

MONIFIETH LANDWARD PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010 7.30 MONIFIETH LIBRARY/BURGH CHAMBERS

Present: Dr Andrina McCormack – Chair
Stewart Ellis – Monifieth in Bloom
Sheena Thomson – The Vault/Monifieth in Bloom/MIB
Mark Crush – Tayside Fire and Rescue
Alistair Robertson – Monifieth Community Council
Margaret Robertson – Monifieth Tangent
Fiona Barton – Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
John Barton – Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
Christian Gourlay – Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
Bill Milne – Monifieth Community Council
Councillor John Whyte – Angus Council
Sheila Marshall – Monifieth Community Centre Steering Group
Roy Madden, Angus Council
Bruce Fleming, Angus Council
Sally Young, Angus Council
Margaret Byrne, Local Community Planning Team
Beverley Gibb, Local Community Planning Team

Apologies: Stuart Anton, Monikie/Newbigging Community Council
Councillor Margaret Thomson – Angus Council

WELCOME

Andrina welcomed everyone to the meeting, wishing them all well for 2010.

TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS

Roy Madden of Angus Council Planning Department introduced Bruce Fleming and Sally Young – the project team for the Town Centre Enhancements.

Bruce gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on what has now been agreed, following consultation, to take place in the town. However he intimated that no final decision has been taken on the type of street furniture. The type of furniture that has been considered looks very natural, is made of a very hard wood which is tamper proof – similar to the furniture at Arbroath Harbour. It also requires minimal maintenance.

There was a discussion about the possibility of the Monifieth in Bloom group being able to incorporate some of their planting, e.g. possibly hanging baskets from the new fencing. Sally and Roy are to look into this and report back.

Palm Trees had been suggested instead of the pear trees to make the town unique, especially with the Commonwealth games coming and Barry Buddon being used for

the shooting range. Cabbage Palms were suggested as an alternative that would be suitable for the climate in Monifieth. Sally has been researching the possibility of this and, again will report back.

Margaret Robertson suggested that Scottish trees could be used.

SPOTLIGHT – Monifieth Amateur Dramatics

Jack and Fiona Barton and Christian Gourlay of MAD attended and gave a very interesting and informative talk on the hard work the group has currently been undertaking to raise money to buy and renovate the old British Legion Hall. The group have leased the hall for a two year period with the view to purchasing it for £55,000. However they also need around £600,000 to carry out renovations. The hall will be used to put on performances, however will be kept on a level so the hall can be hired out to local community groups for dances, youth groups and functions etc. The group submitted an application to the Town Centre Enhancement fund, however were unsuccessful as they were classed as being 100yards over the boundaries.

However, they are always looking for new members, not only actors but help behind the scenes. There will be a youth group and they already have a waiting list for some community groups.

They added that the group are “keeping it local” by only employing local tradesmen to carry out the work.

Monifieth Landward Partnership agreed to continue to support the group with future funding applications and awareness raising.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minute was agreed as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Beach Awards

SE reported that water sampling will start this year. Signage is to be erected to indicate a prohibition of collection of natural bait within the Monifieth Bay area – boundaries are to be clarified.

Christmas Lights

Further meeting to be arranged.

Monifieth – The Missing Factor

BG reported that the Local Community Planning Team are currently working on arranging the next stage of the M Factor. This will be a freshers style fayre, held on a Saturday morning in the Gerard Hall. Date to be confirmed.

Milton Mill

Cllr White is watching this project closely to ensure that developers adhere to the consultation proposals involving keeping part of the building. Cllr Whyte is happy to take on the views of the public and speak on their behalf.

Beautiful Scotland Certificate

It was agreed that this should be put in the displayed in the Library if possible. An official handover will be arranged – a photo opportunity for the Partnership.

Focus on Alcohol Spotlight

Eileen is to be invited to the next Spotlight event.

Christmas Cards

Andrina told the meeting that to be “Eco-friendly” this year, Partnership Christmas Cards had been e-mailed rather than printed and posted.

Fithie Bank

Cllr Whyte confirmed that the Fithie Bank boundaries will change to the Dundee City Council jurisdiction.

MONIFIETH IN BLOOM

The group have now registered with Greenspace.com.

The group are looking for a new name as Monifieth in Bloom does not do the project justice. It conjures up the idea of only flora and planting being involved. Therefore suggestions were welcomed.

The group are revisiting working with Monifieth High School and hope that they come on board this year. Grove Academy has agreed to become involved.

The group should have further news on the possibility of developing a Sensory Garden in the grounds of Ashludie Hospital by 10th May.

TIME SQUARE CLOCK

Andinra explained that the Time Square Clock, the blue clock outside the cycle shop, has stopped. There is some dubiety over the “owner” of the clock. This is to be investigated within Angus Council. It was apparently a gift from the Rotary Club, but this is not definite.

MONIFIETH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

To date, the association has been moving very slowly. Letters were sent to all businesses requesting a £25 annual membership fee, with a view to producing a local business directory. However, to date, there has only been 8 replies. In order for the directory to go ahead, there needs to be a minimum of 30 members.

Further discussion took place, and it was suggested that it would be possible to go for grant funding to produce a directory.

RECOGNITION OF STEWART ANTON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

To be carried forward to the next meeting.

TARTAN WEEK

Again, this is to be forwarded to the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Regularity of Meetings

The regularity of meetings was discussed. There were two suggestions – one to make meetings quarterly, and the other to make them more regular, and possibly back to monthly. It was agreed to discuss this at the AGM.

Charity Event

Andrina informed the group that she is to be taking part in a sponsored run. She thought it might be an idea for the Partnership to maybe do something for someone else for a change and possibly hold a charity event. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that the next meeting be held on 16th February at 7.30.