

MONIFIETH LANDWARD PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009 7.30 WELLBANK HALL

Present:

Andrina McCormack	Chair, Monifieth Landward Partnership
Elaine McLeod	Community Planning Officer, Angus Community Planning Partnership
Claire Warrender	Community Participation Assistant The Vault, Monifieth
Sheena Thomson	Monifieth Community Council
Bill Milne	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Stewart Anton	Angus Council
Cllr John Whyte	Angus Council
Cllr Margaret Thomson	No Limits
Ryan Duncan	Wellbank Village Hall
Andrew Barton	Monifieth Befrienders
Derick Gourlay	Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
Christian Gourlay	Monifieth Befrienders
Sheila Doig	Monifieth Amateur Dramatics
Jack Barton	Wellbank Amenities Association
Sandie Jolly	

Apologies

Stewart Ellis	Monifieth in Bloom
Margaret Byrne	Angus Council CLD
Davina Campbell	Angus Council CLD
John Whellams	Monifieth Community Council
Alistair McKenzie	MLP Treasurer
Sandra Stewart	Volunteer Centre Angus

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Andrina welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and reaffirmed how important it was for the Partnership to move around the Monifieth area.

Andrina explained the new Local Community Planning Teams and handed over to Elaine to give a brief background and introductions of the other members of the team. Elaine advised that the Local Community Planning Team based in Carnoustie Access Office is there to work with and support the communities of Carnoustie, Monifieth and surrounding areas. The team is made up as follows:

Elaine McLeod/Bev Gibb (job share) – Community Planning Officers

Claire Warrender – Community Participation Assistant

Margaret Byrne – Community Learning & Development

Worker

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Correction – Sat 15th for the Beach Clean
Correction – Cllr Jean Lee not Lees.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Christmas Lights

There is to be a change in the policy for future years regarding funding for Christmas lights. Cllr Whyte is to take up the issue of unrecorded donations.

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4. MONIFIETH IN BLOOM

Stewart Ellis had forwarded the following update in his absence:-

All went well with the Scotland in Bloom judges who were very impressed with the Community Garden Competition.

The presentation of the community garden awards went well with thanks going to Sheena Thomson of the Vault and Colin and Bob Cruickshank from the Evergreen Nurseries who gave a gardeners question time. Also thanks to Mary Saunders, Friends of Barnhill who presented the awards.

The result of the entry to the “Scotland in Bloom” competition will be known on 21st September when Sheena Thomson and Alex Graham will represent Monifieth in Bloom at the awards ceremony in Aberdeen.

Stewart would like to arrange a meeting asap to discuss future funding of Monifieth in Bloom. He asks if anyone would like to volunteer a fund raising event for Monifieth in Bloom between now and Spring to get in touch with him.

Monifieth in Bloom are giving a presentation to the Rotary Club on the 2nd of December, and if any groups would like a similar presentation about Scotland in Bloom and our entry then please get in touch.

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Andrina has organised a tree survey of the Ashludie grounds to take place by the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, for the princely fee of a pot of soup!

5. MONIFIETH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The inaugural meeting of the steering group for MBA,

Sheena Thomson, Andy Joss, Gary Grime and Alan Masterton has been held. It was agreed that they need more support and letters are to be going out to local businesses asking for a £25 donation to start a business directory. This will determine interest in and the future of, the MBA. Andrina offered her donation and support.

MLP have offered to cover the cost of window stickers promoting the MBA if required.

6. MODEL RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

The Monifieth Model Railway group have been awarded their grant for a casing for their model of old Monifieth.

7. HEARTY THRANG

There was an excellent turn out and people were encouraged to try new activities.

8. COMMUNITY HALL – CHURCHES SITUATION

Cllr Whyte advised that discussions continue regarding the amalgamation of the local Churches of Scotland in Monifieth. A working group, now known as the Buildings Committee, is dealing with all matters and it is stressed that to date, no decision has yet been taken as to which of the buildings will be used for what purpose.

9. SPOTLIGHT

Andrina proposed that there is a spot on the agenda of each meeting which can be taken by a different group each time to promote their activities.

10. RYAN DUNCAN – NO LIMITS

A disability group set up by Ryan Duncan in Monifieth. The idea came from a group in Arbroath called SHOUT. Ryan attended their meetings and thought there should be something similar in Monifieth. He has also met with a similar group in Broughty Ferry to share knowledge and experience.

No Limits aims to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities and to provide information.

The Group meets fortnightly at the 4 Real Centre – however they are looking for a more suitable venue. Andrina suggested that No Limits links in with MBA to discuss accessibility to shops and businesses.

The percentage of population in Monifieth with disabilities was questioned? Ryan advised he is currently working with Davina Campbell, Community Learning and Development who is supporting him in such matters.

11. TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS

The town centre enhancements are on schedule, commencing January 2010. There is also to be a re-submission of the application to the Town Centre Regeneration Fund.

Some discussion took place at this point of the meeting regarding the roles of the Partnership and Community Council. AMcC advised she would be happy to provide a presentation highlighting the remit of the Partnership to anyone who is unsure of its purpose.

12. BEACH/SEASIDE AWARD

This item was deferred to the next meeting. It is currently Angus Council policy not to progress further.

It was highlighted that Dundee currently own a beach cleaning machine which was purchased in the days when Monifieth was part of Dundee. Could it be an option to have use of this machine for Monifieth beach?

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13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Letters are to go out to new groups welcoming them to the partnership.

Monifieth Befriending Society

Chair -Sheila Doig
Derick Gourlay – Secretary

Please see the attached leaflet or visit the website, www.monifiethbefriending.btik.com for information on the service. A bereavement service is also offered.

The main problems they are dealing with is a lack of awareness. The Partnership agreed to support and raise awareness as much as possible.

There is also a need for volunteers and clients to support future funding.

The Befriending Society is invited to take a 'Spotlight' at future meetings.

Monifieth Amateur Dramatics

This group was founded in 2003 with 8 members in its first show. It has since expanded and has 36+ members. Previously they held 4 shows per year – 2 in Wellbank and 2 in Monifieth, however this was difficult to maintain.

They are currently looking to purchase their own premises when the British Legion becomes available. They have been fundraising as much as possible to buy the British Legion building and bring it up to standard. It is hoped to develop this into a 140 seat theatre, café/bar and suitable changing facilities.

Andrina produced a written statement from the Partnership to support a funding bid.

AMcC

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 pm in Monifieth Library/Burgh Chambers. Any agenda items are encouraged to be submitted as soon as possible.

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