

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 15 September 2005, 7.00 p.m.,
Monifieth Library and Burgh Chambers**

Present Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifieth Steering Group **IM**
John Zimny (Vice Chair) Director Leisure Services, Angus Council **JZ**
Fiona Duffy (Secretary) Community Planning Officer, Angus Community
Planning Partnership **FD**
Nan Shepherd, Resident **NS**
Ian Shepherd, Resident **IS**
B Marshall, Resident **BM**
John Whyte, Monifieth Further Education Association **JW**
Marjorie Stuart, Monifieth Hillwalking and Rambling Club **MS**
Tracy Lannon, Community Learning & Development, Angus Council **TL**
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**
Dorothy Marshall, Monifieth Hillwalking and Rambling Club **DM**
Sheila Chalmers, Monifieth Hillwalking and Rambling Club **SC**
Ewen Jenkin, Alex S Troup **EJ**
Lynne Stewart, The Courier **LS**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from Margaret Copland, John Whellams, Diana Robertson, Cllr McGlynn, Inspector Coates, Erik Robertson and Fiona McMillan.

2. Presentation on Joint Health Improvement Plan for Angus – Alan Cowan, Public Health Capacity Building Officer

A presentation, including hand-outs of the slides prepared, was given to the group by AC. It included information relating to the plan, how it had been prepared and who was and still is involved in its delivery.

A discussion followed and AC explained that local groups can feed their priorities and needs to the Health Improvement Team via local partnerships, community councils or council departments e.g. tenants associations linked to the Housing Department. He added that where a community can prepare a survey of needs, with the help of the Community Learning and Development Service if appropriate, the results could help to make a case for additional provision and support.

AC went on to explain that on talking about health improvement, it is important to remember that this means mental health and well being, as well as physical health.

JZ made the point that health improvement is something that should concern everyone in the area, whether young or old. The development of the High School, through the Integrated Community Schools programme, to open it up for greater community use with better facilities, is something he sees as integral to promoting a more active way of life in the area.

JZ suggested that it would make sense to begin by identifying what's currently happening in Monifieth and area, and what the issues are. That way, a further discussion as a Partnership could provide relevant actions and meaningful input to the next Joint Health Improvement Plan in 2006. He added that health issues have a direct link with community safety issues and a focus on the lessons learned with projects like LMART (young people and agencies working together to build self respect and confidence) would be advantageous.

Other ideas arising from the discussion included – talking to the young people in the area, identifying projects to work on straight away, getting local businesses involved with promoting healthy food options etc...

JZ agreed to discuss with colleagues to gain a picture of current activities. **JZ**

IM thanked AC for his presentation.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minute of the previous meeting held on 18 August 2005 was accepted as accurate.

4. Matters Arising

a Partnership priorities

JW asked for clarification of the current status in terms of rail links to Monifieth. He suggested that it would be important to gain a clear picture of the likelihood of increased numbers of trains stopping in the Burgh when addressing the priority, rural transport.

JZ advised that a discussion was held with Colin Robertson, Angus Council Head of Planning and Transport Policy, some time ago. JZ to follow up with help from FD. **JZ/
FD**

b Town Centre Redevelopment

IM advised that although reports had appeared in the press relating to potential developments in the town centre, no contact had been made with the Partnership or Community Council.

He added that it was important that both groups were consulted and public meetings should be held in order to ascertain what the community wants for the area. These meetings might address questions relating to the possibility of generating additional space for a hall, police station, village square etc...

IM went on to note that the sub-group set up to look at possibilities for a village hall is ready and willing to become involved with discussions in relation to the town centre and ideas would be welcomed.

JZ reiterated the point that the Council would, as soon as was possible, speak with the community via recognised groups and mechanisms but he added that this would only happen when the Director of Planning has something concrete to discuss. He added that at this stage, no formal

applications for redevelopment have been received.

In addition, JZ reminded the Partnership that not all the reports in the press had been wholly accurate.

JW suggested that the sub-group be activated and initiate discussions with Director of Planning. IM agreed that this would be worthwhile and it was agreed that the sub-group should write to Angus Council Planning Department to indicate interest.

EJ added that genuine bids for redevelopment might well take into account the needs of the community. IM asked EJ whether he would be happy to represent the business community on the sub-group and EJ agreed.

It was decided that a meeting of the sub-group should be organised to discuss plans and a letter to Angus Council.

IM
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c VE/VJ Day Update

JZ reported that a wind-up meeting for the event was held on 13 September and that although the event had run smoothly, there was disappointment in terms of the relatively low turnout. He added that a small profit had been made.

d Mailing List Update

FD advised that the mailing list replies had been coming in and the response had been positive on the whole. She noted that in addition to the 22 groups or organisations already represented on the Partnership (not all of whom can attend the meetings), a further 30 positive responses had been received. Of those, 9 were from the business community and more were expected.

FD explained that the mailing list had been refined as per the responses and two lists – one for email recipients and one for postal recipients – had now been generated and future mailing would now reach a much wider spread of Monifieth and surrounding areas.

e Partnership priorities

FD confirmed that the detail of the agreed priorities had been passed to Vivien Smith as requested. This information will be fed into the Angus Community Planning Partnership in due course.

5. Treasurer's report

There was no treasurer's report at this meeting.

6. A.O.C.B.

a Toilets at the beach play park

After some discussion it was agreed that the Partnership would write to JZ, Director Leisure Services regarding the opening hours of the toilets for further budget considerations.

FD

b Monifieth Further Education Association (MFEA)

JW highlighted the fact that the MFEA is in its 25th year and has run a number of commemorative events. He asked that the Partnership consider some of the activities on offer, which clearly link with the health promotion agenda. In addition, JW reminded the group that the MFEA does need support and help in promoting what it can offer.

JW agreed to send information to FD for circulation.

JW

c Monifieth Community Council (MCC) Website

IM announced that the MCC had completed its website with the help of a professional and two students, who helped with photography in the area. He asked the Partnership whether, in thanking the students for their hard work, it could contribute a small sum of money as a donation (e.g. £100). He explained that MCC had spent all its money for the current year and could not fund such a gesture.

JZ responded by saying that it was not, in his opinion, the remit of the Partnership to fund activities undertaken by other community groups and that it could set an incorrect precedent. He added that had the Partnership been involved in the site from the beginning and perhaps purchased space to promote its remit and priorities, monies might have been available.

FD mentioned that it might be useful for MCC to consider linking in with the new portal for Angus – www.angusahead.com -, which offers an opportunity for wide promotion of the site at no charge and a potential for additional visitors to the site from out with the area.

d Community Planning Officer

JZ informed the Partnership that the secretary and Community Planning Officer for Monifieth, Fiona Duffy, had been successful in her application to a new post. He explained that FD would be moving to the post of Rural Partnership Development Officer for Angus and that a new Community Planning Officer would be starting work with the team shortly.

JZ thanked FD for her work with the Partnership and wished her well. He added that FD would ensure a smooth handover with her replacement and introductions would be made in due course. In the interim and until the Partnership has the opportunity to meet the new Community Planning Officer, JZ confirmed that all secretarial duties would continue to be undertaken.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 October 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in Monifieth Library (Burgh Chambers).

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.