

**Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership**

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 14 June 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.

**Apologies**

Apologies of absence were received from Dr. A Lendrum, Gail Riley, Bob Ritchie, May Ritchie, Jasper Gray, Caroline Hayward, Dennis Robertson, Councillor John Henderson and Ann Craig.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 May 2004 were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those in attendance.

**3 Matters Arising**

**Consultation with arts organisations**

Eileen Jackson advised that Angus Council proposes to prepare an Arts Plan later this year, as currently there is no broad strategy in place relating to arts. The plan will be subject to wide public consultation. Further information will be provided in due course.

**Angus Ahead**

Merlyn Dunn, Marketing Officer, Angus Council provided the following update:-

- Calendar of Angus events now available which contains details of the main tourism events
- Monthly flyers will be produced from the calendar and distributed at main events during the Summer months. Details of key events can be forwarded to Merlyn for inclusion in the flyers.
- An Angus festival events group is shortly to be established. It is proposed that the group has Angus wide representation to co-ordinate events. A representative from each local partnership is to be invited to join the group. A formal request via letter will be made shortly.

**ACTION BY**

**All to note**

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4 **Angus Sound Collective**

Angus Stewart provided a presentation on the Angus Sound Collective project proposal. (Copy attached). The presentation provided details on the :-

- Aims and objectives of the group
- Details of the project proposal for a multi-purpose arts centre for Kirriemuir including:-
  - the need for the facility
  - funding,
  - barriers in progressing the project,
  - proposed solutions,
  - costs and
  - suggestions as to the Partnerships role and the next steps in taking this forward essentially considering:-
- How can we get other groups on board?
- How do we start raising funds for an initial project analysis?
- Advice on whom to approach and who can help and will Angus Council put its ideological weight behind the project?

As highlighted at May's meeting of the Partnership the old Southmuir primary school site might be a possible venue and it was the view of those in attendance that this is really the only site at this time within the area which has the potential to be developed.

Those present agreed in principal to support this project. Following discussion it was suggested that the partnership would not look to take this project over however the Partnership could build the project up and pull in other groups and organisations to support this project if need be. It was highlighted that wider consultation will require to be carried out on the project proposal at an early stage to consider the demand of the facility from other groups and gauge any local objections. The suggested next steps were identified as being:-

- further investigation and negotiation re the release of the Old Southmuir Primary School building and
- initial enquiries re a feasibility study.

The Towns Promotion project and The Tayside Rural Development Facilitators Project were highlighted as possible sources of funding for the feasibility study.

It was suggested and agreed that a small working group is formed to take this forward. The following people volunteered to be on the group: - Angus Stewart, Merlyn Dunn, Jim Morrison, Alan Tucker, Gladys Wilson and Emil Thompson.

**Working group members to arrange initial meeting**

More information on Angus Sound Collective can be obtained via their website at :- [www.soundcollective.org](http://www.soundcollective.org)

**5 The Way Forward**

**Marketing**

Marcus Thompson advised that the proposed audit as discussed at May's meetings is to be taken forward.

The audit will essentially:-

- Establish a contact database of all local businesses and community and voluntary organisations with Kirriemuir and The Glens
- Check if existing information is correct
- Establish new information
- Identify issues businesses/groups face, which the Partnership may be able to take forward

The Following issues were highlighted as requiring further consideration: -

- Should the audit cover all 5 glens or just 3?
- Should the audit include farming businesses?
- Who will undertake the audit? It was suggested that Websters High should be contacted to enquire if this is maybe something sixth year pupils would be interested in becoming involved in
- Will the database be publicly available or purely owned and for the use of the Partnership?
- Who will fund the audit? Possible source of funding through the Kirriemuir and Brechin engagement pilot.

It was highlighted that recently The Economic Development Unit of Angus Council carried out a survey of all businesses as part of the process to update the Angus Business Directory. It was suggested that the Business Directory database might be a possible starting point for the audit.

Merlyn Dunn to check to see how inclusive the survey was.

**Young People**

**All Weather Sports Pitch**

The success of the work of the Kirriemuir Community Sports Association so far was highlighted. It was highlighted that the association hopes to draw in young people to use the facility once established. It was suggested that it might be helpful to invite the committee to undertake a presentation at a future meeting of the Partnership.

**Social Event**

The possibility of organising a social event in November/ December to bring together organisations, young people and volunteers was discussed. It was suggested the event could

**Marcus  
Thompson**

**Merlyn Dunn**

**Alan Tucker**

highlight what activities/ facilities etc are available for young people by inviting organisations along to participate by having a stand/demonstrations etc.

Young people should be involved in organising the event and links should be made to existing initiatives including Angus Dialogue Youth and The Youth Congress.

Gladys Wilson will ask for volunteers at the next community trust meeting. Church Groups are also to be asked to become involved.

Angus Council staff will facilitate the organising of the event. Ralph Neave, Kirriemuir Scout Group is happy to be involved.

## **ACTION BY**

**Gladys Wilson**

**Eileen  
Jackson/Stewart  
Heggie/Ralph  
Neave**

### **Community Engagement Grant**

Eileen Jackson advised that a one of grant of £1000 is shortly to be made available to all local partnerships from the Angus Community Planning Partnership. The grant is specifically in relation to engaging the wider community in the work of the Partnership. Further information and guidelines will be issued in due course. It was highlighted that this may be a possible source to fund such an event.

### **Regeneration**

#### **Site at Martins park**

The area of waste ground at Martins Park was discussed as having the possible future use of a car or/and a coach park. It was agreed that the Partnership approach the Council expressing a note of interest and asking them to retain the site so that it's not sold off.

**Eileen Jackson**

#### **Drainage Restriction**

Kirriemuir Community Council are currently co ordinating a petition and campaign against the drainage constraint.

### **Partnership links with groups/organisations**

- It was suggested that it might be helpful for the Partnership to establish closer links to the work of the Community Council.
- It was the view that the Partnership requires wider support from other groups and consideration requires to be given to how this can be achieved.

**Alan Tucker/  
Community  
Councils**

**All to consider**

**6 Angus Glens Walking Festival**

Alan advised that himself and Jasper Gray attended a Angus Glens Walking Festival ( AGWF) meeting to find out more about the event with a view to considering how the partnership can support and get involved in the event in the future. The current organisers are looking for a community body to take over the festival after the initial three year period, which is due to finish in 2005.

Nominations are required for a representative from the community with local knowledge and ideas to sit on the steering group of the AGWF. Suggestions to Alan Tucker.

It was suggested that the partnership may be able to support the festival in the following ways:-

- Consider ways of getting local businesses engaged in the event and to get them to recognise the potential of the event for the local area.
- Ensure that a range of activities is organised in the evening to encourage people to stay in the town.
- Prepare display boards to highlight and raise awareness of what there is to do and visit in the area.

**All to consider**

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**7 Any other competent business**

**a) Frequency of Meetings and Promotion of the Partnership**

It was suggested that the Partnership meets every three months rather than monthly and a newsletter is produced between the meetings.

It was agreed that the newsletter would be a good way to both engage and inform the wider community.

A volunteer/s were sought for assisting with the design, layout and content of the newsletter.

Gladys Wilson offered to draft the content for the first newsletter. It was suggested that the newsletter should highlight discussion at meetings and to promote proposed projects. The first newsletter should include information from the Angus Sound Collectives presentation.

**Gladys Wilson**

Obtaining local sponsorship for the logo and template of the newsletter was discussed and it was agreed to investigate this further.

It was highlighted that the newsletter could be posted on the Angus Glens Website and also the Community Planning website.

**b) Kirriemuir Advisory Group**

The group has been established in connection with the Kirriemuir and Brechin engagement pilot. Alan Tucker as Chair of the Partnership to sit on the group.

**ACTION BY**

**c) Angus Community Planning Conference**

An invitation for a representative from The Partnership to attend the Angus Community Planning Conference on Thursday 24 June 2004 at the Carnoustie Golf Hotel has been received. Jim Morrison to attend.

**d) Credit Union Meeting**

A meeting is being held on 29 June at the Old & Abbey Church Centre, Arbroath to discuss the possible formation of an Angus Credit Union. The meeting is being hosted by the Arbroath Partnership. Alan Tucker to attend.

**e) Provision of seating & garden area at Tannage Brae between the Community Trust Office and the Glengate Hall.**

The issue regarding a new seating and garden area was raised. It was noted that this has already been considered at the recent area forum and subsequently an audit to establish existing seating provision within the town was undertaken. It was the view of the Partnership members and those attending the area forum that there is presently adequate garden areas and seating around the town.

It was suggested that this issue may fall within the Kirriemuir Community Council remit and should be raised there.

**Jim Morrison**

**8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 30 August 2004 at 7.30 PM, St. Andrews Church Board Room, Glamis Road, Kirriemuir.

**All Partnership members**

Alan Tucker thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.