

## MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2005 AT 7.00PM IN THE MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

<b>Present:</b> Ian Mortimer (chair)	Monifieth Steering Group
John Zimny (vice chair)	Director of Leisure Services, Angus Council
Elaine McLeod (secretary)	Community Planning Officer, Angus Community Planning P'ship
Maureen Turner	Monifieth Community Council
Stewart Anton	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
P C Sheena Bell	Tayside Police, Monifieth
Sheila C Marshall	Resident
Angus Johnston	Monifieth Rotary
John R Whyte	Monifieth Further Education Assoc
Lynne Stewart	D C Thomson

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone and introduced Elaine McLeod, Community Planning Officer and Partnership secretary to the group.

Apologies: Cllr Stewart McGlynn, Tracy Lannon, Ewan Jenkins, John Wellams, Margaret Copeland and Diana Roberston

#### 2. NOTE OF LAST MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 2005

Accepted as accurate.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

##### Joint Health Improvement Plan for Angus

JZ circulated an extract he had pulled together from the Joint Health Improvement Plan, which he felt covered areas the Partnership could look at and work through (**see Appendix 1**). The role of the Partnership was discussed and it was agreed to form a sub-group to brainstorm this extract and move things forward. It was agreed that the first meeting of the sub-group would be after Christmas and it was recommended that Ewan Jenkins be on the sub group along with others who have yet to be identified.

#### ACTION

ALL

JZ to contact the Health Board to determine level of health promotion in the Monifieth area. JZ also pointed out that residents have a responsibility for their own health and local groups such as the Promoting Walking Partnership Group should be used to promote a more active way of life in the area.

JZ

It was agreed that Monifieth has an overall ageing population and a positive step for the area is new housing encouraging new families.

### **Toilets at the Beach Playpark**

JZ issued a document showing the opening hours of the toilets (see Appendix 2) and confirmed these hours are consistent across Angus.

SM raised concern regarding the opening hours of the toilets. She stated the playpark and surrounding area is well used from early morning to late evening (in the summer), and often the toilets are closed. She asked JZ why this was the case and what could be done about it. She felt that this issue links to Community Health and Well-being, which had previously been discussed.

JZ advised that budget constraints were the reason. Other services would require to be cut back to fund further opening of the toilets. If toilets were not staffed they would suffer from lack of cleanliness and vandalism.

Previously, Environmental Health had wanted to close the toilets as there are toilets in the town centre, but Leisure Services had agreed to take responsibility for them and keep them open.

It was agreed that the Partnership would write to Councillor Stewart McGlynn for Monifieth West and Councillor Joy Mowatt, Convenor of Environmental and Leisure Services to highlight the concern.

EmcL

### **BSXX Park**

The BSXX park has been fenced off and is often padlocked. JZ to investigate the reason for this.

JZ

### **Christmas Lights**

MT gave an update on the arrangements for the switch on and advised that it is all coming together well.

The date of the event is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and will

involve the local schools, Dance 4 Real, Churches, House of Memories, Rotary Club, Police and local businesses.

Insurance is required for the event and will cost approximately £150. Payment of this to be covered by the Partnership was proposed by JRW and seconded by MT. It was agreed that this event conforms to the Community Planning criteria for Community Engagement.

#### **4. TOP PRIORITIES**

##### **Hall for Monifieth**

No site established. On hold meantime. May link to Town Centre Redevelopment – an Area Forum/public meeting may be called by Angus Council to discuss future development.

##### **Rural Transport Links**

Railroad – ongoing. JZ to follow up links to redevelopment of Town Centre. JZ

##### **Improved Sports and Leisure Facilities**

The New Opportunities Fund has enabled additional changing rooms at the High School, which are due to open November/December. Talks are to be held with Leisure Services and Education budget holders to discuss master plan for the future. This is linked to the integrated schools project.

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **6. A O B**

SB advised that the Crime Prevention Panel were looking at the network of paths around Monifieth. Angus Council's Countryside and Access Officer will carry out a presentation to the Partnership to consult on the Core Path Plan for the whole of Angus. This will concentrate mainly on countryside paths and links to the towns. EmcL

An opportunity for the Rotary Club to collect for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf at the Christmas Lights event is

available. Cans can be placed on tables for anyone to donate if they wish. This is to be discussed at the next Christmas Lights Working Group meeting.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 17 November 2005 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.