

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.00PM

IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Steering Group
Beverley Gibb	BG	Angus Community Planning Partnership (Secretary)
John Whellams	JRW	Monifieth Matters (Treasurer)
John Whyte	JW	Monifieth Further Education Association (Vice Chair)
Sheila Marshall	SM	Resident
Sheena Cochrane	SC	The Vault
Diana M Robertson	DR	Monifieth Local History Society
Tracy Lannon	TL	Community Learning & Development Service
S Stewart	SS	Volunteer Centre Angus
Vikki Bunce	VB	Volunteer Centre Angus
S McGlynn	SMc	Resident
G Butchart	GB	Resident
Fiona McMillan	FM	Monifieth Steering Group

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from:

Duncan Inglis, Lead Officer, Angus Council
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Councillor Stewart McGlynn, Angus Council
Margaret Copeland

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006

Accepted as a true record of the meeting. It was noted that there were two amendments to attendee's initials – John Whellams will now be JRW and Diane Robertson should be DM.

3. MATTERS ARISING

BG updated the group that she had written to Eric Lowson on behalf of the Partnership re the bench outside the House of Memories, however, there has been no reply as yet.

4. TOP PRIORITIES

Redevelopment of Town Centre – Community Hall

IM reported that Nick Gellatly of Tesco is to visit next Thursday 5 October to show the old Willam Low building in the town centre with a view to it possibly being used for a Community Hall. FM reminded the partnership that she still held correspondence of the Hall Steering Group. It was agreed that she should hold on to it meantime.

Rural Transport Links

BG confirmed that she had written to First Scotrail, on behalf of the Partnership, regarding temporary stops in Monifieth and Broughty Ferry. Still awaiting reply.

JW referred to a draft consultation document by Network Rail, 'Route Utilisation Strategy' which was published in August 2006 and reported that Aberdeenshire Council seems to have been proactive in terms of improving their rail services and questioned why it seems Angus Council has not been active at all.

JW then referred to an article from the Scotsman newspaper dated 25 August 2006 re 'Rail bosses want to close down least-used stations across Scotland'. In this article it refers to 3 stations within the Monifieth/Carnoustie area – Balmossie, Golf Street and Barry Links.

It was agreed that the Partnership write to Angus Council expressing their concern regarding this and to ask why it seems Angus has not had a proactive input into this report, and also to find out why after £100,000 of public money being spend on the Tay Estuary Rail Study, that this has not been referred to. JRW suggested that the Partnership also copy this letter to local MSPs Stuart Hosie and Andrew Welsh.

BG

Improved Sports & Leisure Facilities – particularly at High School

BG gave a refresher of this priority to the Partnership as there has been no action recently. She confirmed that plans for expansion of the sports facilities had been drawn up some years ago, however for the new Community Plan it was necessary to have up-to-date costs for this project. BG to investigate further and report back to a future meeting.

BG

5. MONIFIETH HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SUB-GROUP

TL confirmed that the above group had now met to discuss the way forward. Focus groups had been identified and members of the sub-group are currently visiting said groups to establish their thoughts and feelings on health issues in the Monifieth area. These focus groups should be completed by November whereby a survey will be compiled to be distributed to every household in Monifieth. This survey will be distributed with the Spring Edition of Monifieth Matters.

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

JRW confirmed that everything is so far going to plan regarding the Christmas Lights celebrations! Special guests and minders have been confirmed. A draft programme has been put out to schools and has been accepted. The confirmed programme will be published in the next edition of Monifieth Matters.

It was confirmed that the Christmas Lights Sub-group will look into investing in improving the lights in time for next year. A further meeting has been scheduled to fine tune details.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

JRW reported that the Partnership has £439.91 in the bank which has not been yet been allocated.

8. MONIFIETH BROCHURE

BG referred to the brochure promoting Monifieth and explained that she had spoken with the Marketing Section of the council for advice on how to update this in time for next years Open Golf 2007 tournament. It was suggested that a small sub-group be formed to work on this. JRW, TL, IM, JW and FM agreed to meet on Tuesday 17 October at 9.30 to discuss.

9. A O B

Panmure Hotel

IM reported that he had been informed earlier in the day that the Panmure Hotel has been closed suddenly.

Path Network Consultation

JW advised that he had attended a meeting regarding consultation on the Monifieth and Carnoustie Path Networks and confirmed that there had been talk of developing a pathway near the Milton complex which would result in a circular path system around Monifieth.

ACTION**Open 2007 Roadshows**

IM informed the Partnership of a series of Roadshows to be held around Angus focusing on maximising tourism and business during the Open 2007. IM and JRW to attend Monifieth Roadshow.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 October at 7.00pm within the Burgh Chambers, Monifieth.