

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 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	Monifieth Matters
Elaine McLeod (Secretary)	EM	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Gordon Burnside	GB	Resident
Tracy Lannon	TL	Angus Council – Community Learning & Development
Peter Fugaccia	PF	Tayside Police
Sheena Cochrane	SC	The Vault
Margaret Copeland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Margo Geddes	MG	Monifieth Befrienders
Stewart Ellis	SE	Resident
George Mitchelson	GM	Tayfolk, Monifieth Singers
Fiona McMillan	FM	Monifieth Steering Group
Ian McMillan	IMcM	Resident

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

John Zimny – Angus Council
Stewart Anton – Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Reverend Donald Fraser

2. NOTE OF LAST MEETING – 25 APRIL 2006

Accepted as accurate.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Item 4

Still some concerns over the introduction of kerbside recycling.

- Why can't the blue bins be recycled for other material?
- Grey bins being emptied fortnightly gives cause for concern – odour problems.

- What exactly can be recycled? – clarification needed over what is plastic, paper, etc. **ACTION**

It was agreed to monitor the situation over the settling in period and if any matters are still a concern, contact the appropriate department.

P'ship

Item 8

JW advised that although Monifieth Further Education Association classes had been badly affected by the problems in the High School, the matter has now been rectified and classes are running as normal.

4. MONIFIETH HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SUB-GROUP

A questionnaire has been drafted and has been tested by a focus group made up of representatives from the Sub-group. Further focus groups (chosen organisations) will complete the finalised questionnaire and the analysis of those questionnaires will be used as a guide for the questionnaire to be distributed to all households in Monifieth.

What is a focus group? – a focus group is a group of people who have come together to concentrate on a particular piece of work. The use of focus groups allows for wide representation of the community.

5. TOP PRIORITIES

EM advised the Partnership that identification of the top three priorities for Monifieth will ensure that Community Planning Partners are aware of the needs and aspirations of the Monifieth Community and will give consideration for these priorities to be written into the new Community Plan that will cover the next ten years.

A meeting is to be held on Monday 26th June with the committee members of the Monifieth Partnership, the Elected Members for Monifieth and Angus Council Officers to discuss the priorities in more detail.

Redevelopment of Town Centre – Community Hall

IM advised the Partnership of a letter he had received from TESCO regarding future development in Monifieth. The letter stated that at present no definite plans had been agreed and that TESCO would consult the local community at their earliest opportunity. MC raised concern that a previous plan of TESCO had been released to a solicitor but not shared with the wider community. Concern was also

raised over the number of businesses in Monifieth town centre at present and how they will be incorporated in the new development plans. The Partnership agreed that the Community needed some clarification on what was being discussed at this stage. **ACTION**

Rural Transport Links

JW spoke about Monifieth's vision to be the connecting hub of all transport links. The question was raised if Demand Response Transport could be something to explore. JW advised that this service is mainly used for rural areas where public transport is very limited. FM asked if any progress had been made on more trains stopping at Monifieth. JW advised that this is mainly down to the work of TACTRAN (Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership) and the Tay Estuary Rail Study.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

Ongoing

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

JWh provided an update. Planning is ongoing. Meetings were held with Head Teachers of the local Primary Schools and the High School who are all willing for their school to be involved. This year's event will have the support of a semi-professional sound system and it is hoped that organisations involved previously will be happy to be involved this year.

7. A O B

Medieval Fayre

GM advised that plans are progressing well considering the small number of people on the committee. The committee is appealing for new members who can bring new ideas for the future. The Medieval Fayre is an opportunity for local organisations to promote their business.

Bank in Monifieth

MC raised concern that Monifieth no longer has a bank and residents are forced to visit neighbouring towns to carry out banking business. She advised of a local community group in Aberdeenshire, Newdeer, who were successful in their aims to reopen a bank in their community. The Partnership is to investigate this matter further.

EM

ACTION

SE works for The Bank of Scotland and will contact Ken Lynch, Director responsible for branches in the Southeast of Scotland to advise of the Monifieth situation.

SE

PF raised the possibility of local businesses working as agents for banks. SC advised that the Post Office provides some banking services on behalf of The Alliance & Leicester.

Speeding

IMcM and FM raised the issue of speeding on the A92 between Dobbies Garden Centre and Claypotts Junction. The limit is 40 mph but most motorists do not stick to this. PF advised he would raise the issue with the Road Police Unit. IMcM and FM also advised that there was only one speed limit sign on this stretch of road and it was not clearly visible. PF asked the Partnership if they would wish to raise the issue of the speed limit being set too low. It was agreed that the Partnership would invite someone from the Roads Department to come to a meeting and discuss this further. Links to be made with Broughty Ferry Community Council as the part of the road in question involves Angus and Dundee Councils.

EM

The Friday Night Thing

PF provided an update on the project. An evaluation report is being finalised and will be used as a tool for obtaining future funding. The project was a success and encouraged 35 young people to attend per week. There is still a need for more volunteers.

Barry Burn

IM highlighted the fact that the Barry Burn seems to have dried up at Monifieth and water must be diverted elsewhere. The Water Authority may be able to provide an answer to this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.

Tuesday 27 June 2006 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.