

KIRRIEMUIR AND THE GLENS PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2006, 7.30 PM FAIRLIE HOUSE, KIRKTONHILL, KIRRIEMUIR

Present:

Ellie Fiddes	EF	Community Learning & Development
Andrew Inglis	AI	Inglis & Carr
Andrew Lendrum	AL	Kirriemuir Health Centre
Stewart Heggie	SH	Angus Council
John Thorne	JT	Cairngorms National Park Authority
Fiona McGregor	FM	Angus Glens Website
Alan Tucker	AT	Chairman, Kirriemuir & The Glens Partnership
Jasper Gray	JG	
Frances Fleming	FF	Country Connections
Wilma Penman	WP	Town Twinning Association
Ian Penman	IP	Town Twinning Association
Rev. Bob Harley	BH	St Mary's Episcopal Church
Fidelma O'Dowda-Cook	FC	Community Learning & Development
Susannah Harley	SH	St Mary's Episcopal Church
Denise McTaggart	DMT	
Eric Summers	ES	Webster's High School
Councillor Ian Mackintosh	CIlr M	Councillor - Kirriemuir West

Apologies:

Fiona Duffy	FD	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Siobhan Fagan	SF	Secretary, Kirriemuir & The Glens Partnership
Maggie Sherrit	MS	Community Learning & Development

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1 Welcome

Chairman AT welcomed everyone along to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received as shown above.

2 Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the previous meeting on 17 January 2006 were agreed as accurate.

3 Matters Arising

Tidy Up Kirriemuir Campaign

On target for this weekend. School going out on Friday afternoon to tidy up. Anyone from Partnership going along would be welcome. Scouts to go out over the weekend?

Tartan Day

Partnership unable to participate this year due to short notice. Perhaps next year more advance preparation will be possible.

Newsletter

Still awaiting items. AT & SF meeting regularly. More articles are expected.

AT/SF

Youth Project

Scottish Business in the Community meets this week. AT will pass on an invitation to the Kirrie Youth Project.

AT

4 Cairngorms National Park Update - presentation by John Thorne, Economic Development Officer

JT brought a sample of publications from the Park. The Park Plan Consultation is currently in progress.

JT stressed that towns such as Kirriemuir and Aboyne are gateways to the Park and are therefore important as business advantages do not stop at the boundary.

It was noted that Glenisla is not shown on the map.

5 Southmuir Project Update - presentation by Andrew Inglis

AT outlined the background to the project.

AI gave an update on the progress of the feasibility study. The total project cost for the creation of a community/arts centre would be £907,432.50.

There was some discussion of demolishing the existing building and replacing it with a purpose-built centre. The question of whether the building is listed was raised. Clarification of the status of the building needs to be sought.

There was discussion of on-going running costs. It was noted that user groups would be expected to make a realistic contribution.

There was general agreement that there is a need to establish the wishes of the community and whether there is a preference in the town for a museum (Aviation and Police) or an arts centre. It was also suggested that the building should be multi-functional but with minimal alteration.

It was re-stated that a commitment had been received from Angus Council that the Partnership should have first refusal on the purchase of the property.

It was suggested that available funding sources should also be an influencing factor.

It would be possible for Partnership members to visit a similar project in Ballater, and to look at the new-build hall at Birkhill/Muirhead.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Partnership would need to be held in late April/May to put the proposal before the Community and to agree with them the way forward for the project.

6 Correspondence

- **Scotland on Sunday Article**

It was noted that Kirriemuir is listed in Scotland on Sunday's Top Ten Places.

7 A.O.C.B.

- **Angus Glens Seminar**

AT invited to speak on Kirriemuir and the Glens Partnership at the Angus Glens Seminar to be held at Dykehead on 23 March 2006.

AT

- **Community Council Meeting**

- **J.M. Barry's Anniversary 2010**

The Partnership is being asked to look at objectives and ideas. AT to speak to Sandra Affleck about Hill/Quarry/Pavilion with a view to developing this area - possibly for 2010.

AT

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Wednesday 17 May 2006 at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir at 7.30pm.