

MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 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
Stewart Anton	SA	Monikie & Newbigging Community Council
Margaret Copland	MC	Monifieth Local History Society
Sheena Thomson	ST	The Vault
Jamie Taylor	JT	Angus Council Community Learning & Development Service
Stewart Ellis	SE	Monifieth Community Council
Vikki Bunce	VB	Volunteer Centre Angus
Sheila Marshall	SM	Resident
Cllr Margaret Thomson	MT	Angus Council
Sheena Bell	SB	Tayside Police

In Attendance:

Laurie Watson	LW	Dundee Courier & Advertiser
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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

IM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

George Mitchelson, Medieval Fayre
Davina Campbell, Angus Council CL & DS
Duncan Inglis, Lead Officer, Angus Council
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth Hall Steering Group

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 JUNE 2007

Minute was then accepted as accurate.

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3. MATTERS ARISING

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a) West End Park – A plan of the proposed picnic tables and boardwalk was circulated to the members for clarification. Picnic tables to be sited in two different areas and will accommodate wheelchair users.

b) Future Presentations

25th September - Vikki Bunce, Volunteer Centre Angus

23rd October – Elizabeth D’Arcy, Angus Restorative Justice Service

c) Filling Station – no response has been received from Tesco’s re-future plans for the site. Some fencing has been erected around the site to stop vehicles accessing for parking.

4. TOP PRIORITIES

Community Hall

The Partnership has been approached by the British Legion re-use of the British Legion Hall. This is in the early stages of negotiations but may be a solution for the shorter term. There is a main hall with a couple of smaller rooms available.

A discussion took place about the lack of land available to build a new hall and the suitability of other sites. Some members still feel that Invertay House would be an ideal site as it is currently under utilised by Angus Council with only a small number of staff currently based there.

It is hoped that the development of a Community Hall be included in the updated Angus Local Plan.

5. PROPOSED LOWLAND GAMES

Although information had been distributed about this proposal and information posters had been put up there appeared to be a lack of support from the local community. It was suggested that a letter be sent to organisations who had been involved in previous Lowland Games.

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6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT 2007

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Plans for this are progressing and the Awards for All application has been completed and will be posted shortly. Hopefully a reply will be received within 6 weeks.

7. AOCB

Angus Local Area Partnership Insurance

SS discussed details of a new insurance policy for the Local Area Partnerships brokered by Angus Council with Zurich Municipal. The Policy covers meetings and day to day activities of the Partnerships. A proposal form for additional events has to be completed and forwarded to the insurance company which will decide if an additional premium is required. Any additional premiums will be given at preferential rates. JW to complete proposal form for the Christmas Lights Event. SS provided JW with a copy of the policy schedule.

Communities Priority Fund

Funding of £25,000 has been allocated to each local authority ward. Ideas and suggestions for funding can be put forward by elected members, local community groups, charitable and voluntary organisations. Guidelines are to be produced shortly.

Carnousite Open

SE raised the issue of lack of publicity given to Monifieth before and during the Open, taking into consideration that Monifieth Golf Course hosted the preliminary rounds. Local media mentioned golf course in other Angus towns but omitted Monifieth.

Some members also mentioned that they hadn't seen any of the town guide leaflets produced by Angus Council for the Open. Some had seen them but felt they lacked information and were produced too late for them to be effective. They were only distributed a week before the event. Also traffic was diverted away from the main street which meant there was less chance of people stopping and visiting local shops.

Monifieth in Bloom

SE suggested that maybe Monifieth could become involved in the Britain in Bloom Competition which has 6 different categories. SE had been in contact with people already involved in the scheme and who are willing to come through to Monifieth to look at the area and suggest which category we would fall into. Everyone felt it

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would be worthwhile looking at this and asked SE to bring more information to the next meeting. It was felt there was potential to work with Angus Council and local garden centres to create a new focus for the town centre. It was also an opportunity to involve local people. It was suggested that this might be an appropriate project to consider for the new Community Priorities Fund.

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Intergrated Children's Services

The next meeting of this group is the 19/09 at 4.30pm in the 4Real Centre, Monifieth. The group has invited members of the Partnership to attend the meeting which will look at inter-generational work between different age groups in the community. Carnoustie has successfully held 2 Intergenerational Seminars and a member of the Carnoustie group has been invited to attend. ST and JW agreed to attend on behalf of the Partnership

ST/JW

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25 September 2007 at 7.00pm in Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers.

