

**MONIFIETH AND AREA PARTNERSHIP INAUGURAL MEETING
DRAFT NOTE OF MEETING**

Tuesday 20 January 2004, 7.30pm, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth

The inaugural meeting was held following two previous meetings looking at developing a Monifieth Area Partnership to tackle some of the problems and issues for the Monifieth area.

Present: Cllr. Stewart McGlynn, Angus Council **SM**
Cllr. Rob Murray, Angus Council **RM**
Cllr. Helen Oswald, Angus Council **HO**
John Zimny, Leisure Services/Lead Officer, Angus Council **JZ**
Ed Taylor, Angus Community Planning Partnership **ET**
David Rankin, Next Generation Clubs **DR**
Ian Anderson, Murroes and Wellbank Community Council **IA**
Colin Lorimer, Monifieth Community Council **CL**
John Whyte, Monifieth Community Council, Action Rail Monifieth **JW**
Craig Fotheringham, Monifieth Further Education Association **CF**
Jim Culloch, Monifieth Rotary & Monifieth 41 Club **JC**
Charlotte McDonald, Tayside Primary Care Trust **CM**
Tracey Lannon, Community Education Service **TL**
Hazel Peart, Monifieth Out Of School Care Club **HP**
Emma Rollo, Monifieth Out Of School Care Club **EM**
John Whellams, Ashleigh Manor Guest House **JWAM**
Ros Whellams, Ashleigh Manor Guest House **RWAM**
Margaret Copeland, Monifieth Local History Society **MC**
Ian Mortimer, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **IM**
Jean Spinar **JS**
Catherine Gibson **CG**
Patricia Kinnear **PK**
Margo Geddes **MG**
James Madden, Neighbourhood Watch Monifieth **JM**
Ruth Scott, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council **RS**
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth resident **FM**
Alex Scott, Broughty Golf Club **AS**
Jim McCormack, St. Brides Men's Group **JMc**
George Dorward, St Brides Church **GD**
Derek McArthur, Monifieth Wine Circle **DM**
Martin Taylor, Monifieth Wine Circle **MT**
Ewen Jenkin, Crime Prevention and Community Safety Panel **EJ**
Donald W Fraiser, Monifieth South Church **DF**
Ian McCormack, Monifieth Panmure Church **IMc**
Peter Howie, Monifieth Panmure Church **PH**
Merlyn Dunn, Angus Ahead **MD**

1. Welcome and Introduction

Cllr. Stewart McGlynn initially chaired the meeting and welcomed the various organisations present. ET gave a brief background to developments leading to the inaugural meeting.

2. Note of last meeting

This was accepted as an accurate record.

3. Draft Partnership Agreement

SM introduced the draft partnership agreement and went through the amendments made to it as a result of discussions at the previous meeting. The Partnership Agreement was accepted.

4. Election of Office Bearers

SM asked for nominations for office bearers for the Partnership, and the following positions were elected:-

- Chair Colin Lorimer nominated **Ian Mortimer**, who accepted the position.
- Vice Chair Cllr. Rob Murray nominated **John Zimny** in the interim, as no other nominations were made. JZ to operate until interest in the position is shown.
- Secretary Ian Mortimer nominated **Ed Taylor**, who accepted the position.
- Treasurer **John Whellams** volunteered for the position.

IM took over as chair of the meeting from SM.

5. A.O.C.B.

A brainstorming session was held looking at the issues for Monifieth as potential projects for the Partnership. The following points were raised:-

- Coastal cleaning The coastal defense works were recently completed and the issue of mess being left was raised. JZ suggested the contractors would clean the site on completion of the works. Lack of sand on the beach was also highlighted and it was believed that in time the new groins should capture the sand but it was dependent on winds and tides.
- Town centre The lack of shopping choice was raised as an issue that the Partnership may help address. It was suggested that specialist shops were more likely to be successful in Monifieth.
- Vacant William Low's building This was suggested as a possible location for a new community hall. However, Tesco was said to hold a lease on the property.

- Banking The need for Monifieth to have financial facilities was discussed. However, it was suggested to sustain a banking facility required a significant corporate account of which there are none in Monifieth. A mobile (one day a week) bank was suggested as something that would benefit Monifieth.
- Golf course The high quality Monifieth golf courses were mentioned. However, it was pointed out that there is nothing to retain visitors that come into the area as a result of golf.
- Catering facilities at the Blue Seaway The Blue Seaway development was highlighted for its success in bringing visitors into the area. However, the lack of a café for the visitors was highlighted as a missed opportunity. Angus Council is currently advertising for this to be developed.
- Dog Fouling The amount of dog fouling on the streets of the area was drawn attention to. JZ stated that the new Dog Fouling Act gives Council officials the ability to fine offenders allowing their pets to foul in public.
- Bins The need for more bins on the streets was put forward as a possible improvement.
- Toilets at Blue Seaway were said to be open at weekends from 12-4. Perhaps the opening times of these could be extended.
- Census details It was suggested that the Partnership look at census details for Monifieth to establish how many residents work in Monifieth area.
- Transport The Partnership could lobby for public transport improvements to both rural bus service and train service. The Scotrail franchise was said to be up for renewal in 2004, which may be an opportunity for an improved service for Monifieth.
- Monifieth Business Park This was suggested as a good opportunity to generate local employment. It was suggested that Angus Council was looking at this but there were problems regarding finding an appropriate site.
- Former Monifieth Health Centre The former Monifieth Health centre's future was questioned. It was stated that ownership of the site lies with the Health Board.
- Cemetery A site for a Monifieth cemetery has been identified in the Local Plan. Shanwell and Barnhill cemeteries were said to be nearing capacity. Funding is needed to take this forward.
- Marketing Focusing on the attractions of the area was suggested as something the Partnership could do to bring tourists in (e.g. seafront, golf course, bowling, tennis). Promoting Monifieth to its existing residents was also suggested as important.
- Town centre It was felt that Tesco is the key to any redevelopment to the town centre. The Former William Low's was said to be in a state of disrepair. The Partnership can look at redeveloping the town centre but this was said to be a more long term issue. New shops are going into Ethiebeaton, but none of these were expected to be relocating from the centre of Monifieth.
- Churches The Monifieth Churches Strategy Group is looking at the use of church buildings. DF stated that the group was willing to enter into dialogue with the Monifieth Accommodations Steering Group about the use of premises such as the South Church Hall.
- Landward area It was stressed as important to include the landward area in the work of the Partnership.
- Farmers Market This was given as an example of something the Partnership may be able to attract to the town. In other areas in Angus, this has had positive spin off effects for local businesses. A fruit and vegetables stall in Arbroath was given as a successful example of the atmosphere such a market can bring to the area. Home baking at the South Church Hall was also said to be popular.

- Traffic in town centre It was suggested that once the dualling of the A92 is complete, something should be done to slow traffic travelling through the centre of Monifieth. However, because the road has A-road status there are restrictions on what can be done to calm the traffic.
- Parking This was stated as something that needed to be improved, particularly if the Partnership is aiming to bring more visitors into the area.
- Statement of aims and objectives It was suggested the Partnership put these issues onto paper so that when an application for funding is made the Partnership can show its agreed aims and plans. Splitting this into short and long terms goals was suggested.
- Seating The need for seating in the area was recommended.
- Monifieth Swimming Club Mr. & Mrs. Manson from the swimming club stated the need for a 25m pool for the club. They currently use Monifieth High which is 20m.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17 February 2004 at 7.30pm, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth.

Actions arising from meeting:-

- ET to put together a draft paper listing the issues discussed in the brainstorming session into short term and long term issues/projects and send out to partners prior to next meeting.
- ET to provide examples of the work of other Partnerships at next meeting.