

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2007 AT 7.00PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
John Whyte (Vice Chair)	JW	Monifieth Further Education Association
John Whellams (Treas)	JWh	Monifieth Matters
Elaine McLeod (Sec)	EMcL	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Duncan Inglis	DI	Lead Officer, Angus Council
Diana M Robertson	DR	Monifieth Local History Society
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Ann Lynn	AL	Monifieth Women's Group
Sheena Thomson	ST	The Vault
Sheila Marshall	SM	Monifieth Resident
Linda Sharp	LS	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Stewart Anton	SA	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Fiona McMillan	FMcM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Sheena Bell	SB	Tayside Police
Jane McArtney	JMcA	Panmure Church

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Vikki Bunce – Volunteer Centre Angus
Doreen Grady – Community Learning & Development

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20 MARCH 2007

Accepted as accurate.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

ACTION

4. TOP PRIORITIES

ACTION

Community Hall

IM advised that a letter had been received from the Director of Education, Angus Council in response to the Partnership's enquiry regarding the possible transfer of Seaview House to community use. The letter advised that this was not an option as Seaview House will be included in the sale of the land, but offered the 4Real premises and a piece of adjacent land. MC and JWh expressed concern this would not meet the communities needs as it was too small and has additional problems of parking and access. The Partnership again commented on the lack of early consultation in relation to the rebuilding of Seaview Primary School and had reservations that comments now made would not influence any final decision.

Partnership to write again to Director of Education enquiring if the footprint of the site can be changed for an alternative part of the site to be offered to the community for development of a community hall.

EMcL

EMcL enquired if the South Church Hall Partnership was still a pursuable option. JMcA advised that this option was on hold until the amalgamation of the Churches is agreed.

Rural Transport Links

JW advised that the impending elections are influencing progress with TACTRAN meantime.

JW informed the Partnership that graffiti has appeared underneath both platforms at the railway station. It is the responsibility of the community to report this to Network Rail, which JW has done. Network Rail has a statutory requirement to respond to such complaints within 10 days. SB advised of the Fast Action Response Team, which can also be a solution for fast clean ups/repairs.

Angus Transport Forum is meeting w/c 30 April to progress other rural transport issues.

JW advised that Network Rail is currently pursuing the possibility of free rail travel for the 60+ age group, as is currently in place for bus travel.

5. TOURISM BROCHURE

EMcL to investigate the printers of the previous tourism brochure

EMcL

and advise JW and JWh. It is understood that Merlyn Dunn, Angus Council's Marketing Officer, had helped with the production of the first brochure.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

MC advised that the Monifieth Local History Society will be submitting an application for repainting the shop front, bunting and flower tubs.

7. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT 2007

JWh, Chair of the Christmas Event Group, advised that plans are progressing well for this year's event. FMcM has been appointed as Secretary of the group and a theme has been decided. The date of the event is likely to be Thursday 29 November 2007. An Awards for All application will be submitted for grant funding to support the event.

EMcL to clarify the boundary and area where Christmas lights can be erected.

EMcL

8. STALL AT MEDIEVAL FAYRE

IM confirmed that the stall would be a joint one between the Partnership and the Community Council. Opportunities for fundraising at this event to be discussed further.

P'ship

9. AOCB

Possible Fundraising Opportunity

Local football teams in Carnoustie and Brechin run a 'gamble' to raise funds, and MC enquired if this was something Monifieth Partnership could do? ST agreed to obtain information on how this was established and how it is run from Carnoustie Football Club, and feed back to the Partnership.

ST

Blue Seaway

SM highlighted concern over the opening hours of the Blue Seaway toilets and the amount of sand covering the footpaths. She enquired as to how often the council were obliged to clear the sand and highlighted that this had not been carried out for some time. DI to investigate.

DI

SB and DI encouraged people to report concerns as soon as they arise to Angus Council's ACCESSline on 08452 777 778.

Monifieth Health Improvement Sub-group

JWh advised that the sub-group have now finalised the community questionnaire and it will be distributed with the next edition of Monifieth Matters. Printing costs arise to £255 and agreement was sought from the Partnership to cover this cost from Partnership funds. Some concerns were raised that this would leave the Partnership with no available funds to use for future projects. EMcL advised that the grant of £1,000, received some time ago, was for the purpose of Community Engagement and that the community questionnaire was an opportunity to engage the whole community. Examples such as this, and the fact that the grant has been used, may strengthen any bids for future funding from Community Planning partners. The majority of the Partnership voted in favour of funding the printing costs of the questionnaire.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 May 2007 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.