

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006 AT 7.00PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Steering Group
John Whyte (Vice Chair)	JW	Monifieth Further Education Association
John Whellams (Treasurer)	JWH	
Duncan Inglis	DI	Angus Council
Beverley Gibb (Secretary)	BG	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Diana Robertson	DM	Monifieth Local History Society
Margaret Copeland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Tracey Lannon	TL	Community Learning & Development
Ed Oswald	EO	Carnoustie Partnership
Ann Craig	AC	Community Learning & Development
Sheila Marshall	SM	Resident
Ann Lynn	AL	Monifieth Womens/Amblers Group
Craig Fotheringham	CF	Monifieth Further Education Association

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting especially to Duncan Inglis, Senior Service Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Angus Council who is the new Lead Officer for the Monifieth area.

Apologies were received from Stuart Anton and John Zimny.

On behalf of the Partnership IM expressed their appreciation for the good work that John Zimny carried out as both former Vice Chair and Lead Officer.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 27 JUNE 2006

Accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

JW raised an issue under Section 5, Rural Transport Links. He mentioned that a large car parking facility at the rail station is not feasible it is still desirable as there are not enough spaces currently at the rail station.

Under section 7 IM mentioned the issue of a bench outside the Monifieth House of Memories. He reported that the Partnership had received a donation of £300 towards a bench. DI suggested that the Partnership write to Eric Lawson, Director of Infrastructure Services to explain the current situation with the bench from House of Memories and that the Partnership have some money to put towards a seat and ask if Roads would install and adopt it.

JOINT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

BG informed the meeting that the Health Improvement Sub-Group has convened a meeting for the 5th September within the 4 Real Centre, Monifieth to discuss the future survey regarding the health needs of Monifieth. The Sub-group will report back to the next Partnership meeting.

TOP PRIORITIES

Community Hall

IM reported that TESCO had offered the old Wm Low Building in the main street, as an option for a Community Hall and a meeting/visit was arranged for the 11 August, however it was postponed. It was envisaged that this property would be in quite bad condition due to it sitting empty for so long. MC commented that the costs incurred bringing the property up to required standards could be used towards a new hall. It was agreed, however, that it was worth having a look at and investigate whether TESCO would put money towards upgrading.

MC referred to ground beside Invertay House that had previously been highlighted as a possible site for a hall. This ground had previously not been available for development however it seems that part of it has been sold to a local business who are currently extending their premises. The Partnership are to write to Neil McKenzie of Property Services to find out if the land is now up for sale.

With regards to the proposed merger of three of the towns churches, CF reported that no firm decisions have been made as yet and that there are no immediate plans.

Redevelopment of Town Centre

No further information to date.

Rural Transport Links

BG reported that she had spoken to the Transport Section of Angus Council for an update on the Tay Estuary Rail Study however there had been no decisions made as yet and that at this stage the Scottish Executive were not prepared to commit funding. Will provide update when available.

JW mentioned a £30,000 upgrade for Carnoustie Station and wondered if there were plans to have temporary stops in Monifieth & Broughty Ferry during the Open 2007. BG to write to First Scotrail, on behalf of the Partnership, to find this out.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

JW updated the Partnership on the sub-group meeting held earlier that day. He confirmed that all the key people were in place, the children and schools were on board, the sound system is booked and special guests are confirmed and enthusiastic. He intimated that he has been ensured that the sound system is of much better quality than that of the previous year.

IM then introduced Ed Oswald, Chair of Carnoustie Partnership and Vice Chair of Carnoustie Community Council and welcomed him to the meeting. Ed gave an interesting overview of how Carnoustie have gone about getting their impressive Christmas lights. He also referred to the Angus Council Committee Report submitted in June re changes to the Christmas lighting policy. BG to get copies of said report for office bearers.

The issue of the lights previously bought by the Monifieth Partnership was raised and it was agreed that the Partnership should write to Angus Council re this.

MEDIEVAL FAYRE/LOWLAND GAMES

IM raised the issue of the Medieval Fayre to the partnership and that feedback that he had received was that although the fayre was a good day it was very money orientated was becoming too commercialised and was an expensive day out for families. It was agreed that an event similar to that of the Lowland Games which was run previously by the Round Table, would be more suitable as there would be more participative activities that families could join in.

AC spoke of the Auchmithie Festival which is a successful family fun day and is not commercialised and suggested that something like this would be good for Monifieth. EO also mentioned the Carnoustie Gala day which is very successful however requires commitment from volunteers.

It was suggested that the Partnership talk to someone from the 41 club for advice.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Raising Awareness of the Partnership

MC brought up the issue of when the Partnership first met there was attendance by almost 40 people but the numbers have now dwindled. It was suggested that more is done to raise awareness of the Partnership and to promote local issues. JWH suggested that Monifieth Matters be used to raise awareness and the Partnership could prepare an article. TL suggested that contact with the younger generation could be done through the 4 Real Centre.

Child Protection

CF raised an issue regarding Angus Council lettings forms he had received from the school lets office for the MFEA. The form has been redrafted and now requires CRVS numbers and disclosure references etc. He intimated

that there had been no warning regarding these changes and that the timescales involved could have been detrimental to the MFEAs timetables.

TL advised that the legislation surrounding Child Protection issues has changed dramatically and that CLD had sent out information on training sessions re the new legislations to all local voluntary organisations. She would check that this went to MFEA.

Changing Facilities – Monifieth Seafront

SM raised an issue re changing facilities being made available to female teams using the football pitches at the seafront. DI confirmed that there should be no issue with gender and that these can be booked via Carnoustie Leisure Centre and that he would look into this further.

Monifieth Brochure

IM referred to the Monifieth Brochure and the fact that it required to be updated especially with the forthcoming Open Golf championship in Carnoustie in 2007. BG to contact Craig Lafferty and Merlyn Dunn re getting this updated.

Monifieth to Carnoustie Cycle Route

EO commented that he had received positive comments on the tremendous amount of families using the cycle network, both ways.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Partnership will be held on 26th September 2006 at 7.00pm within the Library and Burgh Chambers.