

MONIFIETH LANDWARD PARTNERSHIP (MLP)

MINUTE OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present

John Whyte	Vice Chair, MLP
Elaine McLeod	Local Community Planning Team (LCPT)
Sheena Thomson	The Vault/Monifieth In Bloom
Sheena Melvin	Tayside Police
Alastair Robertson	Monifieth Community Council
Christian Gourlay	Monifieth Amateur Dramatics (MAD)
Stewart Anton	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Bill Milne	Monifieth Community Council
Jean Lee	Angus Council Elected Member
Sheila Marshall	Monifieth Community Centre Steering Group

In attendance for item 2

Eileen McArthur	Project Manager, Focus on Alcohol
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Apologies

Andrina McCormack	Chair, MLP
Margaret Byrne	Local Community Planning Team
Margaret Thomson	Angus Council Elected Member

1. WELCOME

JW welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were given.

2. SPOTLIGHT

Eileen McArthur – Focus on Alcohol

Eileen thanked the MLP for inviting her to come along to the spotlight session and highlighted she thought this was an excellent idea to allow groups/organisations to promote their business.

Eileen advised she is the strategic planning officer for the Focus on Alcohol project that is part of the Angus Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. She enforced that she has an

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agreement with the Local Community Planning Teams to work with them and local communities to support any alcohol related issues. She encouraged those present to come forward with any ideas they or others may have in relation to the project.

The project has now been running for three and a half years and over this time has conducted @ 285 project activities including youth diversionary, public campaigns and staff training. The project focuses on service development thereby partnership working is key. Stage four plans for the project are due to be launched next month and this gives a fresh focus to partners of where the project is at.

Examples of current projects are:

Integrated Children's and Young Peoples Partnerships
£850 funding has been granted to take forward street work diversionary for young people, targeting those who do not currently engage in youth work or attend locally run organisations.

National Pilot Project at Monifieth High School
The High School are keen to follow in the footsteps of Carnoustie High School who were part of a national pilot project whereby a recognised qualification can now be gained through the British Institute of Inn keeping.

Substance Misuse Education
Tayside Police and the Angus Alcohol and Drugs partnership have funded a new post to role out a programme for substance misuse education.

Best Bar None
This project continues and Sheena Thomson from The Vault is once again to be congratulated in her support to this. Eileen highlighted that it is recognised that this project requires further awareness in the outlying areas of Monifieth.

Eileen commented on MAD's presentation at last month's meeting and in particular plans to involve young people. She highlighted possible funding avenues in relation to engaging and working with young people and encouraged MAD, through the local community planning team, to look at this in more detail.

Eileen advised that it is recognised that engagement has not been successful in the areas of Sidlaw/Newtyle and further work is required in rolling out the Focus on Alcohol

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project to these areas.

Some further general discussion took place around alcohol issues around Monifieth and the following items in particular were discussed in more detail:

Alcohol by-laws in Monifieth

The boundary highlighted on the map to be checked out as it should not include the caravan parks.

The Licensing Board will give a final decision on 5 May and then Angus Council will give consideration at its May meeting.

Parent Involvement

Eileen advised of a 'Parents Alcohol and Drugs Evening' held in Arbroath High School which was very well attended. If the view is that a similar event, that may include various partner agencies to provide advice, information etc, re substance misuse, would be beneficial for Monifieth then this could be progressed.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 JAN 2010

Agreed

4. MATTERS ARISING

Monifieth Amateur Dramatics (MAD)

Good progress is being made with the new MAD premises. CG advised that clarification is required regarding what licenses are required for the building and operational purposes. EMcL advised that the local Community Planning Team can help with this and would contact the relevant Angus Council department.

LCPT

5. MONIFIETH IN BLOOM

ST provided an update. The group are working to an agreed action plan. A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 20 March in the Gerrard Hall, St Rule's Church, 10.00am to 12.30pm to raise awareness of the group and attract volunteers.

6. TIME SQUARE CLOCK

Angus Council's Property Maintenance Department is responsible for the maintenance of the clock and is currently dealing with issue of the clock not working. The power source is found to be linked to street lighting.

7. BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

ST advised that to date 8 replies and cheques have been received in relation to advertising in a local business directory. This is not enough to make this project viable. Some further discussion took place around promotion and how to gauge interest from local businesses.

8. RECOGNITION OF STEWART ANTON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

John Whyte advised that a certificate is to be presented to Stewart at the Annual General Meeting on 23 March.

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9. TARTAN WEEK

EMcL advised the group that Andrina McCormack and George Mitchelson are keen for Monifieth to take part in this year's Tartan Week and encourage members of the Partnership to contact them in relation to ideas/events that could be held. Tartan week runs from 2 April 2010 to 10 April 2010.

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10. AOB

The Scottish National Rural Network Rural Tayside Event will be held on Saturday 27 February at Birnam Arts & Conference Centre. A flyer has already been issued. Andrina McCormack will be attending on behalf of the Partnership.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 7.30pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers. Annual General Meeting followed by a general meeting.