

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP  
NOTE OF MEETING**

**Tuesday 29 June 2004, 7.30pm, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth**

**Present:** Ian Mortimer (Chair), Monifieth Centre Steering Group **IM**  
Ed Taylor (Secretary), Angus Community Planning Partnership **ET**  
Cllr. Stewart McGlynn, Angus Council **SM**  
Stewart Baxter, Monifieth Mast Concern Group **SB**  
Janice Baxter, Monifieth Mast Concern Group **JB**  
Tracey Lannon, Community Education Service **TL**  
Maggie Sherrit, Monifieth Community Education Service **MS**  
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **FM**  
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society/ Hall Group **DR**  
Margaret Copeland, Monifieth Local History Society/ Hall Group **MC**  
Sheena Bell, Monifieth Community Liaison Officer, Tayside Police **SBI**  
Keith Hopkins, Angus Farmers Market **KH**  
Lesley Fraser, Muirwood Residents Association **LF**  
Linda Heggerty, Muirwood Residents Association **LH**  
Paul Heggerty, Muirwood Residents Association **PH**  
John McDonald, Muirwood Residents Association **JM**  
Margaret Hill, Muirwood Residents Association **MH**  
Cliff Healey (no affiliation stated) **CH**  
Sue Healey (no affiliation stated) **SH**  
Margaret Morgen, Comrie Action on TETRA **MM**  
Ingrid Robson, Comrie Action on TETRA **IR**  
John Morgan, Comrie Action on TETRA **JM**  
Catherine Gamba, Drumcarow Mast Resident **CG**  
Bradley Mortimer, affiliation unclear **BM**  
Spencer Borhard, affiliation unclear **SBo**  
Brian Smith, Courier **BS**  
Jim Spence, Muirwood Residents Association **JS**  
P Davidson, Muirwood Residents Association **PD**  
Pat Kinnear, Muirwood Residents Association **PK**

**1. Apologies** John Zimny (Vice-chair), Lead Officer, Angus Council  
Cllr. Rob Murray, Angus Council  
John Whyte, Action Rail Monifieth  
Jim Culloch, Monifieth Rotary & Monifieth 41 Club  
Stewart Anton, Monikie and Newbigging Community Council  
Merlyn Dunn, Angus Ahead  
Catherine Gibson  
Margo Geddes

**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. Angus Farmers Market**

Keith Hopkins, Chair of the Angus Farmers Market (AFM) addressed the Partnership following an approach made on the likelihood of the AFM coming to Monifieth. KH stated that the news was not good in relation to this request. A range of points were made including the following:-

- AFM started 5 years ago in Forfar and visits the Myre on a monthly basis.
- Many stallholders are already committed to markets elsewhere including Stirling and Perth, for example.
- The Montrose Partnership approached the AFM 2 years ago and will be tried as a possible venue in the near future.
- The problem in getting the AFM to Monifieth is that more stallholders are needed, be it local farmers wishing to diversify and remain local with the sale of their produce. Were more stallholders to emerge, this would increase the likelihood of Monifieth having a market.
- The Arbroath and Area Partnership has also approached the AFM and again the AFM is unable to set up in Arbroath due to the aforementioned reason.
- IM asked if it was possible to arrange one-off markets for special events. KH explained that again, it was difficult to access the produce for these and they are not always successful.
- KH shared details of the forthcoming Forfar Food Fest, at which the market will be present at on 31 July.
- The benefits of the AFM in Forfar has included a 20% increase in takings at the butchers and Tesco's takings have gone up £10,000 on the day of the AFM.
- KH stressed the need for more local producers to get involved in the AFM.
- MC asked what charge was made to stallholders. KH outlined two charges:
  - the cost of the site is £25 per stall
  - the cost of renting a stall (many stallholders own their own) is:
    - low user (vegetables) £30
    - high user (meat) £40
- KH stated planning consent is needed to establish a new market site

IM thanked KH for coming and speaking to the Partnership.

### **5. Monifieth Marketing Group Report**

ET reported that the Monifieth leaflet was progressing well. As stated at the last meeting, Angus Gateway Centre at Dobbies has sponsored the leaflet (£500) and the advertising spaces have now been filled. A final draft is expected by the end of this week. Merlyn Dunn (Angus Ahead) has commissioned photographs to be taken of the

Monifieth area for use in the leaflet. The leaflet will be targeted at both internal and external markets.

## **6. Monifieth Centre Steering Group Report**

TL reported that the MCSG is currently preparing a report on the findings of the consultation exercise. A street survey was carried out of over 350 people. This survey forms part of the feasibility study into taking the project forward. The group will meeting again on Monday evening at IM's house.

## **7. Monifieth Town Centre Group Report**

Nothing to report from the group as no meetings have been held.

IM stated numerous rumors were doing the rounds regarding the town centre and was disappointed to inform the Partnership that the ironmongers had closed. Bruce Linton was said to have bought the shop and it was suggested that the same developer may have bought some of the vacant leases in the central area. SM stated it was very up in the air and the position was still unclear but reiterated that the Planning Department have plans to make improvements as soon as all the key players are in a position to do so and this would require a partnership approach.

SB informed the Partnership that ownership and cost of property can be viewed on myhouseprice.com for a cost of £1 per enquiry (minimum 2 enquiries).

## **8. Monifieth Xmas Event update**

IM stated that a letter had been written to Monifieth Community Council regarding the Partnerships suggestions for an Xmas Lights Event and offering assistance in taking the project forward. To date no response has been received. MC stated that the letter had been discussed at the Community Council. It was stated that the Community Council has written letters asking groups to be involved and was yet to receive any response at the time of the last meeting. SM suggested both groups should work together in taking this forward and as no representative from the Community Council was present to discuss this item, it was suggested that IM & ET attended the next meeting of Monifieth Community Council (14 July). MC felt it would be useful to work with the Partnership as the Rotary, for example, are represented on the partnership and may get involved.

It was suggested that the Partnership needs to make it clear that we hope to work with the Community Council and that the letter was intended to be genuinely helpful.

**IM/ET to attend next meeting of Monifieth Community Council on 14 July in Monifieth Library**

## **9. Monifieth Mast Concern Group update**

IM reported that following an approach made by the Monifieth Mast Concern Group (MMCG) to the MAP regarding a proposed third generation phone mast being developed on the Hill Street Telephone Exchange, a letter had been written to Angus Council Planning and Transport Department. The letter asked for an officer to attend the next meeting to discuss how a planning application for a TETRA mast could be opposed. (At the time of writing, the partnership was unaware the proposed mast was 'third generation' rather than 'TETRA').

IM reported the response from Angus Council stated that regrettably an officer would be unable to attend the meeting because planning decisions are based on Structure and Local Plans, and it would be inappropriate for an officer to discuss what can be done to oppose a TETRA mast development. However, the response included some very useful information on the appeal decision in Carnoustie and other Committee Reports from Angus Council on the subject.

IM stated he regretted the letter had asked what could be done to 'oppose' an application and appreciated that this would put officers of the Council in a difficult position. The response from Director of Planning and Transport, Mr. Anderson pointed to the Structure and Local Plans and SB suggested that the application would be contrary to the Local Plan.

Councillor McGlynn stated that if a discussion were to be held on the matter he would have to be excused due to the Councillors Code of Conduct and his role as Development Control Convener. Cllr. McGlynn subsequently left the meeting.

A number of points were then discussed in relation to the mast proposal:-

- SB had requested that representatives of Crown Castle (mast developers) attend the meeting. They declined the invitation and suggested they would prefer a one to one format to discuss concerns on a personal basis as public meetings can be emotive.
- The planning application has not yet been lodged according to SB.
- It was suggested that Cllr. Murray be approached with the groups concerns as it is his ward and he is not a member of the Development Control Committee. SB to approach Cllr. Murray.
- It was suggested individual letters of objection be made rather than a collective letter. Those making representations would be allowed 5 minutes at committee to ask about the application. A personal approach was said to be better than a formal legal approach. SB stated that the objection would need to be competent on planning grounds and professionals may be consulted to assist.
- Jim Anderson, Director of Education was said to have opposed the Carnoustie mast on behalf of the local school and this could be pursued in the Monifieth case due to the close proximity of Seaview Primary.
- Those in attendance were in agreement that anything that can be done to stop this development should be pursued.

IM suggested that the Mast Concern Group meeting would be the most appropriate place to continue discussions, but the Partnership is supportive of the group and will continue to assist where possible.

**10. A.O.B.**

**£1,000 contribution to engage the wider community** ET stated that the Angus Community Planning Partnership has awarded each local area partnership (including Monifieth Area Partnership) a one-off contribution of £1,000 to engage the wider community. There is guidance currently being produced on how this can be spent but it must include an element of engaging the community. The Carnoustie Partnership, for example, hopes to spend part of their £1,000 on a Welcome Pack to attempt to introduce new residents into the town.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Summer break until **Tuesday 14 September 2004 at 7.30pm**, Seaview Primary School, Monifieth.

**Actions arising as a result of the meeting:-**

- IM/ET to attend meeting of Monifieth Community Council to discuss Xmas Lights Event.