

Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 30 August 2004 at St. Andrews Church
Board Room, Glamis Road, Kirriemuir 7.30pm**

In attendance

See attached attendance list

	ACTION BY
<p>1 Welcome</p> <p>Chairman Alan Tucker welcomed everyone along to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies of absence were received from Dr. A Lendrum, Gail Riley, Prue Dowie and Harry Jamieson.</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 June 2004 were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those in attendance.</p> <p>It was highlighted that Martins Park on Page 4 should infact read Martin Park. (Noted and amended)</p>	
<p>3 Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Partnership Logo</p> <p>A copy of the logo drafted by the graphic designer, Angus Council was displayed. This was approved subject to copyright approval. Great Ormond Street hospital to be contacted in relation to this.</p> <p>An electronic version of the logo is required for use by members. Eileen Jackson to arrange.</p>	Eileen Jackson
<p>b) Newsletter</p> <p>An outline newsletter drafted by Gladys Wilson was circulated to all in attendance.</p> <p>Possible funding for the newsletter is currently being explored. It is proposed to issue the first edition prior to Christmas.</p> <p>The issue regarding data protection was raised in relation to issuing the newsletter via email. This requires to be investigated further.</p>	Eileen Jackson
<p>c) Marketing Survey</p> <p>The survey proposal has been drafted and submitted for possible funding via Kirriemuir and Brechin engagement pilot,</p>	

<p>which is part of the Angus Towns Promotion scheme. The outcome of which is awaited before proceeding.</p>	<p>ACTION BY Craig Lafferty</p>
<p>d) Young Peoples Event</p> <p>It was agreed that Eileen Jackson, Ralph Neave, Ellie Fiddes and Gladys Wilson would meet to set the objectives and discuss ideas for the event before approaching local organisations.</p> <p>Anyone else interested in being involved contact Eileen Jackson.</p>	<p>Eileen Jackson/Ellie Fiddes/Ralph Neave/Gladys Wilson</p>
<p>e) Martin Park & Southmuir Primary update</p> <p>Further to discussion at June's meeting of the Partnership a letter had been sent to Angus Council in connection with the old Southmuir Primary and Martin Park. The response received advised of the following: -</p> <p>Southmuir Primary – it is likely that the school will be declared surplus to Council requirements in the near future, thereafter the normal procedure would be to market the property for sale. It was pointed out that the building is in particularly poor condition and the cost of upgrading the facility may be significant.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Partnership prepares a note, which indicates the proposed sources of funding for upgrading and operating the facility.</p> <p>It was agreed that Angus Stewart would arrange for the working group to meet to progress this and arrange to visit the property.</p> <p>Martin Park-</p> <p>The site is currently being held by the Property Department, Angus Council. Due to present financial constraints currently the proposal in relation to additional car parking especially for coach parking could not be pursued at this time. However it was suggested by partnership members that perhaps low cost improvements could be undertaken. It was agreed that a meeting on site be arranged with Councillor Mackintosh, Stewart Heggie, Mike Lunny (Director of Property Services) and Ronnie McNeil (Director of Roads) to discuss this further.</p>	<p>Angus Stewart</p> <p>Stewart Heggie</p>
<p>f) Angus Glens Walking Festival</p> <p>Information on the success of this year's festival not yet available.</p> <p>Jasper Gray advised that he is retaining links with the present committee in relation to future festivals and associated developments.</p> <p>It was identified that the Partnership has a role to play in relation to working with and encouraging local businesses to become involved in the festival.</p> <p>Anyone interested in becoming involved in the event should</p>	

contact Jasper Gray.

g) Angus Credit Union Meeting

Alan Tucker advised that he had attended a meeting in relation to establishing a possible Angus Credit Union. It looked likely that initially this would be progressed for the Arbroath area. No further action required at this stage until further information is received.

4 Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)

Jasper Gray advised that a number of partnership members had meet with a representative from the CNPA in relation to obtaining an awareness of what's happening within the park authority area with a view of identifying possible opportunities to link in the work of the Partnership where appropriate.

It proved to be a most interesting and useful discussion. It was apparent that the CNPA has huge potential for Kirriemuir and is extremely powerful in relation to marketing and advertising.

It was the view following the meeting that the Partnership could benefit from making connections in relation to a more coordinated approach with the CNPA, as there are potential opportunities to do a lot more with them than we could do on our own. At this stage this was mainly in relation to marketing of the area therefore it was agreed that the marketing and branding section of the CNPA are to make contact. Links in the future where appropriate should continue between the CNPA and the Partnership.

5 Community Engagement Grant

Alan Tucker advised that the Partnership has been awarded a one off grant of £1,000 from the Angus Community Planning Partnership, which was announced at the Community Planning Conference in June 2004. The grant has been awarded as a contribution to assist the Partnership in engaging the wider community in relation to local priorities and issues in the context of community planning in Angus and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. Conditions to the grant apply one of which is to submit a broad outline plan detailing how the grant will be spent.

The Partnership does not currently have a bank account therefore arrangements need to be put in place to open one. It was agreed that Alan Tucker would advise of the acceptance of the grant and undertake to open an account for the Partnership at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Initial suggestions on projects/events that the grant could assist in funding included the newsletter and young persons event.

Alan Tucker

6 a) Angus Ahead Festival & Events Group

A letter has been received inviting a representative from the Partnership to be involved in the above group. The group is being established to ensure a strategic and coordinated approach to key events across the whole of Angus in 2005.

The first meeting of the group will take place on 8 September 2004 at the Town and County Hall 10.30am.

It was highlighted that there may be difficulty in getting a representative to go along due to the meeting being during the day. Alan Tucker to ask Hector MacLean if he would like to attend the group. If unable to attend links to this group are to be made through Eileen Jackson.

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b) Angus Community Planning Conference – June 2004

Copies of the report on the above event are now available through Eileen Jackson. The report can also be accessed via the Angus Community Planning website at www.angus.org.uk/documents/2004conferencereport.pdf

c) Big Ideas Workshop

The workshops are aimed at rural businesses that want to expand but are not sure which idea offers the best prospects. The format challenges the way those taking part think about future opportunities and it gives participants the knowledge and confidence to market their ideas. Two Kirriemuir workshops will take place on 29 September and 6 October.

The workshops have been developed and will be run by Contract Marketers Scotland funded by Angus Council and the European Regional Development Fund.

Anyone interested in attending the workshops to contact Marcus Thompson.

All partnership members

d) Attendance at meetings

Concern was expressed at the poor attendance at partnership meetings. It was agreed that every opportunity should be taken to raise awareness of the Partnership and get others on board.

It was agreed that a press release should be prepared prior to the meeting and also one following the meeting for inclusion in the Courier, Press and Journal and Kirriemuir Herald.

Eileen Jackson to co-ordinate

It was suggested that consideration should be given to asking other organisations along to future partnership meeting with the view of considering how the Partnership may be able to assist

them or vice versa. Ideas are as follows: -

- Scottish Water
- Glamis Castle
- Angus Traditional Music and Song Association

7 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 November 2004 at 7.30 PM, St. Andrews Church Board Room, Glamis Road, Kirriemuir.

Alan Tucker thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

ACTION BY

All Partnership members