction with Migrant Workers - 14th June in Reid Hall

Event being co-organised with Forfar Rotary. Plan to offer Scottish food produce and displays of Scottish dancing / Music.

- **Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework Consultation**

Siobhan Fagan advised that the Forfar and Area Partnership have been asked if they would like to contribute to the Angus Woodland and Forestry Framework consultation which will be looking at the future of forestry in Angus. Siobhan will provide further information on the public consultation process as soon as details have been finalised.

- **Local Partners Meeting**

Siobhan Fagan advised that on 20 April, people involved in local communities around Angus had come together to share experiences and successes. The meeting was hosted by the Angus Community Planning Team. Presentations were given at the meeting from two local area partnerships - a representative from 'Montrose Together' spoke about the town's Fairtrade status, and Dr Andrina McCormack of the 'Monifieth Landward Partnership' gave a presentation on the Partnership's 'Monifieth in Boom' campaign. It was decided at the meeting that it would be of benefit for local area partnerships to get together on a regular basis to get to know each other, share problems and solutions, and to become a stronger voice for change in local communities. The Angus Community Planning Team are to arrange the next meeting.

10 **Future Meetings Dates and Venues**

Agreed as:

- Tuesday 26 May 2009, 7.00pm,
Tayside Police - Easter Division Headquarters, West High Street, Forfar
- Tuesday 23 June 2009, 7.00pm,
Tayside Police - Easter Division Headquarters, West High Street, Forfar

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 May 2009 in Tayside Police - Easter Division Headquarters, West High Street, Forfar.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2008/2009

FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
BANK BALANCE B/F	852.91		
W/OFF CHQ 10 NEVER PRESENTED	20		
BANK INTEREST	18.87	NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	60
		B.F.F.S LICENCE	40
<u>CONCERT</u>		<u>CONCERT</u>	
INCOME	927.23	2008 EXPENDITURE	890.22
ANGUS COUNCIL GRANTS	850	GRANT PAYBACK	52.05
		2009 EXPENDITURE	296.8
<u>MARAFUN</u>		<u>MARAFUN</u>	
INCOME	147	EXPENDITURE	163.6
<u>GALA DAY</u>		<u>GALA DAY</u>	
INCOME	1180	EXPENDITURE	4956.04
SPONSORSHIP	1000		
ANGUS COUNCIL GRANT	3000		
<u>LETHAM</u>		<u>LETHAM</u>	
INCOME	67	EXPENDITURE	40
		BANK BALANCE @ 31.03.09	1771.1
		Less Unpresented Chq's	-10
			-22
			-174.8
	<u>8063.01</u>		<u>8063.01</u>

I have examined the books of Forfar and Area Partnership received from the Treasurer for the period ended 31 March 2009 and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31 March 2009 is in agreement with the Treasurer's books.



LOUISE PETERS FCCA

22 APRIL 2009