

## MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007 AT 7.00PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

#### Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Hall Steering Committee
John Whyte (Vice Chair)	JW	Monifieth Further Education Association
Elaine McLeod (Sec)	EMcL	Angus Community Planning Officer
Duncan Inglis	DI	Lead Officer, Angus Council
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Sheena Bell	SB	Tayside Police
George Mitchelson	GM	Medieval Fayre / Monifieth Singers
Craig Fotheringham	CF	Monifieth Further Education Association
Davina Campbell	DC	Community Learning & Development Service
Diana M Robertson	DR	Monifieth Local History Society

#### In attendance for Item 4 only:

Brian Cargill	BC	Angus Council
Adrian Gwynne	AG	Angus Council

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Fiona McMillan – Monifieth Hall Steering Group  
Sheena Thomson – The Vault  
Stewart Anton – Monikie and Newbigging Community Council  
Vikki Bunce – Volunteer Centre Angus  
Linda Sharpe – Monifieth Hall Steering Committee  
John Whellams – Treasurer/ Monifieth Matters

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2007

Accepted as accurate.

#### ACTION

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

### ACTION

#### Item 4 – Rural Transport Links

JW advised that further to the draft TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy, he had received the consultation document from Network Rail on the Route Utilisations Strategies for Scotland. Particular interest for the area was highlighted on Page 45 of the document under 'Other Proposed Enhancement Schemes', commenting on the fact that the Tay Estuary Rail Study has seen increased frequency due to new service between Perth and Arbroath.

### 4. TOP PRIORITIES

#### Community Hall

No further update.

#### Town Centre Redevelopment

No further update.

#### Rural Transport Links – Presentation from Brian Cargill (BC), Angus Council Roads Department on The Open 2007

BC thanked the Partnership for inviting him along to present on this matter. Please see Appendix 1.

### 5. TOURISM BROCHURE

Plans for updating the existing Monifieth leaflet are progressing well. JW gave thanks to Fiona McMillan and Linda Sharpe for their help in following up on the local businesses featured in the original document.

EMcL advised that Angus Council has agreed to fund an information leaflet for each town targeting the visitors who will be staying in the towns during the Open 2007. The leaflet will incorporate a map of the town with a key showing information centres, pubs, restaurants, chemists, toilets, disabled access etc. The Partnership has an opportunity to feed into this leaflet and a template/pro-forma will be issued to Partnerships in due course. It is hoped that this leaflet will be available for distribution by the end of June 2007.

**EMcL**

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – Open 2007**

A new grant scheme has been set up by Angus Council offering local community groups and small businesses funding of up to £500 for environmental improvement projects.

The council is carrying out a range of environmental improvements and it is hoped this small grants scheme will encourage local groups and business throughout Angus to carry out small local improvements, so that communities look their best during the Open and beyond.

There is £15,000 in the pot and applications for projects as diverse as the repainting of shop fronts, fences or railings or improvements to play areas or derelict sites will be welcomed - essentially any small project that will enhance the local environment.

The council will award the grants on a first come first served basis and applications are invited from across Angus. £500 is the maximum that can be awarded but this can be used towards the funding of a larger project, providing the rest of the funding is in place.

For more information contact the council's external funding team at 01307 473222.

**7. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT 2007**

IM advised that plans for the 2007 event should commence soon to allow adequate time to prepare. A new secretary is required for the Christmas Lights Sub-group and IM appealed to Partnership members.

**8. STALL AT MEDIEVAL FAYRE**

GM supported the Partnerships plans to hold a stall at this year's Medieval Fayre. IM asked if there would be a cost involved for taking part in the Fayre and GM confirmed that the committee of the Medieval Fayre would cover any cost as their contribution to the Partnership in this project. Further plans to progress this project to be discussed at future meetings.

**9. PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**  
**Monifieth Local History Society – House of Memories**

Margaret Copland, Vice President, Monifieth Local History Society gave a very interesting presentation to the Partnership on the House

of Memories, 55 High Street, Monifieth. MC provided an overview of how the House of Memories was formed in September 2000 and how, after facing many challenges concerning accommodation and funding, it has become a cross generation community service for the people of Monifieth & Area. The House of Memories relies on the dedication of local volunteers who constantly fundraise to enable this worthy resource to continue. The lease for the House of Memories ends February 2009 and the Committee are currently working on a business plan for the future.

Please see copy of presentation attached to the minutes.

**10. A O B**

DI advised that the seat to be positioned outside the House of Memories should be available shortly and there will be no charge to the Partnership for the fitting of this. DI circulated a photograph of the preferred seat and advised all issues had been resolved. DI asked if the Partnership required a plaque for the seat and it was agreed that this was not necessary.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 24 April 2007, at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.