

MONIFIETH LANDWARD PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00PM IN MURROES COMMUNITY HALL, WESTHALL TERRACE

Present:

Dr Andrina McCormack, Chair

Cllr John Whyte

Sheena Thomson, The Vault

Davina Campbell, Angus Council, Community Learning and Development

William C Milne, Monifieth Community Council

Beverley Gibb, Community Planning Officer, Angus Community Planning Partnership

George Mitchellson, Monifieth Medieval Fayre

Alex Graham, Monifieth Medieval Fayre

Derek Dewar, Monifieth Medieval Fayre/Monifieth Wine Circle

Duncan Inglis, Lead Officer, Senior Service Manager, Community Services

Greta Cowper, Murroes/Wellbank Community Council

Apologies

Cllr Margaret Thomson

John Whellams, Monifieth Community Council

Stewart Ellis, Monifieth Community Council

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting was agreed as a true record. John Whyte proposed the minutes and Bill Milne seconded.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Role of Partnership & Community Council

It is hoped that a follow-up from discussions at the previous meeting will be published in the Guide and Gazette.

Community Hall

This will be followed up later on agenda, however it was noted at this stage that the Hall Steering Group is an independent group from the Partnership and has charitable status.

Rural Seaside Awards

The hold up on Monifieth attaining Rural Seaside Rewards is that the water has to be tested by SEPA and this can be quite costly and SEPA's criteria is dependant on Beach users. It wouldn't be possible to piggy back on to Broughty Ferry's test.

4. MONIFIETH IN BLOOM

AMcK reported that Monifieth were presented with a Bronze award for their first entry into Beautiful Scotland in Bloom. The award is currently being displayed in the Blue Seaway Chip Shop and will be rotated to other organisations who have been involved including the Vault, House of Memories, Chemist, Tesco etc. A copy of the scoring sheet was circulated for information.

Cllr Whyte spoke on behalf of all Monifieth's Cllrs to show their appreciation for all the hard work done and give congratulations to all involved in the Bloom project.

Alex Graham said he would be interested in developing the conservation side of the project. George Mitchellson also gave the idea of having wild flowers planted between Monifieth and Barnhill.

DI referred to the Council's Civic Pride grant funding and recommended that the Monifieth in Bloom group apply for funding as soon as possible for next years project.

AMcK hoped that next year the project could be extended to the landward areas, GC to raise awareness throughout her Community Council area.

5. MONIFIETH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (MBA)

An open letter is to go out this week to as many local businesses as possible to ask them to join the MBA. The letter also refers to the Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme and free advertising on the Angus Ahead website. Members were given a copy of the letter and urged to pass this on to any business people they knew.

Representatives of the Monifieth Medieval Fayre gave a background of the fayre and emphasised that they are looking for volunteers to help organise and take part in next year's fayre. It will not be a Monifieth Landward Partnership project, but a local community project supported by them. Again, Civic Pride fund was recommended to them for funding their event.

BG clarified that part of her role would be to support this group and event and would be happy to distribute mail shots or information on behalf of the group to the lengthy partnership contact list. BG to contact committee to take this forward.

6. TREASURER

It was noted that Alistair McKenzie has taken over from Stewart Ellis as Treasurer for the Monifieth Landward Partnership. Paperwork being sorted out.

7. MONIFIETH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-GROUP

All going as planned with the plans for this years Christmas lights event which will take place on Thursday 27 November, 2008 in the Town Centre with secret celebrity guest!!!

8. COMMUNITY HALL

Lengthy discussion re the Community Hall continued. There was some concern that the Community Hall Steering Group no longer wished to be associated as part of the Monifieth Landward Partnership as a Hall for Monifieth was one of the Partnerships first priorities in the Community Plan. There was also concern as to what type of hall do the people of Monifieth actually want and that past information may be out of date e.g. what the hall should accommodate and where it should be situated. Cllr Whyte did however wish to acknowledge the work that Angus Council Officers were putting in to try and get clear answers for the group.

It was agreed that Davina Campbell will feedback to the Partnership on this group, in the absence of a representative, and that it should be kept on the agenda.

9. FARMERS MARKET

An initial meeting with the Farmers Market Association has taken place and an approach made to Tesco with a view to holding the market on a piece of land adjacent to Tesco Monifieth. However, no response has been received as yet. Cllr Whyte intimated that he had spoken with Colin McMahon, Director of Finance, Angus Council, re the possibility of using the car park at the back of Invertay House and this was agreed in principle, however further details of Farmers Market requirements would have to be discussed.

10.AOB

Monifieth Matters

Alistair McKenzie showed the meeting a draft of an insert to go into the next Monifieth Matters. One side has information of the Monifieth in Bloom project and the other side asks the people of Monifieth what they would like to see in their town. It is hoped that from returns of this, the Partnership can look at new priorities and future projects.

Beach Clean Up

The next Beach Clean up will take place on Saturday 1 November at 11.00am and will be sponsored by Starbucks.

£250,000 Capital for Town Centre Improvements

DI ensured the Partnership that there will be full consultation re the money being spent in Monifieth Town Centre, and the residents will have a chance to put forward their views and suggestions. Roy Madden, Angus Council Planning Dept is in charge of taking the project forward and hopes to be in a position to attend the next Partnership meeting with initial plans.

11.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 December at 7.30 in Monifieth Library/Burgh Chambers.