

Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership

**Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2005 at Fairlie House, Kirkton Hill,
Kirriemuir 7.30pm**

In attendance

See attached attendance list

1 Welcome

Chairman Alan Tucker (AT) welcomed everyone along to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Ellie Fiddes, Mr Gerrard and Cllr Iain Gaul.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2005 were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those in attendance.

3 Matters Arising

a) Marketing Survey

Confirmation of the approval of funding for the business and organisations survey project has been received. The funding has been agreed in accordance with the project proposal and will be allocated once expenditure is incurred and on receipt of the appropriate receipts and/or invoice.

Work on the survey can now commence, which will be undertaken by Tony Sive.

It was highlighted that consideration will need to be given to agreeing the data fields to be completed whilst undertaking the survey.

Marcus Thompson and Tony Sive to consider.

b) Old Southmuir Primary

Following discussion at January's meeting a letter had been sent to Education Department, Angus Council advising of the Partnerships interest and asking for information on the current position with the property

Reply receive advised that the property is surplus to the Councils requirements. A report advising of this is to go to committee, following approval, the property will be offered on the open market.

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**Marcus and
Tony**

It was pointed out that if the Partnership is still interested in the property details of specific proposals should be submitted sooner rather than later for consideration.

Cllr Mackintosh advised that he had asked Mike Lunny, Director of Property Services to undertake a survey on the building.

AT advised that he had contacted The Scottish Land Fund who wouldn't fund the business plan or feasibility study however other forms of funding may be available from them in connection with upgrading the building.

It was pointed out that a good business case would be required to be put together as to why the facility is required.

It was discussed that the next stage is to consider whether the building is worth pursuing and if so to arrange for a feasibility study to be undertaken.

c) Angus Glens Walking Festival

Meeting to take place in March to progress discussions/arrangements for the walking festival.

d) Diary of Events

Further to discussion at January's meeting in relation to a possible diary of events, a sample of events information currently on the Angus Glens website was circulated. A local diary of events is something which the Glens website may possibly take on. The website can be viewed at www.angusglens.co.uk

To be discussed further at a future meeting of the Partnership.

For further consideration

4 Martin Park /Road Conditions/Tourism Signage

Further to discussion at January's meeting about the above issues a letter was sent to the Director of Roads raising the Partnerships concerns. The main points from the response received are as follows: -

Martin Park – The Council is aware of perceived demand for parking. However the town centre has recently benefited from the new car park at Malcolm's Wynd and the Martin Park site is remote from the town centre. The site has been declared surplus to the Roads department's needs. The partnerships interest has been noted and details passed to The Director of Property Services.

It was the consensus of those present that very little funding would be required to bring the area up to a satisfactory standard and it was the view that this is something, which the Partnership should progress.

For consideration

It was pointed out that Bill Harkins, Chief Superintendent,

Tayside Police was supportive of proposals to upgrade the area.

Roads Conditions – The response advised that the Council was already aware of both the issues raised re the road conditions and winter maintenance issues in the Glens areas. Reference was made to trials of a salt additive product for the Glen routes. It is hoped that utilising this product during the weekday treatments would give the salt a more lasting effect and would therefore help to increase the accessibility of the Glen roads at weekends. Feedback from the trials will be analysed in due course. The Partnership were encouraged to provide feedback as to the success or otherwise of the trial.

Partnership members expressed dissatisfaction that more could not be done in relation to progressing and resolving the road condition/winter maintenance issues raised.

AT to respond to letter expressing the Partnerships dissatisfaction.

AT

Tourism Signage – Reference was made to the package of signing measures being funded by the Council's Economic Development Unit, which the Partnership is aware of. It is anticipated that the signs will be erected towards the end of next year once funding is confirmed. At January's meeting the issue was raised about the Partnership being consulted in relation to the proposed content and positioning of the signs. Both Roads and Economic Development representatives to be invited along to a future meeting of the Partnership to provide more information about the proposals.

5 **What's The Word!?!? – Young People's Event**

An update on the young people's event taking place on Saturday 19 March at Webster's Sports Centre and High School was provided, the details of which are set out below: -

- 37 confirmed participants so far
- Event will run from 11am until 4pm. Set up time available between 9am and 11am.
- Letter gone out to all participants advising of timescales and highlighting health and safety requirements in relation to electrical equipment being portable appliance tested equipment.
- Layout plan being prepared by Ralph Neave, which will be distributed, to all participants prior to the event.
- Posters and flyers to be finalised shortly to be distributed widely throughout the town and surrounding area.
- Programme to be drafted for the day which will include details of all participants and times of activities running throughout the day
- Refreshments to be available from the servery area in the leisure centre. Donation received from Strathmore

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Mineral water. No response yet received from Tesco's. It was suggested that Graham's Dairies and The Co-op also be approached. Additional food and drink items to be obtained from the cash and carry.

- Volunteers required to assist with stewarding at the event. A number of people volunteered to help on the day. Eileen Jackson (EJ) to contact a few others to enquire if they would like to help.
- Feedback/Evaluation – It was agreed to undertake a survey at the event to obtain views about both the event and youth provision in the area. Marcus Thompson to draft the questionnaire.
- EJ to contact the press to arrange a photographer to come along
- Tony Sive to contact Wilkies to enquire about the possibility of getting a Kirriemuir & The Glens banner produced for use at the event and future events of this nature.

6 Press items – agree points for submission

A number of press articles to be drafted both prior to and after the young people's event.

EJ

7 AOCB

a) Local Plan

The closing date for comments/objections etc on the Local Plan consultation document is the 17 March. Anyone who has comments were encouraged to submit them prior to the closing date.

b) Possible future areas for Partnership

Those present were asked to give some thought to possible projects/ideas, which the Partnership could consider progressing in the future.

Reference was made to the suggestion list pulled together from discussions at early partnership meetings and it was suggested that this should now be revisited. EJ to have copies available for the next meeting.

It was suggested that consideration is given to a possible Autumn public meeting, which could perhaps be called 'Kirriemuir in the Future' or something similar. This could be aimed at raising and considering future issues for Kirriemuir and the surrounding area.

Agenda for May's meeting

8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 May 2005 at 7.30 PM. Venue to be confirmed.

The chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

All Partnership members