

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 7.00PM IN THE MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present: Ian Mortimer (chair)	(IM)	Monifieth Steering Group
John Zimny	(JZ)	Director of Leisure Services
John Whellams (treas)	(JW)	Monifieth Matters
Elaine McLeod (sec)	(EMcL)	Community Planning Officer, Angus Com Planning P'ship
Peter Fugaccia	(PF)	Youth Issues Co-ordinator, Tayside Police
Maureen Turner	(MT)	Monifieth Community Council
Sheila C Marshall	(SM)	Resident
Angus Johnston	(AJ)	Monifieth Rotary
Stewart Anton	(SA)	Monikie & Newbigging
Tracy Lannon	(TL)	Community Learning & Dev
Margot Geddes	(MG)	Resident
Linda Sharp	(LS)	Grange Services

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Rod Bowman, John Whyte, Donald Fraser,
Margaret Copeland, Diana Robertson,
Morag McCall, Sheena Bell

2. ANGUS CORE PATH PLAN

**Presentation from Paul Clark, Countryside Access
Officer, Angus Council**

Paul began the presentation focusing on Angus Council's
Countryside Access Strategy. This covers: -

- Path networks around the 7 burghs
- Eastern Cairngorms Access Project
- Angus Coastal Path – long term plans

Land Reform Act (Scot) 2003

- Established a statutory right of responsible access to
most land and inland water – eliminates some issues
of trespass.

ACTION

- Scottish Outdoor Access Code gives advice.
- Local Authorities to prepare a Core Path Plan by Feb 2008
 - established through consultation
 - resources will have an impact
 - not all paths will be council owned

Paths For All Networks

Will:

- Provide access
- Meet the needs of local people
- Fit in with land management operations
- Suit all types of users

Paul showed pictures of some work that had already been carried out in Angus e.g. wheelchair access, new signposts.

Burgh Path Networks

Consultation with the local community for footpaths around Monifieth is planned for spring 2006. From this, a draft Path Network Plan for comment will be produced with an aim to begin improvements 2007/2008.

A suggestion was given regarding possible path links from Monifieth to Monikie & Crombie country parks.

Coastal Path

Monifieth to Carnoustie section completed. Cycle paths now in place to improve commuting. It was highlighted that signposting for the cycle route is needed as people are unaware that the path is open at all times.

Further up the coast is planned for subsequent years.

Paul encouraged the Partnership to become involved in the process for Monifieth's paths – a possibility for extra funding. It was suggested that the Amblers and the Hill Walking and Rambling Club might be interested. The Partnership agreed that the Core Path Plan links in with the work to be carried out regarding the Joint Health Improvement Plan.

P'ship

3. NOTE OF LAST MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2005

Accepted as accurate.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Joint Health Improvement Plan – Sub Group

A sub group is to be set up to look at issues for Monifieth with regards to the Joint Health Improvement Plan. First meeting to be arranged.

JZ

Toilets at the Beach Play Park

The Partnership has sent a letter to Cllr Mowatt and Cllr McGlynn regarding the lack of opening hours. Awaiting response.

Suggestion of a Superloo was raised. JZ advised that the council is eliminating existing ones due to capital and maintenance costs.

BSXX Park

It was a safety requirement that fencing had to be erected before park could be officially opened. It is now open and the gate is on and padlocked to keep motorbikes out. Cycles can be lifted over. Signage is to be erected to notify cycle users and a notice publicised in the local paper.

LS

Christmas Lights

Plans moving forward well. Event to be held on Friday 2nd December 2005. Angus Council will cover the cost of Reform Street closure for this year. MT gave appreciation to the sub-group responsible for the event and thanked the Partnership for payment of the additional insurance requirement.

IM raised concern over the poor quality and number of Christmas Lights. The situation appears to be worsening every year. IM has written to Tesco for support for future years – awaiting response. Angus Council Roads Department has responsibility for the Christmas Lights.

IM

Tartan Day

IM asked the Partnership for their thoughts on Tartan Day. JW suggested that the Rotary/Round Table may be interested and that information could be given to local groups for consideration. Minutes from last Tartan Day meeting to be circulated to local groups, including Wellbank, Monikie and Newbigging.

EMcL

5. TOP PRIORITIES

Redevelopment of Town Centre

IM advised of a response received from Alex Anderson, Planning and Transport Dept, Angus Council further to a letter he had written. JZ advised that it was still the intention of the Council to hold a public meeting/area forum regarding this issue.

Rural Transport Links

Rail links to Monifieth remains a priority area. Further to a conversation with John Whyte, EMcL advised that the Scottish Minister for Transport, Tavish Scott, has produced a paper - 'Towards a Transport strategy for Scotland: consultation on rail priorities'. Comments on this paper are to be returned by 28/12/05. John Whyte is leading on this. To be discussed further regarding how this impacts on Monifieth.

JW

Sports and Leisure Facilities

Talks are to be held with Leisure Services and Education budget holders to discuss long term master plan for the future of Monifieth High School.

PC Fuggacia, Tayside Police has now been appointed as Youth Issues Co-ordinator in the Monifieth Area and will work with young people (secondary school age) in an attempt to reduce nuisance/noise/vandalism. Monifieth High School will be utilised on Friday evenings offering youngster various events. Funding for this project is linked to the Integrated Community Schools and it hopes to commence January 2006. Volunteers, in particular coaches, are urgently required and PC Fuggacia appealed to JZ as Director of Leisure Services to assist as much as possible. Questionnaires have been distributed to young people to see what events they would like to see. The Partnership offered its support in publicising this project.

EMcL

6. TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 29/09/05 - £646.61.

The Partnership previously agreed to cover the cost of the additional insurance premium of £157.50, required for the Christmas Lights event. The bank account balance will reduce by this.

JW

7. A O B

JW advised that the newsletter, Monifieth Matters, is being well received in the community. Murroes and Wellbank have expressed an interest to be included. SA is to speak to Monikie Community Council at next meeting to determine if they would like to be included.

SA

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting** and will be held on **Tuesday, 24 January 2006** at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.