

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 17 March 2005, 7.00 p.m., Burgh Chambers, Monifieth

Present Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifieth Steering Group **IM**
John Zimny (Vice-chair) Lead Officer, Angus Council **JZ**
John Whellams (Treasurer) Ashlea Manor Guest House **JW**
Fiona Duffy (Secretary) Community Planning Officer, Angus
Community Planning Partnership **FD**
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**
Margaret Copland, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **MC**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council **SA**
Brian Smith, Royal British Legion **BS**
Tracy Lannon, Community Learning and Development **TL**
Margo Geddes, 45 Muirwood Place **MG**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies of absence were received from John Mowatt.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 17 February 2005 was accepted as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

a John Zimny apologised for not being able to attend the previous meeting due to another commitment.

b **Boundary issues** – Monifieth in Dundee or Angus.

JZ explained that previous reports/comments have been rescinded by Scottish Office Minister Tom McCabe and the situation would remain as it is for the time being.

c **Monifieth Public Toilets**

JZ read the reply received from the Environmental Health Department, who has responded to the Monifieth Community Council letter in addition. The content indicates that there is no money to staff or upgrade the facilities at present.

MC commented on the fact that there are more public toilets in other burghs and JW added that visitors to the town will be put off and in taking pride in our town, we should take it further. DR finished by saying that if Angus Council is keen on tourism they should provide adequate facilities including public toilets.

Partnership to consider writing in reply, along with the Community Council. **IM**

d Monifieth Town Centre

IM reported that Mr A. Anderson, Director of Planning had replied to the letter from the Partnership, indicating a willingness to meet but that he would not be available on the suggested date of 17 March 2005. It was suggested that there is a possibility the site owner will attend.

JZ suggested that one meeting with everyone in Monifieth who is keen might be a suitable arrangement but a pre-meeting with the site owner may be required.

JZ/FD to progress and ascertain the best way to go forward.

**JZ/
FD**

e Monifieth Twinning Event

IM and FD updated as follows:

- invitation lists being finalised and all general plans in place
- a very generous grant from Angus Council twinning budget of £500 was received by the Twinning Association – write to G. Miller to thank him (Lynne Durkin)

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f VE/VJ Day event

BS provided an update on plans as follows:

The 1st March meeting went well and there were a number of outcomes.

- RC have decided to take part because the time scale is too tight for them
- Girls Brigade – no reply
- 16 stalls booked and more to come - waiting for replies from military
- 62 sponsorship forms complete, including villages such as Wellbank
- portaloos quote obtained
- Looking for evening venue
- Waiting for insurance quotes
- 2 kids rides and bouncy castle booked
- A sub committee has been formed to push plans forward
- Waiting for quote from flyers – possible delivered with papers

Next meeting is 5th April

A discussion followed relating to the contribution from the Community Council. IM suggested that the CC plant a tree the week before as a 'curtain raiser' but BS suggested Sunday as a suitable time to plant after the local service. BS added that standard bearers

are working, so during the week might be difficult.

JW mentioned that it might be beneficial to include a teaser article in next Monifieth Matters at the beginning May.

JZ confirmed that the event has a new name **Minified Victory Gala Day**.

MC explained that the Historical Society is to display 1939-1945 war memorabilia – from the week before (21st)– and is trying to get use of shop in town.

g Monifieth Hall Committee update

IM reported that the group is still working, and is currently seeing architects. One of the architects thinks Union Street site is not big enough – OK for a church hall but not a committee hall. The Committee now has to re-think.

h Christmas lights celebration

A meeting was to be arranged with the sub group to begin planning the 2005 event - 9 a.m. Wednesday 10th April.

4 Treasurer's report

JW reported a balance of £806.94 as at 11 February
The Partnership is to give £100 to the Twinning event fund and pick up remaining bill if any overspill.

12. A.O.C.B.

JW submitted a letter re. Current meeting charges asking JZ to arrange payment. JZ is to take it up with ACPP via FD. **FD**

General comments relating to the Burgh chambers being noisy – JZ to pick this issue up with Mike Lunny, Director of Property Services – single glazed/difficult to hear – may be as simple as new curtains **JZ**

Pictish stones:

MC thanked JZ for his letter as discussed at the last meeting. MC updated the group on the outcomes of attending the Angus Museums and Historical Forum, at which Norman Atkinson offered all support possible for the project.

Current ideas are:

- stone replicas should be considered as they could be put out in all weathers and would be safe from fire
- stones should be near to church but don't know how far CCTV goes
- people will come to see them as part of heritage

IM indicated that the Partnership would help in funding applications and FD offered to help with signposting for funding.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21 April 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.