

## **Kirriemuir and The Glens Partnership**

### **Minute of meeting held on Monday 22 March 2004 at the Town Hall, Kirriemuir 7.30pm**

#### **In attendance**

See attached attendance list

#### **ACTION BY**

#### **1 Welcome**

Lead Officer Stewart Heggie welcomed everyone along to the meeting.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies of absence were received from Caroline Hayward, Dr Andrew Lendrum, Kit Finlay, Steve Parkes, Hamish McTaggart and Bill Strachan.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February were circulated, accepted as an accurate record and approved by those in attendance.

#### **3 Funding Opportunities**

Alison Smith External Funding Manager, Angus Council Economic Development Unit gave a presentation on funding opportunities to the Partnership.

The presentation included the role of the external funding section, identified a number of possible funding sources for future projects of the Partnership and highlighted examples of projects, which have been successful in obtaining funding.

Alison highlighted the 'seeing is believing' grant scheme currently available through Communities Scotland which is currently underused. Within the scheme Kirriemuir and The Glens is a priority area.

A brief question and answer session then followed. Alison left the meeting at this point.

Further information on funding opportunities is available by contacting Alison on 01307 473752 or e-mail [smithaj@angus.gov.uk](mailto:smithaj@angus.gov.uk)

#### **4 Discussion papers**

At the February meeting of the Partnership three groups were tasked with each preparing discussion papers in relation to:-

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1. Marketing and the product of Kirriemuir and the Glens
2. Young People
3. Regeneration

The groups were asked to consider what the issues are, what the partnership could do and to identify action points as to a way forward.

On behalf of the groups Marcus Thompson, Jim Houston and Alan Tucker reported back their group findings.

Copies of all three reports are attached.

Discussion then followed. The main issues for consideration and action points arising are as follows:-

### **Marketing**

- It was suggested as a first step that an audit be undertaken to establish what already exists in Kirriemuir and The Glens including:- public attractions, private attractions, public events, local groups etc. (further details available from the marketing map attached)
- It was suggested that Webster's High School be approached to enquire re the possibility of a sixth year pupil becoming involved and undertaking the audit. If this is not possible alternative funding sources for the audit will require to be identified.
- It was highlighted that a number of the actions within the audit are already being done e.g. list of events. However it was the view that there is a need to be aware of what's already happening and to bring all the information together to the one place which will be achieved by the audit.
- An issue identified by the group was signage and the need for improved signage from the dual carriageway. Prue Dowie advised that currently improvements to the signage from the dual carriageway to visitor attractions within Kirriemuir and The Glens are being considered.

**Marcus  
Thompson/  
Steve Parkes**

### **Young People**

- It was acknowledged that a considerable amount of work has already been undertaken by the Community Trust with regards to developing the provision of a multi purpose building for young people. This will continue to be pursued. The Trust are to make contact with Alison Smith to enquire re possible funding opportunities for the project.
- Lack of knowledge as to what activities, facilities etc

**Jim Houston**

currently exist for young people was highlighted as an issue. Accessing and communicating information in relation to young people was discussed. It was suggested that it would be helpful to undertake an exercise to gather Information for young people. It was highlighted that having this information readily available and accessible is vital. A number of existing websites were identified which could perhaps be used to post information on events, activities etc in relation to young people. The sites identified were :- dialogue youth, Kirriemuir round table ([www.kirriemuir.info](http://www.kirriemuir.info)) and the Angus Glens Website. ([www.angusglens.co.uk](http://www.angusglens.co.uk)) This is to be investigated further.

- It was suggested that consideration should be given to co-ordinating an event through the Partnership to get young people together. The need to encourage young people to become involved in the work of the Partnership was highlighted.

**All  
partnership  
members**

### **Regeneration**

- The drainage constraint within the area due to the waste water treatment plant issues was raised as a great concern in connection with the regeneration of the town and surrounding area. Until this is resolved it will restrict any new developments, both business and residential. Councillor Henderson advised that a senior official from Scottish Water at a recent Council meeting advised that they will continue to maintain the existing water ways however there would be no investment for improvements and there is no guarantee that the constraint will be lifted by 2015. It was stressed that getting this problem resolved is key to the future of the town. In light of this it was suggested that the Partnership need to mount some sort of campaign against this to Scottish Executive. Partnership members were of the view that something needs to be done however many were not comfortable about the Partnership staging a campaign especially at this early stage of the Partnership forming.

Representatives from the three groups were thanked for their valuable input and work involved in drafting the papers.

## **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 Chair and Vice Chair.

Alan Tucker was nominated for Chair and Jasper Gray for Vice.

Alan advised those present that he has some reservations regarding the establishment of the Partnership. The need for greater clarity in respect of the role and objectives of the

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Partnership was highlighted. Alan agreed to Chair the Partnership with a view to reviewing progress after a period of time.

Jasper Gray accepted the role of vice chair.

It was agreed to consider the appointment of a treasurer at a later date.

**6 Revised distribution list**

It was agreed that the mailing list used to advise of future meetings should include as many people and organisations as possible to raise awareness of the work of the Partnership and to get as many people involved as possible.

As comprehensive a list as possible is to be pulled together which will be used for future mailings.

**Eileen  
Jackson**

It was suggested that the Partnership should consider holding an open event to obtain more interest.

**All  
partnership  
members**

**7 Any other competent business**

There was no other competent business

**8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 May 2004 at 7.30 PM the Lesser Town Hall (subject to venue being available - to be confirmed)

**All  
Partnership  
members**

**Eileen  
Jackson**

Stewart Heggie thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.