

FORFAR AND AREA PARTNERSHIP

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00PM

IN EAST AND OLD PARISH CHURCH

Present:

Lee Haxton	- Local Community Planning Team	LH
Bob Kidd	- East & Old Parish Church	BK
Ron Manderson	- Forfar and Area Partnership	RM
Fiona McCash	- Forfar and Area Partnership	FMc
Brodie McCash	- Forfar Ambassador	BMc
Jeanette Gaul	- Angus Public Partnership Group	JG
Eilidh Collins	- Forfar Ambassador	EC

Apologies:

Freda Stewart	- Angus CHP
Craig Borland	- Angus Council Rangers Service
David Hay	- Forfar and Area Partnership

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1 Welcome and Apologies

JG welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were received as shown

2 Minute of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minute of the previous meeting was accepted as a true record. BMc took the opportunity to thank those who attended the previous Partnership meeting for their support as he chaired a meeting of the group for the first time.

2.1 Berrymuir Wind Farm

RM reported that the proposal from Enertrag had been withdrawn and that one of the company's Directors had resigned.

2.2 Grit Bins Consultation

LH reported that there had been no feedback as yet, however the closing date for consultation had been 31 October.

2.3 Email Distribution List

LH confirmed that this had been updated as discussed at the September meeting.

3 Boundary Commission for Scotland Proposals

The Partnership discussed the proposals for amended Scottish constituencies for the Westminster Parliament. The Partnership felt that the creation of "Dundee East & The Glens" was flawed as those areas outside of Dundee would struggle to have their voice heard.

The Partnership felt that the "Angus East & Kincardine" proposal was slightly better and was a close match with the corresponding Holyrood constituency. However, the Partnership were still concerned that Forfar may lose out, particularly if the MP decided to base himself/herself in the Stonehaven area.

LH is to complete a Partnership response to that effect.

4 Angus Council Budget Consultation 2012/13

The Partnership completed the budget consultation as a group. LH is to send in a copy on behalf of the Partnership, with a covering letter.

5 Have Your Say

Having had a look through the current consultations on the Have Your Say database, the Partnership agreed to have a look at the proposed Police and Fire Reform at the November meeting.

6 Forfar Academy Yearbook

JG reported that she had received two letters from an Academy pupil, seeking sponsorship for a Yearbook. Having contacted the teacher responsible, Miss Pamela Horn, JG was able to confirm that the Yearbook group at the Academy were seeking sponsorship to cover a cost of around £15 per book and that a number of local businesses and groups were being contacted.

The Partnership agreed that it was not a grant-giving body and would not like to set a precedent, however worthy the proposal. JG is to contact the school to confirm this and suggest they contact ASDA and local businesses, with Lynsey Ross in Angus Ahead thought to be a useful contact.

7 Priorities Action Plan

Updated as attached.

7.1 Tartan Week

Angus Ahead would like to know what is planned, as soon as possible. JG has been approached by Lis Low about helping to organise another Highland Dancing competition, from which the Partnership had raised around £400 the previous year. The Partnership felt that they should offer to help again, with this point to be discussed in more detail on November 7.

7.2 Comic Relief Sport Relief Mile

This is taking place on Sunday 25 March and is being organised by the Rangers Service. The Partnership have been asked to help with refreshments, which members agreed to do.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Partnership will be Monday 28 November at 7pm in East & Old Parish Church