

KIRRIEMUIR AND THE GLENS PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 2007 AT 7.00PM AT FAIRLIE HOUSE, KIRKTON HILL, KIRRIEMUIR

Present:

Siobhan Fagan	SF	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Ellie Fiddes	EF	Community Learning & Development, Angus Council
Steven Gibbons	SG	DD8 Music
Matthew Kerr	MK	Kirriemuir Skaters
Cllr Ian Mackintosh	Cllr M	Councillor - Kirriemuir West
Denise McTaggart	DMC	DK Marketing
Victoria Melton	VM	DD8 Music
David Milne	DM	DD8 Music
Ralph Neave	RN	Kirriemuir Scout Group
Maggie Sherrit	MS	Community Learning and Development, Angus Council
Alan Tucker	AT	Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership

Apologies:

Sandra Affleck	- KIST Group/2010
Ernest Grant	- Resident
Jasper Gray	- Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership
Dr Andrew Lendrum	- Town Twinning Association
Andy Nicholson	- Angus Council

ACTION BY

1 Welcome

Chair Alan Tucker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received as shown above.

2 Notes of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 29 January 2007 was agreed as accurate.

3 Matters Arising

BMX Track Upgrade

EF advised that work towards an upgrade was progressing well and that a final plan has now to be agreed with the young people and then costed.

Double Dykes

Cllr M is taking this forward and work towards improving the 'Double Dykes' area of town is currently being looked into.

AT referred to an e-mail he had received from Dr Andrew Lendrum in which

CLLR M

Dr Lendrum had suggested making contact with the Kinnordy Estate in order to investigate whether a path within the field could be established - AT to approach Kinnordy Estate regarding this.

AT

Skatepark Lights

MS confirmed that work has been started to install skate park lights at the skate park. MS explained that it may be necessary for the Kirriemuir Skatepark Group to source funding of £4000 to go towards on-going maintenance costs - Cllr M to look into this. The Kirriemuir Skatepark Group will report back to the Partnership re this.

CLLR M

4 National Standards for Community Engagement - Ellie Fiddes, Angus Council

EF gave a presentation on the National Standards for Community Engagement - (please see attached a copy of the presentation which was delivered by EF).

The National Standards for Community Engagement is "a practical tool to help improve the experience of all participants involved in community engagement to achieve the highest quality of process and results. The standards are measurable performance statements which can be used by everyone involved in community engagement to improve the quality and process of the engagement. They set out key principles, behaviours and practical measures that underpin effective engagement."

During the course of the presentation EF focused on two standards in particular:

- Planning - "we will gather evidence of the needs and available resources and use this evidence to agree the purpose, scope and timescale of the engagement and the actions to be taken."
- Methods - "we will agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose."

EF applied the Standards to the Arts Conversation event which had been held by the Partnership in November 2006, during which a public meeting was hosted to discover the view of the community on the need for extended community facilities in Kirriemuir. EF explained how both the 'Planning' and the 'Methods' Standards had been applied throughout.

EF invited questions from the group and discussion followed.

Further information about the National Standards for Community Engagement can be found on the Communities Scotland website at www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk.

5 Community Facilities Group

DMC advised that the group had not yet met.

DMC requested full clarification of the group's purpose. AT explained that the purpose of the group is to take the findings from the Arts Conversation forward and carry out a full assessment of community needs - various methods of

collecting this information are to be considered in the first instance in order to take this work forward.

AT referred to an e-mail he had received from Jim Anderson, Director of Education, Angus Council. Mr Anderson had advised AT that discussions were progressing with insurers but that in order to claim the full insurance value, Angus Council was obliged to make use of the claim to build education premises on the same campus, and that the most likely scenario would be an extension to Webster's High School. Mr Anderson also confirmed that there were no plans to sell off any part of the land associated with the old Southmuir Primary School. Discussion followed.

AT advised the Partnership that Ali Bell, National Programme Outreach and Events Manager of The Lighthouse Trust has offered support to the Partnership and to assist in future discussions with Angus Council and with any community consultation work. AT to report back to the Partnership regarding this.

AT

AT suggested that the Community Facilities Group meet to progress work as soon as possible - DMC and EF to organise this.

DMC, EF

6 Northern City Exhibition Workshops

AT advised that he had been in contact with Ali Bell regarding this, but was waiting for a full update on the film project workshops based on Kirriemuir.

In the meantime members of the community are still being sought to take part in the workshops. It was agreed that members of DD8 Music would take part in the workshops - EF and AT confirmed that support would be given to do this. RN agreed to approach the local Scout Group for volunteers.

RN

AT to report back at the next Partnership meeting.

AT

7 AOCB

- David Milne advised that DD8 Music is to investigate the possibility of using the Tourist Information Centre at Cumberland Close as a base.
- RN commented that the problem of litter was an issue at the approaches to Kirriemuir and suggested that the Partnership look into this. AT agreed to write to BEAR on behalf of the Partnership.

AT

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 28 May 2007 at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir at 7.00pm.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS
- PRESENTATION BY ELLIE FIDDES,
COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

What are they?

Recommendations about how you should go about doing something



10 Statements of Commitment

Why do we need them?

They establish good practice when working with local groups



They improve partnerships between local communities and agencies that deliver services to local people

Where Has It Come From?

The Scottish Executive

The Result of research by The Joseph Rowntree Foundation



What Relevance Do The Standards Have To What We Are Trying To Do?

At its last meeting The Partnership agreed to undertake a further consultation with the community regarding the future of Southmuir Primary. It is important that this consultation complies with The Standards



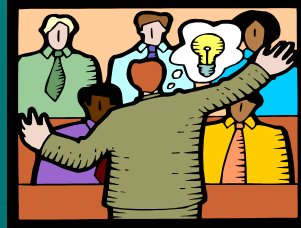
So here are the National Standards for Community Engagement:

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The 10 Commitments

1. *Involvement:*

We will identify and involve the people and organisations with an interest in the focus of the engagement



2. *Support:*

We will identify and overcome any barriers to involvement



3. *Planning:*

We will gather evidence of the needs and available resources and use this to agree the purpose, scope and timescale of the engagement and the actions to be taken



4. Methods:

We will agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose



5. Working Together:

We will agree and use clear procedures to enable the participants to work with one another



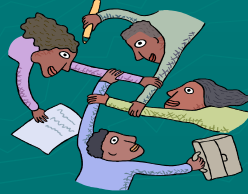
6. Sharing Information:

We will ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants



7. Working with Others:

We will work effectively with others with an interest in the engagement



8. Improvement:

We will develop actively the skills, knowledge and confidence of all the participants



9. Feedback:

We will feed back the results of the engagement to the wider community and agencies affected



10. Monitoring and Evaluation:



We will monitor and evaluate whether the engagement meets its purposes and the national standards for community engagement

Standards of community engagement –

Tools for the job!



To Start With We will Focus On Two Standards

Planning

Methods

The Planning Standard

“We will gather evidence of the needs and available resources and use this evidence to agree the purpose, scope and timescale of the engagement and the actions to be taken.”

How the Planning Standard is being applied

The Partnership gathered evidence of the current needs and available resources using the agreed format of an arts conversation.

The Partnership will set up a subgroup to review this evidence in more detail and highlight areas where the partnership could take further action.

The Methods Standard

“We will agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.”

How the Methods Standard is being applied

The Partnership agreed to use an Arts Conversation format for a public consultation as this allows all present an opportunity to contribute, regardless of public speaking skills. It also promotes positive interaction between participants with different needs and aspirations.

A small subgroup can investigate the details better than a large group and can bring their findings back to the Partnership for more informed discussion before agreeing further action.