

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP  
NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2005, 7pm in Burgh Chambers, Monifieth**

**Present**      Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifieth Steering Group **IM**  
John Whellams (Treasurer) Ashlea Manor Guest House **JW**  
Tracy Lannon, Community Learning & Development **TL**  
Margaret Copland, Monifieth Local History Society **MC**  
Diana M Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**  
Jean Spence, Resident, Muirwood **JS**  
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**  
Margo Geddes, 45 Muirwood Place **MG**  
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council **SA**  
Angus Johnston, Monifieth & District Rotary Club **AJ**  
Fiona McMillan, Community Hall Steering Group **FM**  
Maura Bowman, The Courier **MB**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Chairman IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from John Zimny and Fiona Duffy.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minute of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 was accepted as accurate.

**3. Monifieth Medieval Fair**

George Mitchelson gave an interesting talk on the background and history of the Fair from its inception to modern day. The current event includes live music, dancing, competitions and much more, attracting around 2,000 people on the day.

The present committee is a non profit making organisation relying on a range of fundraising activities, grants and income generated from the event to meet running costs. Surplus funds are donated to support local groups.

It is hoped the Fair will develop further this year through the involvement of local primary schools in a poster competition and by attracting more interest/publicity with a re-enactment of a Medieval event.

The organising committee work well however numbers have dwindled and more involvement from local people would be helpful.

IM confirmed the Partnership was keen to assist if required and could help the

Medieval Fair committee by putting them in contact with other partners.

#### 4. **Matters arising**

- **Monifieth Community Hall Steering Group – update**

MC reported that the group had decided to move forward on a new hall for Monifieth after various consultation exercises demonstrated there is a clear need. Architects have been looking at possible sites.

A site has been identified in Union Street next to Invertay House. The land is currently being used as a car park.

It was agreed after discussion a letter should be sent to Angus Council and copied to the 3 local councillors asking for help in investigating the possibility of designating the land for future use.

- **Monifieth Town Centre – update**

It was agreed to ask Fiona Duffy to confirm a date prior to the next Partnership Meeting for the Town Centre group to meet planners and Councillors in order to move forward the improvements for the Town Centre.

- **Christmas Celebration 2005**

IM outlined that a joint committee consisting of members of Monifieth Partnership and Community Council has been formed to develop the 2005 Christmas celebrations.

IM also informed those present that he wished to stand down as Chair of the Christmas Celebrations group. MT offered to stand in and will call a meeting in the near future.

- **Twinning Association Event**

Planning for a Scottish evening in Monifieth High School as part of the Twinning event between Monifieth and Soyaux is well underway. It was agreed publicity for the event would benefit those involved and the Monifieth area in general. Tickets are at a premium.

- **VE/VJ Day Event**

AJ advised those present that an inaugural meeting has taken place and a follow up meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> March in the British Legion Hall.

- **Monifieth Local Historical Projects**

MC highlighted it would cost £15k to have the Monifieth Pictish Stones

reproduced. After discussion it was agreed the Partnership would explore funding through Scottish Heritage Trust to produce replicas of the stones. If successful it is hoped they would be placed as near to St. Rule's as possible.

MC also explained about Heritage Paths and the lack of any appropriate signage in Monifieth. It was suggested MC, with the assistance of the Partnership, would explore possible funding sources to enable appropriate signage to be put in place around the town.

## 5. **Treasurer's Report**

JW, treasurer informed those present that £14 had been incurred due to advertising costs (Christmas Celebration posters.) The financial statement was also circulated (see attached).

## 6. **Monifieth Matters Newsletter**

After discussion it was agreed the Partnership would support the newsletter group to submit a funding bid to the Lottery.

The Partnership would act as an umbrella organisation and if successful would administer any grant funding on behalf of the Newsletter Group.

The Group are looking for volunteers to take up the posts of secretary and advertising agent. Anyone interested should contact The Community Learning & Development Service, Grange Primary School, on 01382 534795 or John Whellams (Editor) on 01382 530015.

## 7. **A.O.C.B**

- **Boundaries**

There was a lively debate regarding Local Authority boundary speculation. It was felt Monifieth is suffering in many ways from the uncertainty of rumours of being incorporated into a new Dundee City.

This raised a number of questions regarding future investment from Angus Council in Monifieth. It was felt the boundary issue should be discussed further, when Councillors are in attendance.

- **Rotary Stroke Awareness Day**

The Rotary are hosting a health information day on stroke awareness in Tesco car park on 8<sup>th</sup> April.

- **Twinning**

AJ appealed on behalf of the Twinning Association for volunteers to host families

from Soyaux, France during the Twinning event in April. For further information please contact Angus Johnstone.

- **Toilets**

DR highlighted the poor state of the public toilets on High Street and the lack of modern toilets in the town.

After discussion it was agreed the Partnership would write to Angus Council's Environmental Health Department.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the Burgh Chambers.

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.