

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.00PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Siobhan Fagan (Sec)	SF	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Davina Campbell	DC	Angus Council Community Learning & Development Service
Stewart Ellis	SE	Monifieth Community Council
Sheila Marshall	SM	Monifieth Resident
Stewart Anton	SA	Monikie and Newbigging Community Council
Sheena Bell	SB	Tayside Police
Fiona McMillan	FM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Sheena Cochrane	SC	The Vault
Cllr John Whyte	JW	Angus Council
Elizabeth D'Arcy	ED	Angus Restorative Justice Service
John Whellams (Treas)	JWH	Monifieth Matters

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Duncan Inglis, Angus Council
Cllr Margaret Thomson, Angus Council
Claire Warrender, Angus Council Housing Division

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

The minute of the previous meeting was agreed as accurate.

3. MATTERS ARISING

West End Park

MC enquired if anything has been done with the park. MC also asked what is to be happening with regard to the board walk. MC requested that DI feed back to the Partnership regarding this matter.

DI

Monifieth Environmental Improvements Group

The group are to arrange for a public meeting to take place and a separate group is to be constituted to take matters forward.

4. TOP PRIORITIES UPDATES**Community Hall**

No further progress has been made.

**5. PRESENTATION: ANGUS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICE
- ELIZABETH D'ARCY**

Elizabeth D'Arcy gave a presentation to the group on the work of the Angus Restorative Justice Service.

The Angus Restorative Justice Service is a partnership between the WEB Project and Tayside Council on Alcohol and has been set up to actively support young offenders and the victims of youth crime.

ED advised that the project works with 11 to 17 years olds who live in Angus, and that the project takes referrals from the Children's Reporter, LMARTs (Local Multi-Agency Resource Teams), Angus Council Social Work Department, and parents also.

The project aims to reduce re-offending and allow young people to make amends for their crime through the use of Mediation and Reparation. The young person must accept responsibility for the offence before the service can become involved. The project also allows victims of youth crime, to get involved and have a say as to how the offence has affected them. The victim can also help to identify ways in which the young person can make things right with the victim - eg a face to face apology, a letter of apology or an agreed task that the offender will undertake.

ED explained that the project deals with many young people who have issues around drugs and alcohol. They also deal with young people who are at the beginning of their offending behaviour - ie they may have one or two offences at this stage.

ED gave some examples of work the service has been involved with locally and then went on to explain how the service is now also developing 'victim awareness' programmes. ED explained that the service would like the community to get more involved, and

asked the Partnership if there is anything going on in Monifieth that the service and young people can get involved with - ED suggested beach cleans as an example.

Discussion followed around involvement with the project from both Tayside Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue. ED went on to speak about Tayside Fire and Rescue's successful Fire Academy Initiative.

Discussion also centered around the role that parents have in disciplining their children and how the service can assist parents. ED explained that the service is actively trying to encourage more parental involvement with the process and that the service is currently bringing both parents and young people together to try to work together towards resolving issues.

ED was asked how successful the project has been to date - ED acknowledged that whilst measuring the success of the service does prove difficult, the general feeling is that the project has been a success.

IM thanked ED for the presentation and the Partnership agreed to give further consideration to community involvement with the project.

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6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT 2007 - UPDATE

The problem regarding the date of the event has now been resolved and the switch on will take place as agreed on Thursday 29 November 2007, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Insurance has also been arranged for the event and funding is being sourced.

7. AOCB

- IM spoke about the Angus and Dundee Visit Scotland brochure and commented that there was little mention of Monifieth in the brochure. IM also commented that there appears to be little mention of Monifieth in general in promotional materials which cover Angus.

JWH agreed to speak to Craig Lafferty, Towns Promotion Officer, Angus Council regarding this matter in the first instance.

JWH

ACTION

It was suggested that Monifieth may benefit from 'interpretation boards' in the town. SF suggested that the new Community Priorities Fund could be used for this - JW to investigate this. DC advised the group that the Heritage Arts Auchmithie Residents (HAAR) group had developed the idea of providing interpretation boards in Auchmithie. DC agreed to look into the background of this further with MC. JW also agreed to speak to Roy Madden about interpretation boards.

JW**DC/MC****JW**

- DC advised the group that a Child Protection Seminar is to be held at Next Generation, Monifieth on 14 November 2007.
- SM commented that the graffiti at the wheeled sports area had not yet been removed. DC advised SM that any offensive graffiti should now have been removed. DC queried if existing graffiti had perhaps since been added to - SB advised that there have been no reports to Tayside Police of any further graffiti. SM was advised that if further offensive graffiti is noticed, then this should be reported to Angus Council through the ACCESS line (telephone: 08452777 778 or e-mail: accessline@angus.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Monifieth Area Partnership will take place on Tuesday 20 November 2007 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.