

## **Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership**

### **Minute of inaugural meeting held on Monday 16 February 2004 at the Town Hall, Kirriemuir 7.30pm**

#### **In attendance**

See attached attendance list

#### **ACTION BY**

#### **1 Welcome**

Councillor John Henderson welcomed everyone along to the meeting.

#### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2003 were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those who had been in attendance at the December meeting.

#### **3 Background to the formation of the Partnership**

Bill Strachan, Head of Policy and Performance Unit, Angus Council provided background information on the formation of Kirriemuir And The Glens Partnership.

#### **4 Partnership Agreement**

A draft partnership agreement was circulated prior to the meeting and a number of comments/suggested changes received. The suggested changes were incorporated into the original agreement and three versions were circulated for comment these being option 1, 1B and 2.

Following discussion it was agreed to adopt partnership agreement version 1B subject to a few minor changes as discussed. Revised agreement to be circulated ( copy attached)

**Eileen  
Jackson**

#### **5 Nominations and Election of Office Bearers**

No nominations for office bearers were received prior to the meeting. Those present were asked to consider nominations for the posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

After no nominations except for secretary were received it was agreed to defer the election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and treasurer until the next meeting.

Eileen Jackson, Community Planning Officer was appointed as secretary.

It was agreed that Bill Strachan would continue to chair until a chair is appointed at the next meeting.

**ACTION  
BY**

The question was raised as to whether to have a press secretary or not. To be considered at the next meeting.

**ALL**

It was highlighted that many people at the meeting did not necessarily know one another, therefore it proved difficult to nominate individuals if not fully aware of what they could bring to the Partnership. Introductions took place.

It was suggested that consideration is given to possible nominations for office bearers prior to the next meeting. It was agreed that nominations be forwarded to Eileen Jackson along with a short biography prior to the meeting.

**ALL**

## **6 Discussion Groups**

Those present split into four separate discussion groups and were asked to consider what the main issues are for the area and to identify a number of things that the Partnership could take forward in relation to them.

A summary of the main issues identified within the discussion groups is detailed at Appendix 1.

Following discussion it was agreed that as a starting point to focus on the 4 main themes of:-

1. Marketing and the product of Kirriemuir and the Glens
2. Young People- Activities, meeting place, other issues
3. Funding Opportunities
4. Regeneration- Town Centre, access to Kirriemuir and the Glens

Three Small working groups each focusing on one of the above, except funding were tasked with preparing a starter paper in relation to what the Partnership could do and the way forward. To be available for discussion at the next meeting.

**Working  
Group  
Reps**

With regards to funding opportunities, it was suggested that it may be helpful to invite Alison Smith, External Funding Manager from Economic Development Unit of Angus Council to the next meeting to highlight sources of possible funding opportunities for the Partnership. Alison to be asked to attend.

**Prue  
Dowie**

The community survey to be considered at a later date.

**ALL**

**ACTION  
BY**

**7 Any other competent business**

Name badges to be provided at the next meeting

**Eileen  
Jackson**

**8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 22 March 2004 at 7.30 PM the Town Hall (subject to venue being available - to be confirmed)

**ALL**

Councillor Henderson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

### Discussion groups –

#### Note of the main issues identified for the Partnership to take forward.

##### Group 1

- Undertake community survey to gather views
- Need to market the area
- What is the product?
- Tourism – Need for Improved co-ordination of events, calendar of events, brochure, community/farmers market
- Young people – improved facilities and range of activities. Need for a meeting place ( work already ongoing through the Kirriemuir Community Trust)
- Regeneration of Kirriemuir - Residential and Town Centre
- Towns Promotion Strategy – good place to live and work

##### Group 2

- Improved tourist signing off the A90
- Improved direction signs within the town Centre
- What's happening to Southmuir School? – What could it be used for?
- Improvements to The Den
- Youth Centre
- Improved access to the Glens in the Winter
- Reopen toilet facilities
- Build on Walking festival – Increased awareness of those in the town.
- Kirriemuir Aviation Museum brings alot of people to the town – consider relocating the museum?

##### Group 3

- Improvements to the website
- Barrie film festival
- Improved facilities/activities in the Den
- Improved signage – both off the A90 and within the town
- Mobility/accessibility centre of Angus
- Central base/location for the Partnership
- Young People – Similar venue as Café Project and the Attic required within Kirriemuir

##### Group 4

- Improved signage
- Young people
- Improvements within the Den
- Funding Opportunities? – Learning how funding can be obtained
- Consider employment opportunities
- Local retail business