

**MONTROSE AND AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 26 MAY 2008 AT 7.30PM
IN THE LINKS HOTEL, MONTROSE**

Present:

John Zimny(Chair)	Lead Officer to Partnership, Angus Council
Matt Henderson	Angus Community Planning Team
Sandy West	Angus Council
Sandra Stewart	Volunteer Centre Angus
James Croll	Borrowfield Housing
Paul Valentine	Angus Council
John Cargill	Scottish Enterprise Tayside
Ruth Stevens	Learning in Later Life
Peter Stevens	Fair Trade Town
David G Pullar	Ferryden Community Council
David May	Angus Council
Rikki Beattie	Angus Council, Community Learning and Development
George Norrice	Montrose Town Band
Joe Barker	Montrose YMCA
Val Cooper	Montrose YMCA

Apologies:

Ness Vann	Montrose Community Council
Mark Salmond	Angus Council
Michael Maltman	Hillside, Dun, Logie & Craigo Community Council
Andy Hermiston	Tayside Fire & Rescue

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

John Zimny welcomed everyone to the meeting. Val Cooper and Joe Barker were welcomed from the Montrose YMCA and Matt Henderson was introduced as Elaine McLeod's maternity cover as Community Planning Officer for the Montrose and Area Partnership Secretary. The group were pleased to hear that Elaine has had a twin boy and girl.

2. GROUP DEVELOPMENT

Following on from the last session John Cargill continued to facilitate on the groups development work with a focus on results and achievements as well as identifying specific partnership issues looking at 'things we can't do on our own' specifically around the theme of Civic Pride.

As an example of an achievement Peter Stevens gave an update on the Fair Trade initiative saying that although not a whole partnership issue, the support and focus of the partnership was a driving factor behind his achievements.

Other areas of work discussed which are going on in the Montrose area included the up coming Music Festival of which the YMCA has involvement and the geography of the public toilets.

John Cargill highlighted some examples of success in other partnership areas as a starting point for discussion on how the group might progress.

3. ACTION PLAN

Action plan updated as attached.

It was agreed that a review of the action plans current priorities should be carried out with single issues relating to specific groups left solely for discussion and partnership support. As agreed the focus should be on achieving success with issues affecting the whole of the Montrose Area Partnership with consultation carried out with the whole community including young people.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sandra handed out information about the "Find out about Volunteering" Volunteers Open Day" to take place during volunteers week on June 6 from 9am to 9pm at the Volunteer Centre, 32-34 Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

The group agreed in principle to continue with the advert in the Montrose 2009 calendar put together by Astute Plc at the same cost as 2008, totalling £200 plus VAT. The Partnership will receive 100 complimentary copies. Matt to investigate further and feed back to the partnership.

The group discussed the role of a possible Community Learning and Development placement working with the Partnership. Matt to liaise on possibilities with Rikki, Sandra and Val.

John Zimny suggested that the partnership may also have some involvement in the consultation around the upcoming Montrose Pool Development of which the council has allocated capital funding.

In response to the Provost's invite for a Montrose Partnership representative to attend the Silver Arrow Luncheon on Saturday May 31 it was agreed that David Poulter will represent the partnership.

John Zimny informed the partnership that he will no longer be Lead Officer and that a new Lead Officer will be announced in due course.

5. DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 25, 7.00pm at the Links Hotel, Montrose.