

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007 AT 7.00PM IN MONIFIETH LIBRARY AND BURGH CHAMBERS

Present:

Ian Mortimer (Chair)	IM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
John Whellams (Treas)	JWh	Monifieth Matters
Sandra Stewart (Sec)	SS	Angus Community Planning Partnership
Claire Warrender	CW	Angus Council, Housing Division
Elaine McArthur	EMcA	Angus Council Health Improvement Team
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Sheena Thomson	ST	The Vault
Davina Campbell	DC	Angus Council Community Learning & Development Service
Duncan Inglis	DI	Lead Officer, Angus Council
Vikki Bunce	VB	Volunteer Centre Angus
Fiona McMillan	FMcM	Monifieth Hall Steering Group
Sheena Bell	SB	Tayside Police

ACTION

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Cllr John Whyte
Cllr Margaret Thomson
Angus Johnson, Monifieth Rotary
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 22 MAY 2007

Item 7. Delete 'and costumes'...

Minute was then accepted as accurate.

3. MATTERS ARISING

West End Park – DI explained that £7000 had been put aside from last year's budget to repair boardwalks and provide seated areas. Members intimated that there are no boardwalks in West End Park and that picnic tables and trim trail had been requested for the park. DI to clarify.

DI

SS has had a reply from Roads to confirm that the boundaries for the Christmas Lights will remain the same as the previous year.

Additional items raised on the evening were concerns over the lack of hanging baskets allocated to the town – 8 in all. DI explained this was due to cutbacks and affects all the towns in Angus. Some Partnerships have purchased additional hanging baskets from the Council.

It was also noted that the Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire offered 'b Active' five day passes as an incentive for people to complete the questionnaire. Members pointed out that there are no Angus Council Leisure Facilities in Monifieth. DI reminded members that Monifieth High School leisure facilities are open at weekends and during school holidays.

4. FOCUS ON ALCOHOL ANGUS PROJECT

Eileen McArthur, Project Manager gave a presentation on the remit of the Project and its aim to support local initiatives to help tackle alcohol problems that impact on local communities and agencies. EMcA discussed the action day at Piperdam where pledges were put forward from each Partnership area. JW and ST had attended the event on behalf of the Partnership. ST had noticed that action day didn't have people involved in the license trade (apart from herself) or from other individuals involved with the sale of alcohol. ST also explained the Best Bar None initiative to curb anti-social behaviour and looks at best practice in areas of crowd dispersal, dealing with underage drinkers, staffing policies, training etc. The process involves completion of a questionnaire, an interview, and an assessment. Establishments may be receive Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Littering of local areas with empty beer cans and bottles was raised. The problem of adults purchasing drink for younger people and the difficulties of prosecuting adults through the courts was discussed. Some young people are asking European workers to purchase alcohol for them and it was asked if these workers would be aware of the law on drinking age limits etc in this country. General information for European workers on alcohol related information will be available in different languages in the near future. Members also felt it was important to raise awareness to parents on how alcohol can affect their children.

EMcA to attend a future meeting to look at the pledges and discuss.

5. TOP PRIORITIES

Community Hall

No further updates.

Town Centre Development

Article in the Guide & Gazette last week about the state of the town centre. It was raised that Tesco's have bought the vacant filling station. Ian to write to confirm situation and ask if they intend to open it as a filling station. Ian also to enquire if they would be tidying up the shop front of Wm Lows (possibly put up some large posters or billboards) as people will be travelling through the town centre during the Open.

IM

New Priorities

None were suggested.

6. TOURISM BROCHURE

SS discussed the Monifieth Town Guide which is being produced by Economic Development and the similarities of content to the Tourism Brochure. This leaflet is being prepared for distribution before and during the Open. It was felt that it may not be appropriate at the moment to ask people to sponsor adverts in the Tourism Brochure when this Town Guide is to be available. It was decided that the Tourism Brochure be available from Spring 2008. SS had been contacted by a representative of Wellbank Amenities Association to ask if they could include an article in the Brochure to advertise Wellbank Hall and highlight what is available in the rural community. It was felt that this would be a good feature to include.

7. FUTURE PRESENTATIONS

VB, Volunteer Centre Angus will give a short presentation at the meeting in September and EMcA to be contacted to follow up on the Focus on Alcohol pledges as previously discussed.

SS

IM had been contacted by Youth Justice Team to give a presentation. SS to contact and arrange a date.

SS

8. AOCB

MC raised the idea of having an annual event such as a Lowlands Games or Gala Day to try and bring all the community together. Members felt this was a good idea if we could get support from the community to take it forward. A lively discussion took place around what would be involved and it was agreed to include it as a main item for the meeting in August to gauge interest. IM and SS to contact local groups and individuals to notify them the next meeting and to highlight the above proposal. Davina will organise posters to advertise the meeting and distribute appropriately.

SS/IM

DC

The seat has now been delivered to House of Memories and MC thanked the anonymous donor who funded the seat and Angus Council for delivering and securing the seat. The History Society received £400 from the Environmental Grant and has painted the outside of the building, and purchased bunting and flags.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 August 2007 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.