

Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership

Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2004 at St. Andrews Church
Board Room, Glamis Road, Kirriemuir 7.30pm

In attendance

See attached attendance list

1 Welcome

Chairman Alan Tucker welcomed everyone along to the meeting.

Eddie Fullerton, Lintrathen Angling Club and Patrick Newman, Angus Traditional Music and Song Association were both welcomed along to their first meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Audrey Lees (Glamis Community Council), Prue Dowie, Harry Jamieson, Stewart Heggie and Mamie Bruce Gardyne.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 August 2004 were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those in attendance.

3 Matters Arising

a) Electronic version of Partnership Logo

An electronic version of the logo is now available and can be obtained by contacting Eileen Jackson. (EJ)

b) Data protection act re Newsletter

Following concerns at Augusts meeting in relation to data protection issues regarding the mailing of the proposed newsletter, the Law and Administration department, Angus Council had been approached to seek guidance from them.

EJ advised that guidance information was awaited however in the meantime the Partnership should exercise caution in relation to the protection of people's details.

c) Bank Account

Forms have been obtained to open a bank account. Jasper Gray, Vice Chairman to be second signatory to the account along with Alan Tucker.

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4 **Angus Traditional Music and Song Association**

Patrick Newman provided information on the Angus Traditional Music and Song Association, who are responsible for the organising and running of the traditional Kirriemuir music festival.

It was highlighted that previous festivals have lacked support from locals, therefore the organising committee would like to see more people becoming involved, especially young people which would hopefully prove to be beneficial to the festival. It was also pointed out that new ideas are required to change and improve the festival.

The association would like to run music workshops at the festival however resources do not allow for this.

Discussion then followed. It was suggested that the Partnership may be able to assist and support the festival in a number of ways including: -

- Promotion of the event
- Achieve more local involvement by networking and raising awareness of the event
- Encourage local businesses to support the event by sponsoring the competitions or similar

5 **Marketing Survey progress**

The outcome of the funding application submitted for the project is awaited.

It was proposed, subject to approval of the funding that Tony Sive be authorised to undertake the survey work. This was agreed in principal.

6 **Young Peoples Event**

EJ advised that the working group had met and plans were underway for the young peoples event to take place in the New Year.

The provisional date for the event is Saturday 19 March 2005 at the Webster's Sports Centre.

EJ advised that invitations would be sent out to a range of service providers and youth organisations in December inviting them to take part in the event and also to become involved in the coordinating of the day. An article would also be prepared for the the local press.

Following discussion a number of suggestions to be considered by the working group were received which are detailed below: -

- Youth council members to be asked to come up with a name for the event
- Radio Tay be approached to see if they would be

**Ralph
Neave/Ellie
Fiddes/ Gladys**

interested in broadcasting their show from the event or taking possible workshops

- Primary and secondary schools to be approached to enquire if they can raise awareness of the event at school assembly's, via email, school notice boards etc.
- Raise awareness of the event via the Youth Council and street workers

**ACTION BY
Wilson/Eileen
Jackson**

7 Old Southmuir Primary update

Gladys Wilson advised that she had visited the school with Angus Stewart, which was in a bad state of repair.

Jackie Low of the Sunshine Play School advised that the play school would be very interested in the Old Southmuir Primary School as a possible venue. Jackie explained that they are currently experiencing high rental charges at the new Southmuir Primary and that the old school could provide a lot more for children than the current facilities do.

It was suggested that the Partnership should perhaps consider what organisations within the area would use, need and benefit from the old school being a multi purpose centre and from there then build a business case considering the community and social benefits of such a venue.

Alan Tucker to contact Angus Stewart to obtain his views and to progress the project

**Alan Tucker/
Angus Stewart**

8 Martin Park parking proposals

Following discussion at August's meeting of the Partnership, a meeting had been held with Councillor Mackintosh and a number of representatives from Angus Council to explore the future community use of the portion of unused land at Martin Park.

Main outcomes from the meeting are as follows: -

- The land is currently being held by Property Services to allow investigations into community uses to be conducted.
- The Roads Director made it clear to the meeting that he has no further funds to provide additional off street car parking in Kirriemuir.
- The meeting agreed that the best community use of the land would be to provide car-parking facilities for the users of the adjacent recreational facilities in Martin Park and the Kirriemuir Thistle Football Club.

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- It is the view of the Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection that the fence to the west of the site adjacent to the skatepark requires to be replaced from a Health & Safety perspective due to its proximity to the skatepark.
- There was discussion on external funding possibilities. The view of the Director of Property Services was that funding might be available to establish a car park related to tourism/recreational use but that meeting on going maintenance and recurring costs is likely to be a problem for Council budgets.
- The Director of Property Services agreed to put a proposal together for the necessary car park preparation works and to investigate costs and possible funding streams.

Information on the proposal to be brought to the partnership when available.

9 Angus Glens Walking Festival (AGWF)

Evaluation of the 2004 event has now been carried out which shows a steady increase in overall bookings from previous years.

Planning for the 2005 event is now underway consideration is currently being given as to how best to market the AGWF and how to successfully engage accommodation providers and local businesses in the planning of the event.

For future years of the festival beyond 2005 a committee requires to be established to takeover the future organising of the event. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the committee should contact Jasper Gray.

All partnership members

It was pointed out that liaison in relation to the publicity and marketing of both the AGWF and music festival is worth considering.

10 Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)

Further to the report given at the August meeting of the Partnership in relation to establishing links with the CNPA, AT advised that a follow up meeting is to be held with a representative from the CNPA on 24 November 2004. Anyone interested in coming along to contact AT or EJ.

All partnership members

11 Angus Ahead Festival & Events Group (AAF&EG)

In relation to gathering information on local events for inclusion in the Angus calendar of events being coordinated by the

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	AAF&EG a press release was included in the Kirriemuir Herald, however only two responses have been received so far.	
12	Press items – agree points for submission	
	It was agreed that once a name for the young peoples event has been decided a press release should be drafted advising people of the event.	Eileen Jackson
13	AOCB	
	Projects of the Partnership	
	It was suggested that consideration should perhaps be given to further projects/events that the partnership could take forward. However it was the view of those in attendance that they are happy with the number of projects/events progressing presently.	
	Road conditions	
	The issue regarding poor road conditions in the Glens was raised. It was highlighted that to attract more people to the area the main arteries to the more rural areas of Kirriemuir and the Glens must be accessible and maintained. This is to be discussed further at the January meeting of the Partnership.	Eileen Jackson for agenda
	Events in Kirriemuir	
	It was suggested that consideration should be given to establishing a diary of events for the area to ensure improved coordination of local events.	To be considered by the Partnership
14	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 January 2005 at 7.30 PM, St. Andrews Church Board Room, Glamis Road, Kirriemuir.	All Partnership members
	AT thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	