

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF MEETING**

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

Present: Ian Mortimer (Chair), Monifieth Centre Steering Group **IM**
Ed Taylor (Secretary), Angus Community Planning Partnership **ET**
John Whellams (Treasurer), Ashlea Manor Guest House **JWAM**
Andrina McCormack, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **AM**
Stewart Anton, Monikie and Newbigging Community Council **SA**
Bryan Kidd, Ashludie Pharmacy **BK**
Sheila Marshall, Monifieth resident **SM**
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth resident **FM**
Jean Spinen, Monifieth resident **JS**
Catherine Gibson, Monifieth resident **CG**
Jim Culloch, Monifieth Rotary & Monifieth 41 Club **JC**
Ryan Duncan, Monifieth Youth Council **RD**
John Linton, Monifieth Youth Council **JL**
Maggie Sherrit, Community Education Service **MS**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society/ Hall Group **DR**
Margaret Copeland, Monifieth Local History Society/ Hall Group **MC**

1. **Apologies** Cllr. Rob Murray, Angus Council
Cllr. Stewart McGlynn, Angus Council
Cllr. Helen Oswald, Angus Council
John Zimny (Vice-chair), Lead Officer, Angus Council
Barry Jack, Duntrune House
Craig Lafferty, Angus Towns Promotions Officer
Merlyn Dunn, Angus Ahead
Craig Fotheringham, Monifieth Further Education Association
John Whyte, Monifieth Community Council, Action Rail Monifieth
Colin Lorimer, Monifieth Community Council
Tracey Lannon, Community Education Service
Donald Fraiser, Monifieth resident
Mrs. Manson, Monifieth Swimming Club

2. **Note of last meeting**

IM proposed the note as an accurate record.

3. **Update on issues previously discussed**

Updates given under various matters on agenda.

4. **Monifieth 'House of Memories'**

Margaret Copeland (Monifieth Local History Society) gave an interesting and informative presentation about the newly-opened Monifieth House of Memories. The project had been taken forward with the assistance of £5,000 from the Lottery Fund and this was used to renovate a former charity shop in the High Street. The project was reported to have been successful because of the efforts of volunteers and the donations made to the collection by various members of the community. A number of other points were stated:-

- The HOM is free to enter and coffee/tea is available for people who wish to sit and reminisce
- Glaxo Day Care Hospital are using the premises with patients
- It is hoped that the lease will be kept for a minimum of 5 years, but volunteers are needed to man the facility

IM thanked MC for the presentation and congratulated the MLHS on their efforts, which is a good example of what can be achieved by the community.

5. Monifieth Seafront Play Facilities

Neil Douglas, Chief Technical Officer in the Parks Section of Angus Council has met with Vicki Forrester and is waiting for her to get back to him. However, the nest swing is now back on site at the Blue Seaway and there are cradle swings in the park at Ashludie Terrace. No further news to report as yet.

- AM stated an article has been included in the Monifieth Matters Newsletter regarding the nest swings that have been reinstalled at the Blue Seaway and thanking Vicki Forrester for her efforts to have improvements made.

6. Monifieth Town Centre Group Report

Jim Culloch reported on the meeting with the Community Council Sub-Committee regarding the Monifieth Town Centre. JC stated the group has already done a lot of work in this area and that a comprehensive questionnaire has been put together to survey residents, and local businesses are being kept informed.

- AM stated the importance of making sure the questionnaire was well written, and to ensure that results are meaningful.
- IM asked whether any other members of the Partnership would be involved in the group, as both the Partnership and Community Council have similar aims and it would be beneficial to get a wide range of expertise involved in the group. AM stated an interest and agreed to attend and IM also hoped to attend.
- MC stated that a lot of work has already gone into the questionnaire by members of the Community Council. MC also stated that she felt as the town centre is a large challenge for the future, and that the Partnership should be involved as it brings together various interested parties rather than one single organisation.

- ET suggested involving a representative from Angus Council Planning & Transport Department as they have a large amount of expertise in this area, and they may also be able to make use of the results of the consultation in any future developments.
- IM hoped the Partnership would eventually be consulted on any proposed improvements/changes to the central area.

7. Monifieth Centre Steering Group Report

IM reported that Direct Grants had used all its funds at present, so they would not be able to finance the feasibility study. However, IM hoped to establish another source for the £6,000-£7,000 needed, but could not provide any more information at this time.

8. Marketing Group Report

MC reported that a very worthwhile meeting had taken place on 22 March. Each person at the meeting has gone away to produce some material and MC stated she hoped the group would have produced something soon. The Marketing Group is meeting again on 27 April, at 11.00am in the Monifieth Library and a report will be given at the next Partnership meeting.

9. Monifieth Xmas Lights

IM stated that the idea had come forward to make an event of the turning on of the Christmas lights, as it was a non-event in 2003. This could provide an opportunity to involve schools, local bands, stalls and perhaps something in the South Church Hall. A number of points were discussed in relation to this:-

- A suggested date was 10 December 2004.
- Monifieth Community Council was said to already be looking at this and involving young people in an event for 2004. It was stated that with the exception of 2003, the Community Council has traditionally run the event and as they have an existing momentum, it was felt that the Partnership could work with the Community Council in developing this project.
- Round Table, Rotary and the Ladies Circle have all been involved in this in the past.
- It was stated that last year Angus Council workmen condemned many of the sponsored lights as unsafe.
- Derek Dewar previously organised a number of events for the lights being switched on.
- IM suggested a Council representative would be useful to have on any group.
- Those interested in being involved are AM, JC, JWAM, IM & Council representative (possibly ET).

10. A.O.B.

Rural Bus Service An improved bus service has commenced serving the rural landward area around Monifieth including Monikie, Kellas, Newbigging, Dundee and

Forfar. These services are being run on a trial period and in order to keep the services people must use them. SA stated timetables are available in the ACCESS office and Library in Monifieth. The service was said to be free of charge for the over 60's.

West End Park MC stated that at a meeting of the Monifieth Community Council the subject of West End Park was discussed. A number of improvements have been discussed such as picnic tables, BBQ facilities and a trim track to capitalise on the views the foreshore offers. Cllr. Oswald had commented at a meeting of the Monifieth Community Council that perhaps this was a project the Partnership may be able to fund raise for. IM was in agreement with this and suggested that the Angus Council External Funding Manager Alision Smith be invited to the next meeting to give the Partnership an idea of funding options. ET to invite Alison Smith to the next meeting.

Monifieth Community Education Service MS stated that plans are in place to relocate Monifieth CES from Grange Primary School to the High Street (adjacent to the Butchers, opposite the South Church Hall).

Ashludie Chemist BK stated the new Ashludie Pharmacy was now open to the public and is adjoined to the new Health Centre. BK stated that both the Ashludie and High Street Chemists would be staying open, offering a 6-day service.

Monifieth Matters JWAM stated that the stop press section of Monifieth Matters is looking for stories, and that the discussions that had taken place at the meeting had provided some useful ideas including:-

- Improved bus services
- New Chemist
- The relocation of the CES Office
- New Police Constable for Monifieth

JWAM also stated that the group is looking for volunteers to help with the distribution of the newsletter.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25 May 2004 at 7.30pm, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth.

Actions arising as a result of the meeting:-

- ET to contact Alison Smith, External Funding Manager regarding a presentation at the next meeting of the partnership into opportunities for funding.
- IM to attend sub committee meetings to ensure linkages are made between groups.
- ET to contact press regarding a release on the meeting.
- MC to keep IM informed of meetings regarding the Xmas lights