

MONIFIETH LANDWARD PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2009 AT 7.30PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Dr Andrina McCormack	Chair, Monifieth Landward Partnership
Alastair McKenzie	Treasurer, Monifieth Landward Partnership
Beverley Gibb	Community Planning Officer, Angus Community Planning Partnership
Sandra Stewart	Volunteer Centre Angus
Davina Campbell	Community Learning and Development Service, Angus Council
Sheena Thomson	The Vault, Monifieth
Bill Milne	Monifieth Community Council
Stewart Anton	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Alistair Robertson	Monifieth Community Council
Cllr John Whyte	Angus Council
George Mitchelson	Monifieth Medieval Fayre
Gary Grime	Monifieth Dental Clinic
Fergus Storrier	Joint Strategic Support Unit, Angus Council
Stewart Ellis	Monifieth in Bloom

Apologies

Alex Graham	Monifieth in Bloom
George Christieson	Monifieth Medieval
Jean Lees	Angus Council
Cllr Margaret Thomson	Angus Council
Duncan Inglis	Angus Council

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Andrina welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record of events.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Farmers Market

There will be no Farmers Market in July and has been postponed until further discussions that will take place in August. The Farmers Market Association are keen to have markets in Monifieth, however they are not making enough money to be a viable project.

There was also a planning issue, however Cllr Whyte is in discussion with the relevant council departments regarding this.

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Andrina confirmed that the Partnership is in full support of the Farmers Market making a return to Monifieth. It was also commented that Tesco had also happy at the influx of extra custom on Market days.

Christmas Lights

This year's event is scheduled for 3rd December 2009.

4. MONIFIETH IN BLOOM

- The Garden competition has had 20 entries so far. The judging is to take place on 29th July between 1pm and 5pm. Mary Saunders and one other from the Friends of the Rock Garden, Barnhill are carrying out the judging.
- Stewart Ellis is to contact Tesco re the petrol station being cleaned up prior to judging. It was supposed to have been redeveloped by now, however they have not been able to find a lease holder as yet.
- The portfolio for the Scotland in Bloom entry is almost completed and judging will take place on August 5th between 3pm and 5pm.
- The next beach clean up is to be held on Saturday 18th August and will be sponsored by Starbucks.
- Wildflower plug planting will coincide with the beach clean up. Alex Graham has asked for any volunteers to come along.
- Stewart Ellis is to contact the Rotary Club re volunteers.
- The main Scotland in Bloom presentation day will be held on Friday 25th September in the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen.
- Sheena Thomson has been busy watering the baskets in the square, with the help of a backpack watering device bought with money raised at the pub quiz.
- The topic of the Blue Flag for Monifieth Beach came up again, and as neighbouring beaches Carnoustie and Broughty Ferry already have a blue flag, Monifeith should aim for the same status. Cllr Jean

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Lees is looking into this.

5. MONIFIETH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The launch of the MBA is to be held on the 14th July 2009 in the Vault lounge. Charles Goodall is still keen to assist in this as a member of the FSB. A pre-meeting to arrange the event is to be held on Friday 3rd July in the offices of Andrew Joss Accountants.

6. MEDIEVAL FAYRE

This year's event was very well attended with good press coverage etc. An issue regarding public liability insurance for next year was raised. BG to look into whether the Partnerships insurance covers such events.

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7. MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

Andrina, Bev and Davina have arranged to meet with Mr Hain of the model railway group to assist with a grant aid application on behalf of the Partnership, to purchase a glass cabinet for the model, so it can be safely displayed in the library.

8. HEARTY THRANG

Davina reported that 147 people have applied so far, to take part in this year's Hearty Thrang which will be hosted in Monifieth.

9. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND

Angus Council have submitted a bid to this fund to secure match funding in relation to the town centre enhancements already planned. It is hoped we will have further information at the next partnership meeting.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alistair produced a document of the archive of all the accounts going back to the beginning of the Monifieth Area Partnership up to the newly named Monifieth Landward Partnership.

He referred to the change of bank from Royal Bank of Scotland to the Clydesdale.

It was questioned whether the books had ever been audited. It was discussed that it should be an independent auditor to look at the books. Andrina is to speak to Andrew Joss re this. CPO to check out whether they had been

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audited previously and by whom. Copies of Alistair's report to go out with the minutes.

11. FERGUS STORIER – JOINT STRATEGIC SUPPORT UNIT

Fergus was welcomed along to give an overview of his work and to make links with the Partnership for future work with the Integrated Community Schools partnership. Fergus is a Police Sergeant and is seconded to the Joint Strategic Support Unit within Angus Council. The main element of his work is with young people.

He reported that in terms of policing and youth justice, Monifieth is not seen as a problematic hotspot. In fact it has an extremely low record of 'youths causing annoyance' calls or youth crime compared to the other areas in Angus.

Angus' figures for youth crime have been reduced by 213 crimes in the last six months, comparing to last year. It costs £5100 for each crime which equates to over a million pounds of savings.

He reported that one disturbing figure in Angus is crime involving young girls which is going up, especially violent and sexual crime.

The underlying problem in Monifieth is a lack of venue. However Davina added that young people are meeting with the architect to discuss the plans for the new 4 Real centre in Monifieth and that there are a lot of positives regarding young people in the town.

Andrina asked the questions – why are there no young people here at the Partnership meeting and why did they not fill in the survey put out in the Monifieth Matters?

It was agreed that it would probably be better to formally invite youngsters along.

Andrina thanked Fergus for coming along.

12. A O B

Town Centre Enhancements

Roy Madden attended an open meeting of the community Council to bring them up to date on the Town Centre enhancements, which was a very positive meeting. He reported that the Council had applied to the Town Centre Regeneration fund for match funding of £250,000 for Monifieth. The additional funding will enable a better quality of materials to be used. Roy is to come back to the

Community Council and possibly the partnership, in due course.

Bill Strachan

Alistair and Andrina met with Bill Strachan, Senior Service Manager of Corporate Services, to discuss work in Monifieth. They emphasised that they did not want to be seen as moaning Monifieth and that they were focusing on the positives. The meeting was very positive and Bill gave his full support to the work of the Partnership.

Cllr Jean Lees

It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Cllr Jean Lees on behalf of the partnership and to invite her along to the next meeting.

Monifieth Hall Steering Group

Andrina gave a brief update on her position on this group. When Andrina joined the Monifieth Landward partnership it was as a representative of the steering group, of which she was Treasurer. However due to other commitments she resigned from the steering group, however it had not been seen by the steering group that she had resigned fully from the group, not just her position as Treasurer.

She had requested that a representative of the Partnership go along to the steering group meetings, however the offer was declined due to their being enough people already to fit into the Burgh Chambers.

It was agreed that the partnership should be working in harmony with the steering group and that they should be applauded for the seven years of work that they had already put in. It was also noted that the public can attend, as observers, the hall steering group meetings.

Plastic Bottle Greenhouse

Andrina had an update from Alex Graham in his absence. He was aggrieved that he had only found out about the Council declining permission to go ahead with such a structure, by reading the previous partnership minutes. The Partnership wished to express their apologies for this oversight. It was agreed to write to Alex on behalf of the Partnership explaining this.

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The area of ground behind the recycling centre was discussed and Cllr Whyte is to raise this again with the Council, as to what is to be done with it.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 pm in a landward location to

be arranged.

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