

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF MEETING**

Tuesday 16 November 2004, 7.30pm, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth

Present: Ian Mortimer (Chair), Monifieth Centre 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**
Margaret Copeland, Monifieth Local History Society/ Hall Group **MC**
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **FM**
Tracy Lannon, Monifieth Community Education Services **TL**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**
Sheila Marshall **SM**
Angus Johnston, Monifieth Rotary Club **AJ**
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**
Brian Smith, British Legion **BS**

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Helen Oswald.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minute of the previous meeting held on 19 October was agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

a) Christmas Event Proposals –

- JW advised that it was most cost effective to pay £80 for a full page advert in Monifieth Matters, which would be circulated to 4000 homes, than to fund 4000 flyers. Therefore, the advert will appear in the next Monifieth Matters to be published on 22 November in the centre pages.
- 20 A4 flyers (£0.70 each) to be produced for display in shops and on notice boards. TL is to organise and distribute. **TL**
- A site meeting has been arranged for 1 December in order to finalise arrangements and check logistical details.

b) Car parking in South Union Street - update

SM reported that the car park had been open on 6/7 and 13 Nov then closed but not locked on 14 Nov.

JZ acknowledged that members of the public may want it to be closed for reduction in noise at weekends or open for public parking but that there is no money for staff to open and close gates at the weekends and that the sign does say 'for council staff only'.

(c) Closure of toilets at the sea front – update

JZ reported that he had discussed the issue with heads of service and the toilets would now be open from 12 noon to 4pm at the weekends. However, as a member of staff is required, there would be a short delay until the recruitment process was complete.

(d) Monifieth Community Hall Steering Group – update

TL provided a copy of the report on recent consultation exercises conducted by the steering group. She explained that its purpose was to ascertain whether local people thought there was a need for a community hall and that 400 people had been consulted. The report concludes that local people would see benefit in having a modern community facility, with additional sports and recreational provision.

TL reported that the steering group was now applying for funding in order to undertake a feasibility study.

(e) Monifieth Town Centre – update

IM reported that the future for the town centre had been discussed at the Community Council meeting and proposed that the Joint Sub-Committee meet in 2005 to try and move forward.

It was agreed that IM should arrange for members of the Monifieth Area Partnership, Monifieth Community Council, Angus Council Planning Department and local Elected Members to meet in early spring.

IM

MT commented that the town looks poor, with no incentive for people to spend money locally.

(f) Monifieth Mast Concern group – update

MT provided an update on progress as follows:

- At the planning meeting, the committee rejected Crown Castle's application to erect the mast.
- Crown Castle responded by announcing that they would be back to challenge again in due course.
- It is likely that any new challenge will arise at least six months from now.
- The Monifieth Mast Concern group extends thanks to Rob Murray, Monifieth Central Councillor and Leader of Angus Council, Mr Baxter and all those who signed the petition and offered support.

(g) Twinning Association – update

IM reported that the Monifieth Twinning Association is planning an event in April to welcome visitors from the French village of Soyaux and there may be an opportunity for the Monifieth Area Partnership to become involved. IM to investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

IM

4. Treasurer's Report

JW reported that the Partnership now has a cheque book and paying in book for its bank account and that the £1000 grant had been credited.

He indicated that there were debits to be made in terms of advertising for the Christmas event and these figures would be available at the next meeting.

JW

5 Community Plan Progress Report and Review

JZ gave a brief description of what the document is and the need for local updates on an annual basis. The office bearers then agreed to have a sub-meeting in late December to review progress, scope plans/programme of activity for 2005, and agree meeting dates for 2005.

**IM, JZ,
JW, FD**

IM added that this arrangement would provide structure and direction to the work of the Partnership in the coming year.

6. AOB

(a) VE/VJ Day Event – British Legion

BS explained that the British Legion is planning an event to commemorate VE/VJ Day on 27 August 2005 and that in order to ensure that the Monifieth and area community is involved, they would like to ask the Partnership for help and resources.

Plans for the day include: a street party, fun for kids, stalls, pipe band, marquee for evening ceilidh, face painting etc....

It was agreed that JZ (on behalf of Partnership and as Director of Leisure Services) and AJ (on behalf of Rotary Club) would attend the first planning meeting at the British Legion on 11 January 2005 and report back at the next meeting.

JZ, AJ

(b) Monifieth Matters

The next edition of Monifieth Matters will be April/May 2005. JW suggested that an article about the purpose and work of the Partnership might help generate support. JW to follow up.

JW

(c) Promotion of Partnership and Inclusion of Rural Areas

Ways of increasing the number of people attending the Partnership meetings and ensuring rural areas are engaged was discussed. JZ suggested that the meeting venue be rotated. FD agreed to ensure that distribution lists are accurate and include community councils and local schools. In addition, FD to work on positive press releases and Partnership stories to encourage further participation. **FD**

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 January 2005, **7.00pm**, in the Burgh Chambers. **All to note**