

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF MEETING**

Thursday 21 April 2005, 7pm, Burgh Chambers, Monifieth

Present Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifeith Steering Group **IM**
John Zimny (Vice-chair) Lead Officer, Angus Council **JZ**
John Whellams (Treasurer) Ashlea Manor Guest House **JW**
Margaret Copland, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **MC**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**
Bob Ness, CLD, Monifieth **BN**
Sheila C Maxwell, 12 Golf Avenue **SM**
Lynne Stewart, The Courier **LS**
Tracy Lannon, CLD Monifieth **TL**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Stewart McGlyn, Fiona McMillan and Fiona Duffy.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minute of the previous meeting was accepted as accurate with the exception of paragraph 3H, which should read 20 April rather than 10 April.

3. Matters Arising

Monifieth Town Centre Update

It was reported a meeting has still to be arranged involving councillors, town planners and the community council to look at the development of the town centre.

JZ has met with Mr A Anderson, Director of Planning, highlighting the main priorities for any future development ie. shops, library, community hall etc. JZ also informed the group about a lottery project bid that is being taken forward to develop Monifieth High School sports facilities for community use. Feedback will be given at future meetings as plans develop.

JZ acknowledged the work already undertaken by the Monifieth Centre Steering Group and how this can feed into any future development of the town centre with the possibility of a community hall being included in any development.

After discussion, it was agreed any future developments/plans should be brought to a public meeting to seek residents' views.

MC expressed her concerns regarding the lack of facilities in Monifieth given the size of the population. This was in comparison to other areas in Angus that have a good range of community resources/facilities.

JZ explained many of these facilities were provided in the County and District days and that Angus Council are working towards improving facilities in Monifieth now. JZ also highlighted the Integrated Community Schools Initiative which places schools at the heart of their community, with lifelong learning, pupil support, access to facilities etc.

DR highlighted that sports facilities at Monifieth High School are only available out with school hours.

JZ stated this would remain the case in line with Carnoustie and Brechin High Schools.

Public Toilets

JZ informed those present that the Council have been reviewing usage of toilet facilities across Angus. As part of a budget saving exercise, access will be restricted.

The toilets at the Blue Seaway will be closed between October and March. Off peak opening will be 11.30am – 5.30pm and weekends 12 noon – 5pm. There will be slight variations at peak times also which are 11.00am to 6.00pm weekdays and 12.00 to 6.00pm weekends.

Monifieth Twinning Event

IM provided an update on the very successful evening held in Monifieth High School. He also suggested the school needs to be congratulated and thanked for the effort of staff and pupils in providing entertainment, acting as host and serving the meal etc. Wonderful!

It was agreed the Partnership would meet the accommodation costs for Robert Flemming.

Victory Celebration Event

JZ explained that Brian and Margaret Smith are doing an excellent job in progressing the event. A grant has been applied for and sub committees set up to push plans forward.

Christmas Lights Celebration

MT reported that the first meeting took place on 20 April and it has already been confirmed that both primary schools are happy to take part. A platform is to be

made available from both schools and hiring a canopy was considered in case of foul weather. Further updates will follow.

JZ reported floodlighting is in hand and he has details on sound systems.

4 Treasurer's Report

JW reported a balance of £1,408.94. Twinning event overall costs are estimated at up to £800.

£500 was received from an Angus Council grant to the Twinning Association and £100 direct from Community Council.

It was agreed the remaining balance of up to £200 will be met from the Partnership.

5 Bob Ness, Senior Community Learning & Development Worker

Bob introduced himself and gave a brief background to the reorganisation of the CL&D Service (formerly Community Education Service). He further explained he is seconded and will cover Monifieth, Carnoustie and Sidlaw areas.

His role is to support staff and more directly in Monifieth to manage and develop the 4 Real Youth Centre. This will look at upgrading the facility for young people as well as the reintroduction of detached youth work and linking in with the new Integrated Community Schools worker, Erik Robertson. Erik's role is to develop partnerships with schools and other agencies/organisations, carrying forward the ICS model.

Bob Ness can be contacted at the Community Learning & Development Office, Grange Primary School on 01382 534795.

It was agreed to invite Erik to attend the next Partnership meeting to give an input on Integrated Community Schools.

6 Any Other Business

Caravan Site

Following general discussion regarding environmental issues at the site eg. burning fires, it was agreed a letter should be sent from the Partnership to Director of Planning to support the Community Council's stance on these Matters.

Staging & Canopy

After discussion, it was agreed the Partnership would submit a bid to the lottery fund for staging and a canopy. This would allow the staging be to held as a

community resource so that all sections of the community would be able to access.

Monifieth Matters

JW reported that Sheila Doig has completed the funding application which has now been submitted through the Partnership. Awaiting feed-back.

Meeting Costs

JW informed those present that the cost for Partnership meetings being held in the Burgh Chambers is being picked up by Community Planning. Thanks to JZ for arranging.

Underage Drinking

MT reported that WPC Sheena Bell highlighted at a recent Community Council meeting, the advantage of a by-law to ban underage drinking in the centre of Monifieth and the Blue Seaway.

It was explained the Community Council cannot pass by-laws. It would be the Police and Law & Admin who would introduce any by-laws, however, the Community Council can request this. It was acknowledged that this is a common issue across Angus and there is a designated police officer currently liaising with the council looking into this issue. Feedback will be given at a later meeting.

Press

JZ thanked the press for attending and explained that the Monifieth Area Partnership is made up of groups and individuals working together to improve the quality of life in Monifieth.

For further information or assistance, please contact Fiona Duffy (secretary to the Partnership) on 01307 473782 – e-mail duffyfr@angus.gov.uk

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 19 May 2005 at 7pm in the Burgh Chambers.