

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2006 AT 7.00PM**

**IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Steering Group
Elaine McLeod (Secretary)	EMcL	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Bev Gibb	BG	Angus Community Planning Partnership
John Zimny	JZ	Angus Council
Sheila Marshall	SM	Resident
Sheena Cochrane	SC	The Vault
Diana M Robertson	DR	Monifieth Local History Society
Margo Geddes	MG	Monifieth Befrienders
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Tracy Lannon	TL	Community Learning & Development Service
Stewart Ellis	SE	Resident

**In attendance:**

Iain Webster	IW	Head of Environmental Health, Angus Council
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**ACTION**

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a particular welcome to Bev Gibb, new Community Planning Officer for Monifieth, and Iain Webster, Head of Environmental Health, Angus Council.

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Helen Oswald  
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth Steering Group  
Ian McMillan, Resident  
George Mitchelson, Medieval Fayre  
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 23 MAY 2006**

Accepted as accurate

## ACTION

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

SE advised that he had spoken to Ken Lynch, the Bank of Scotland Director responsible for branches in the Southeast of Scotland. The bank has carried out a financial review and Monifieth does not meet the criteria for reopening a branch. SE will continue to pursue this matter with the bank.

SE

In the absence of George Mitchelson, IM advised that the Medieval Fayre had been a good day in spite of the bad weather. IM again stressed the fact that more volunteers for the organising committee are needed.

MC advised that it is the general perception of the community to reintroduce the Lowland Games. It is felt they would allow better community involvement as children can take part and they are generally seen as more fun. The Round Table was the main organiser of this event in the past.

JZ advised that The Friday Night Thing at the High School would recommence in September and would run for 22 weeks, due to the success of the project in the previous months. SC asked if there are any activities organised for the young people during the school holidays when vandalism proves to be more of a problem. JZ advised that the Council holds many sports events in the evening and TL advised that the 4Real centre will run a summer programme. JZ asked if any street work would be carried out during the summer months. TL to confirm.

TL

#### **Kerbside Recycling**

The introduction of kerbside recycling has had conflicting views across Monifieth. IW provided answers and advice for the following questions and concerns:

Q – Grey bins are overloaded as they are only emptied fortnightly

A – *As recycling becomes more familiar other household waste will minimise.*

Q – Green recycling boxes are not big enough for a family

A – *Second boxes can be provided if necessary. Keep newspapers separate in a bag, crush cans. Extra bags of recycling items will be lifted.*

Q – Would a recycling bin not be better than a box?

A – *Due to the volume and the mix of material recycling could not be carried out at the kerbside. The boxes help keep costs down.*

**ACTION**

IW also advised that brown compost bins can be retained and will be collected. The blue bins scheme has now ceased and will not be lifted if used. It is, however, hoped the blue bins can be used again in the future therefore will not be removed at present.

Statistics will be provided in the future to determine how well recycling methods are working. IW stressed the need for community support.

IM thanked IW for attending.

**4. MONIFIETH HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SUB-GROUP**

JZ advised that partner's have now signed up to Angus Council's Physical Activity Strategy. Consultation on this document is ongoing. JZ will be attending a meeting regarding the Joint Health Improvement Plan on the 17 August and will report back to the Monifieth Health Improvement Sub-group after this.

**JZ**

**5. TOP PRIORITIES**

**Redevelopment of Town Centre – Community Hall**

IM had a meeting with Tesco and was advised that at present no definite plans and timescales had been agreed and that negotiations were still at a very early stage.

Further to a positive meeting held with office bearers of Monifieth Area Partnership, local elected members and Angus Council Officers it was agreed to recognise that the town centre redevelopments are very much in the future and that a town hall should be treated as a separate issue. Options for a town hall are to be investigated and progressed now, drawing on the information collected from previous feasibility study.

The question was asked that if Tesco decide not to expand in Monifieth does the Council have plans for the redevelopment of the Town Centre. The answer is no as the Council are not in ownership of the development.

**EMcL/BG**

**Rural Transport Links**

At the meeting mentioned under Redevelopment of Town Centre, the aspect of creating good links between areas was agreed.

It was clarified that using Monifieth rail station car park as the bus station for all services was not practical and that a large parking facility at the rail station is not feasible. However, it is recognised that there is a need for some parking spaces.

**ACTION**

EMcL/BV to contact Angus Council Planning and Transport Department to clarify the position statement on Monifieth in the Tay Estuary Rail Study and also the position statement on the usage of existing bus services.

**EMcL/BG**

**Improved Sports & Leisure Facilities – particularly at High School**

The Friday Night Thing will be continuing in Monifieth for another 22 weeks and there is also the ongoing work of the Integrated Community Schools Partnership and Angus Council's Physical Activity Strategy. Due to the number of public sector owned buildings and land it may be possible for the Monifieth Partnership to tag on to strategic plans for the area for the benefit of the community.

It was suggested that due to the long term issues of the above priorities the Monifieth Area Partnership might wish to consider more short-term projects that can be actioned sooner. It was agreed that meeting involving the Partnership office bearers, elected members and Council officers would be held every 6 months and extra meetings called as necessary.

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**6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Plans for the event are progressing well. It is hoped to submit an application for funding to Awards for All for sound equipment and possibly Christmas lighting.

JZ advised of an Angus Council committee report proposing a policy regarding the provision of Christmas Lighting in all the Angus towns in line with the available budget.

SC advised that Christmas lights are still up around the square and bulbs are being broken. It was thought that the lights are not council owned but this requires clarification.

**EMcL/BG**

**7. A O B**

IM received a telephone call from a Monifieth High School pupil interested in taking part in community activity. IM suggested the young people linking into the Christmas lights event. EMcL/BG to contact the Head Teacher in relation to this.

**EMcL/BG**

SC raised the issue of the BSX Track not being used for its intended

**ACTION**

purpose. Shopping trolleys are also being dumped. The council are not responsible for the maintenance of the BSX Track but are responsible for keeping it tidy. JZ will check if his department have received any complaints in relation to this.

**JZ**

SM raised the issue of the state of the football huts by the football pitches. JZ advised that the Council does not own them. The council own a changing hut that can be hired with the pitches. JZ to check the bookings for the huts to determine if the female football players use it. It may be possible to pursue the option of new changing facilities through the identified priority of sports and leisure facilities. SM also advised that the double swing at the Blue Seaway has been vandalised and is out of action. JZ to investigate. The opening hours of the toilets in the winter are to be looked at.

**JZ**

The Monifieth Local History Society have been requested by members of the public to leave their bench outside the shop permanently as no other seating is available. Can they do this or can the council provide alternative seating? JZ advised them not to leave their bench out permanently due to vandalism or theft and also advised that the council normally install benches that have been donated to the community. This may be something the partnership may wish to pursue.

IM advised that Dobbie's are happy to display the Monifieth brochures. The brochure to be an item on the agenda for the next meeting as it requires updating in time for the Open 2007 in Carnoustie.

**EMcL/BG**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22 August 2006 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Burgh Library and Burgh Chambers.