

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP  
NOTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 20 January 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**  
Sheena Bell, Tayside Police **SB**  
Tracy Lannon, Community Learning and Development **TL**  
Dennis Arnold, Monifieth Community Council **DA**  
Helen Oswald, Councillor – Sidlaw East & Ashludie **HO**  
Stewart McGlynn, Councillor – Monifieth West **SM**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies of absence were received from Fiona McMillan, Charlotte McDonald, and Mr Hill.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 16 November 2004 was accepted as accurate.

**3. Matters Arising**

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

IM advised that the group had received a grant offer, which would part fund the study but would require additional information such as a business plan to be produced. In allowing time to consider this offer, IM has written to the potential funders to advise of the delay. In addition, the group has applied for another grant and is exploring other ways to raise money. A local architect has advised that the approximate cost for a feasibility study would be £2000.

MC added that the committee is keen to keep moving forward.

JZ, however, commented on the tight time scale and potentially large costs involved to produce a brief and business plan, which

raised concerns about the group's capacity to achieve its goal.

**b Monifieth Town Centre - update**

IM reported that the Community Council has discussed future arrangements and appointed 3 people to a revived sub-group. He indicated that 3 members of the Monifieth Partnership, as well as the Chair should participate. It is hoped that an exploratory meeting, to be held with the sub-group, Angus Council planners and local councillors, may go ahead in late February/early March. SM reported that Angus Council's Director of Planning, Alex Anderson was happy to meet and will draw up proposals to consider ideas from Partnership.

IM to write to Alex Anderson to set a meeting date.

**IM**

4. The Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 January 2004 was accepted as accurate.

**5. Matters Arising**

None

**6. Chairman's Report**

IM began by reflecting on the Monifieth and Area Partnership's first year and how progress, albeit slow, has enabled the group to get 'up and running'.

He outlined his view that the Partnership is a mechanism for partners to access help and support, and that it would continue to do so to the best of its abilities.

IM went on to describe two key achievements during 2004: the Monifieth tourist brochure (with partners Angus Community Planning Partnership, Monifieth Local History Society and local business community) and the Christmas Festival, which was a great success and reinforced a strong community focus. He added that the group has ambitions to achieve bigger and better things in the coming year and thanked all the committee and partners, including Ed Taylor, Community Planning Officer who has since taken up a new post in Angus Council.

IM concluded by stating that he hopes the Partnership can get 'local' back in 'community' in the Monifieth area.

**7. Treasurer's report**

JW distributed copies of the financial report to 20 January 2005, which details all transactions and balances.

MC proposed and DR seconded the report.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers**

IM advised that all the committee would be willing to serve for another year and that this may be beneficial in terms of continuity relating to ongoing and future plans for 2005.

It was suggested that any other partners who wished to become committee members should identify themselves but there were no notes of interest.

BS proposed that the current committee is endorsed for a second year and MT seconded the motion.

## **9. Twinning Event**

IM explained in brief the plans for the event and that everything will be confirmed at next meeting. He reiterated the importance of the event to the town in promoting the Monifieth community and encouraging visitors to the area.

JZ added that Monifieth High School is very keen to be involved and would welcome some additional focus on the school and in particular, its music department. In addition, he noted the importance of recognising the school as a valued partner within the Partnership.

## **10. VE/VJ Day – British Legion Update**

BS provided an update on plans for the event to be held on 27 August 2005. He noted the following:

- 11 January meeting was well attended and almost all Monifieth organisations came with lots of ideas
- The next meeting is planned for 1 March
- A few alterations to the programme might be required due to cost, such as the evening ceilidh as it was proving difficult to find a suitable venue
- The Chair of the British Legion is writing to the military for their input
- There will be a piece in the April edition of Monifieth Matters
- The Community Council has suggested planting a commemorative tree
- This will be a 'one-off' event

MC added that the Monifieth Historical Society is collecting photos and posters from the war and end of war parties past to mount an exhibition. They will be contacting The Courier to ask for archive contributions.

JZ reported that he represented the Partnership and Angus Council

at meeting on 11 January and was very encouraged by the evident enthusiasm of those involved, which has captured peoples' imaginations.

## 11. Christmas Celebration 2005

IM noted the following:

- A new sub-committee is required, with members of partnership and community council represented
- The aim is to make the event even better than 2004
- In 2004, the group had only 6 weeks to organise but in order to achieve more, the 2005 event will take longer to plan

DA, MT, DR and MC agreed to participate and a meeting is to be arranged.

**DA,  
MT,  
DR,  
MC**

## 12. A.O.C.B.

### a Monifieth Historic Stones

MC, on behalf of the Monifieth Local History Society, asked whether the Partnership would consider helping to investigate the possibility of commissioning reproductions of the Monifieth Historic Stones, which are currently located in the collections of the National Museums of Scotland. She noted the historical importance of the stones, as well as the benefits to the area in terms of tourism.

MC added that the Heritage Fund may provide a grant but assistance would be required from the Partnership in terms of funding applications.

JZ informed the group that Cultural Services had looked into this in the past and his staff would be able to advise on the cost and resource required should reproduction be an option. JZ offered to investigate further and report back to the Partnership in due course.

**JZ**

### b Monifieth Path Network

MC asked whether there were any plans to introduce a Monifieth Paths Network, as has been completed in Forfar. She explained that the Monifieth Local History Society had run heritage walks before but that a leaflet similar to the Forfar one would certainly help.

JZ advised that he was unsure of funding for Monifieth area, as had been provided in other towns across Angus but that the plan had been for a network of paths to be identified in all towns and that eventually, all the Angus burghs would link together. He added that this was exactly the type of suggestion he would welcome from

**JZ**

members of the community and partners, and that he would investigate and report back to the Partnership.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 February 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.