

**MONTROSE TOGETHER MEETING NOTE**  
**MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 7.00PM**  
**LINKS HOTEL, MONTROSE**

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**PRESENT:**

Val Cooper (Chair)	Montrose YMCA
Joe Barker	Montrose YMCA
Alan McKeown	Angus Council
Matt Henderson	Angus Community Planning Partnership
John Dempsey	Gable-Enders
Peter Stevens	Fair Trade Town
James Croll	Chairman of Borrowfield Housing
Ruth Stevens	Learning In Later Life
Rikki Beatie	Community Learning and Development
David Puller	Ferryden Community Council
Liz Pert	Community Participation Assistant
Colin Stewart	Community Health Partnership
Ruth Hart	Deaf Blind Scotland
John Whitfield	Deaf Blind Scotland
Jamie Easton	Body Work Hairdressers
Jennifer Glanville	Body Work Hairdressers
George Abbott	Tayside Police

**APOLOGIES:**

Ness Vann	Montrose Community Council
Gavin Dunbar	Montrose Community Council
David May	Angus Council
Sandy West	Angus Council
Paul Valentine	Angus Council
Mark Salmond	Angus Council
Sandra Stewart	Volunteer Centre Angus
Michael Cassie	Tayside Fire & Rescue
Kenny Hart	Tayside Police

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Val welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting. Representatives from Deaf Blind Scotland were in attendance to audit the meeting facilities and representatives from Body Work were in attendance to present a proposal to group. Apologies were given.

**2. PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minute was approved by John Dempsey and seconded by Peter Stevens.

Val fed back that she has been in discussion with the Christmas Extravaganza committee and it has been agreed that Montrose Together would offer support through submission of a funding bid to finance traffic management costs and a roofed stage for the event. Val noted that this is an example of how the partnership can add value to existing groups through actual tangible support.

A funding bid has been submitted by the partnership to Angus Councils Civic Pride Grant Scheme.

### **3. SCOTTISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - BODY WORK HAIRDRESSERS**

Jamie Easton and Jennifer Glanville from Body Work Hairdressers attended to discuss proposals for a fundraising project which the partnership may be able to support. Body Work Hairdressers works in partnership with Skills Development Scotland to support 3 year modern apprenticeships for young people. Part of the requirement is that the young people on the apprenticeships carry out a project which benefits the whole community. Body Work plans to carry out a fund raising event similar their birthday celebration in the summer, with money given to support the Montrose Music Festival in 2009. Any ideas should be directed to Body Work or to the Partnership Secretary with a deadline of February 16, 2009.

### **4. ACTION PLAN REVIEW**

#### **ROLES/REMIT AND CONTACT LIST/WIDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

A discussion took place around the roles and remit of the group and the contact list/wider engagement strategy. Many issues were raised around gathering information and agreeing responsibilities for action as well as which groups and individuals should be targeted for involvement and at what level and consistency this should occur.

It was agreed that a subgroup would be set up to progress these points on the action plan. David Pullar, George Abbot and Liz Pert volunteered to join the subgroup and will meet with Val Cooper and the Community Planning Support Team; Alan McKeown, Matt Henderson and Rikki Beattie who will feedback at the next meeting in January. Any further interested parties should contact Matt who will arrange a suitable date for the subgroup prior to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Community Planning Support Team would draft proposals on a way forward for further discussion with the subgroup.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND**

The Community Planning Support Team is in discussion with Angus Councils External Funding team regarding the administration of the partnerships Community Support Fund.

#### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

David Pullar and John Dempsey met to progress the diary of events through the Gable Enders website and agreed after investigation that it was best to set up an individual Montrose Together website with a link to and from the Gable Enders. Work on this has been carried out and further development will be tied in with the subgroups action around the contact list and engagement strategy. The website can be viewed at <http://www.montrosetogether.btik.com/home.ikml>.

#### **DESTINATION MONTROSE**

Work is ongoing as previously agreed with funding to be explored including Angus Councils Civic Pride Grant Scheme.

### **5. POSSIBLE SIGNAGE**

Proposals for possible signage was discussed to promote what Montrose has to offer including promoting the history and ecology of the links area. It was agreed that links should be made with other area groups in Angus to ensure a consistent approach. In the meantime the partnership will submit a funding application in principle to Angus Councils Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme.

## **6. EAST LINKS DEVELOPMENT**

Development of the East Links area was discussed with a focus on a family orientation with ideas including picnic and BBQ facilities, remote control car area and trampolines. It was agreed that further ideas should be brought to the next meeting and that this would be added to the action plan for further exploration.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Peter Stevens thanked the partnership for all their support with the Fair Trade Montrose initiative and informed the group that he will no longer be attending the meetings. The group thanked Peter for all his support and contribution.

As a result nominations for the vacancy of Vice-chairperson will be accepted at the next partnership meeting.

## **8. DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting takes place on Monday 26 January 2009, 7.00pm at the Links Hotel Montrose.