

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2006 - AT 7.00pm

IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer	Chair	IM	Monifieth Steering Group
John Whyte	Vice	JW	Monifieth Further Education Association (MFEA)
	Chair		
John Whellams	Treasurer	JWh	Monifieth Matters
Elaine McLeod	Secretary	EM	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Ann Lynn		AL	Monifieth Women's Group
Stewart Anton		SA	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Tracy Lannon		TL	Community Learning & Development Service
Jack Brand		JB	Local Businessman
Fiona McMillan		FM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Margo Geddes		MG	Monifieth Befrienders
Sheena Cochrane		SC	The Vault
Margaret Copeland		MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Diana M Robertson		DR	Monifieth Local History Society
John Zimny		JZ	Angus Council
Frank Thompson		FT	Monifieth Scouts
Stewart Ellis		SE	Resident

1. Welcome and Apologies

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Peter Fugaccia – Tayside Police

2. Note of Last Meeting – 28 February 2006

Accepted as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

JW advised the Partnership of Angus College's response to a letter issued by the Partnership regarding outreach classes at Monifieth High School. Angus College have confirmed that they have no plans for outreach classes at the School and any possible future plans concerning this would run in parallel with MFEA and would be complimentary not competitive.

ACTION

4. Kerbside Recycling – Iain Webster, Head of Environmental Health

Ian began by providing a background to recycling initiatives in Angus. Angus is not alone in this culture. Recycling initiatives originated from Worldwide summit meetings on the Environment and the European Union has rules to control waste and environmental issues by diverting waste into useful resources. This led to a National Waste Strategy for Scotland and a subsequent Area Waste Strategy for Tayside. All local authorities are similarly tackling the waste strategy and are subject to financial penalty if they do not do so. The aim is to move away from landfill to recycling and targets have been set to ensure this. By the end of 2006 all local authorities have to recycle 25% of waste. By 2010, 50% of landfill waste is to be removed from landfill. Angus has a target of recycling 43% of its waste by 2008 and is currently on target.

Reference is made to the 'Four R's' – reduce, recover, re-use and recycle. Manufacturers have a part to play e.g. reducing packaging, as well as domestic households e.g. recycling items and buying items with limited packaging.

Kerbside Recycling will be implemented by end of May or beginning of June 2006. It will recycle glass bottles and jars, plastic, tin cans, newspapers and magazines (not cardboard) and junk mail. The box will be green and will hold 55 litres and will be collected on a weekly basis from the kerbside. Assistance can be provided for disabled persons. The current green (composting materials) and grey (other household waste) bins will be collected alternate weeks. Helplines will be available to assist the transition to the new scheme and an open day will be held in South Church Hall.

Sorting of the green box will be carried out at the kerbside by employees and inserted into compartments in the truck. The truck will then take the recycling material to the Bulking Station in Arbroath. Partnering opportunities have been created through this new system as training for young people is given in recycling, for future employment.

Recycling has increased dramatically since the introduction of kerbside recycling and targets will continue to be met with the support of the public. The system has also created 30 new jobs in Angus along with energy savings and economic gain.

Some concerns were raised over the storage of the boxes particularly in tenement blocks. Iain advised that surveyors are currently exploring the area highlighting problems and taking steps to resolve these. Communal bins for tenement blocks are currently being piloted and may become commonplace. Iain also confirmed that the Monifieth Recycling Centre would remain open along with any rural recycling areas.

5. Monifieth Health Improvement Sub-Group

Second meeting of the sub-group held. Decision taken to progress community questionnaire in the form of focus groups that will pilot agreed questions before distribution to the wider community.

Sub-group

6. Top Priorities

Please see Appendix 1 for progress so far on the three identified top priorities. Further work to be carried out regarding associated costings. Once completed, final paper to be submitted to the Angus Community Planning Partnership for consideration in the new Community Plan.

EMcL

7. Christmas Lights

JWh updated the Partnership on progress so far for this year's planned event. He assured everyone that problems from last year would be ironed out.

The possibility of a car boot sale to raise funds for the event was discussed. Concern was raised over the number of forms to be completed for usage of certain areas e.g. council car park.

FT enquired about the reduction in the number of Christmas lights. JZ advised that new Health & Safety regulations meant that some of the Christmas lights were no longer suitable for use. JZ was asked if the Council could increase the number of Christmas lights for the future.

JZ

8. A.O.B.

JW advised that Monifieth High swimming pool has been out of action and the gymnasium has flooded. This has had a huge impact of Monifieth Further Education Association classes. The matter has been taken up with Angus Council and will be rectified as soon as possible.

Concern was raised regarding traffic congestion around the town centre and at Tesco over the weekend, particularly on Saturdays.

It was brought to the Partnership's attention that the Monifieth Brochure is not in display in Dobbies or Angus Gateway. The reason for this is that the information boards are managed by a private company and charge £40-£60 for displaying information. Letter to be sent to Dobbies and Angus Gateway enquiring of their support for the Monifieth Area Partnership.

EMcL

JB enquired as to what Angus Council's plans are regarding use of the pavilion area for refreshment shops. JZ to look into this matter and advise.

JZ

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 23 May 2006 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.