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**MONTROSE TOGETHER
MONDAY 23 AUGUST 2010, 7.00PM
LINKS HOTEL, MONTROSE**

PRESENT

Peter Davies	Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre
Tommy Stewart	Community Member
Matt Henderson	Local Community Planning Team
Irene Birse	Deaf Blind Scotland
Sheena Holt	Deaf Blind Scotland
James Croll	Borrowfield Housing Association
Ian Woodward	Local Tenant
Sandy Munro	Montrose Society
Ted Smith	Community Voice
Tom Davidson	Community Learning and Development
Cllr Mark Salmond	Angus Council
Cllr David May	Angus Council
Cllr Sandy West	Angus Council
John Wire	TRACC
Graham McIntosh	TRACC
Mike Cassie	Tayside Fire and Rescue
Pete Cowan	Skatepark Committee
John Dempster	Montrose Community Council

APOLOGIES

Bill Strachan	Neighbourhood Services
John Macpherson	Montrose Society
Syd Mather	BW&HA
Cllr Paul Valentine	Angus Council
Mark Johnston	Local Community Planning Team
Liz Pert	Local Community Planning Team
Peter Stevens	Fairtrade Montrose
Graham Stephens	Friends of William Lamb

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peter Davies took the chair of the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies were given as above.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING

The minute of the previous meeting was proposed as correct by John Wire and this was seconded by Irene Birse as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. AIR HERITAGE CENTRE PRESENTATION

Peter Davies fed back that the Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre plan to give a presentation on Monday September 20, 7.00pm at the Links Hotel. The presentation will promote plans for the celebration of the centenary of the Montrose Air Station.

4. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FEEDBACK

The Town Centre Regeneration Groups are in the process of completing a map of the plans for the area detailing the proposals of the group for wider consultation.

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Those in attendance agreed to support an application to the Fairer Scotland Fund for the refurbishment of the mermaid lamps as well as new litter bins and seats for the area. The application will be completed by the Local Community Planning Team and signed and submitted by Peter Davies as chair of Montrose Together.

5. EAST LINKS DEVELOPMENT

Following the positive recent environmental study of the East Links carried out by Angus Council it was agreed that the Local Community Planning Team would work with partners to ascertain the views of the wider community regarding the BMX Skills Course proposals and the feasibility of a group to take the project forward with young people.

The Skate Park committee are continuing to promote developments of the wheeled sports facility and hope to have new street lighting in place for the end of the year.

3. MONTROSE MOVING FORWARD

Those involved from Montrose Moving Forward are progressing the action plan including the following update.

The Tourism leaflet and What's on Guide for the area for distribution with local community groups is being produced in partnership with the Local Community Planning Team.

The promotion of joint working across different groups is being taken forward by Community Learning and Development providers in the ward area.

The developments at the East Links Area and the investigation of a local management trust to manage the whole Links area is being progressed through the Local Community Planning Team.

Scot Rail has been contacted regarding improving access to the railway station who have conformed that access improvements will be made in the near future as previously agreed.

Promoting the town history and heritage is being taken forward by organisations including the Montrose Society, Montrose Heritage Trust and the Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre.

Developing activities for the whole community is an action being taken forward by Community Learning and Development providers in the ward area.

Investigating ways to support investment in youth is being taken forward by Community Learning and Development providers in the ward area.

Meetings are taking place with Angus Council to investigate ways to improve the usage of the Town Hall and the pricing of facilities which will include possible decant arrangements when work begins at the leisure centre.

Regeneration of the town centre including street furniture and bins is being progressed through the Town Centre Regeneration Group.

7. MONTROSE EXTRAVGANZA

Tommy Stewart fed back the Montrose Extravaganza Committee has been working towards this year's celebration event including providing a music event and continental market.

The partnership agreed to support the risk assessment and insurance provision as has been completed in the past. The Local Community Planning will support the group to complete these arrangements.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The partnership discussed vandalism which has taken place at the Mid Links Park and agreed that ways of tackling antisocial behaviour in the area should be considered further.

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The partnership discussed issues with bins in the Town Centre and these will be taken forward by those involved in the town centre regeneration group.

The partnership discussed issues with drains blocking in Montrose and agreed to notify Angus Council as appropriate.

9. DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Montrose Together meeting will take place on Monday October 18 at 7.00pm in the Links Hotel, Fairways Room.