

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 16 June 2005, 7.00 p.m., Burgh Chambers, Monifieth

Present Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifieth Steering Group **IM**
John Whellams (Treasurer) Ashlea Manor Guest House **JW**
Fiona Duffy (Secretary) Community Planning Officer, Angus
Community Planning Partnership **FD**
Margaret Copland, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **MC**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council **SA**
Brian Smith, Royal British Legion Scotland **BS**
James R. Christie, Voluntary Pension and Welfare Officer **JC**
John Mowatt, Tayside Fire and Rescue **JM**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from John Zimny, Fiona McMillan, Tracy Lannon and Bob Ness.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minute of the previous meeting held on 19 May 2005 was accepted as accurate – with one amendment – balance of bank account was £679.78 and not £680.78.

3. Matters Arising

a Monifieth Town Centre Update

IM advised that he was still waiting to hear about a suitable date for a meeting to discuss the issues.

b VE/VJ Day Event

BS offered his apologies for missing the last Partnership meeting and provided an update on planning for the event as follows:

- A parade, starting at 11.30am at Tesco, would move through the town, with the formal opening scheduled for 12 noon
- The Beating of the Retreat will take place at 5pm
- 30 stalls are confirmed so far
- no police dog handlers are available due to G8 commitments
- the availability of bands is not high due to other events planned but there are a couple of brass bands confirmed
- there will be dancers performing in the afternoon in the town centre
- the evening dance will now be on the 2nd September in the Panmure Hotel, with a capacity of 130 and 60 public tickets available at £10 pp
- help is being provided by the Scouts, Girl Guides, Round Table and others but additional support would be welcomed in the morning
- a service will be held at 2.30pm
- a grant of £1000 has been obtained from the Lottery but a decision is

still required from Angus Council relating to an additional £1000. Negotiations are ongoing following an offer to underwrite the amount should a loss be made, where the committee would prefer the sum up-front. There is also an issue in relation to conditions should the event make a profit. Further update will follow.

c Christmas lights celebration

No update since the last meeting but everything is in hand.

d Murroes and Mattocks Youth Group

FD advised that correspondence had been received from Brenda Hally confirming that the group had made arrangements to cover the let for the school independently and that no further assistance from the Partnership was required.

A discussion followed relating to additional comments made regarding the role of the Partnership and the agreement reached at the last meeting.

The Partnership was pleased to hear of the success of the Murroes and Mattocks Youth Group, but disappointed that their offer of help was misunderstood and rejected. IM asked that FD write to Brenda Hally to convey that message.

FD

4 Treasurer's report

No change from last month.

5 Angus Ahead Portal

FD advised the group that Catherine Christie, Marketing Officer, Angus Council has offered to attend the next meeting to present information relating to the new web portal for Angus www.angusahead.com

It was agreed that FD should confirm this arrangement with Catherine.

FD

6 John Mowatt, Community Fire Safety Officer

JM introduced himself and explained his role as Community Fire Safety Officer and that he is based part-time at No 1 for Youth in Forfar, although covers the whole of Angus.

He offered assistance in relation to fire safety to any interested groups and indicated that although he would be unable to attend every Partnership meeting, he would be happy to support as and when required.

7 A.O.C.B.

a Wellbank Hall Association

FD confirmed that the next Partnership meeting on 18 August would be held at the Wellbank Community Hall and that members of the Wellbank Amenities Association would attend to present their progress so far and future plans.

b Partnership distribution and mailing List

FD

FD advised that the list was now complete and it was agreed that the next set of papers (for the August meeting) be issued to all groups and businesses on the list. This mailing will also include the list of meeting dates, a confirmation slip and a letter about the work of the Partnership.

c Investment in Monifieth and Area

IM referred to recent press cuttings and Angus Council's 2005/06 Budget Guide in discussing the lack of investment in the Monifieth area in comparison to Carnoustie, Arbroath and Montrose.

He expressed his view that Monifieth had not received its fair share and that little had been spent in recent years. He added that as some of the 2007 Open Championship qualifiers would be played in Monifieth, a proportion of the planned investment should be made in the town.

IM added that after 2 years of effort, the Hall Steering Group had nowhere to go but were replying to Angus Council in relation to their refusal to consider the car park site in South Union Street as an option.

FD explained that on covering Carnoustie as Community Planning Officer, as well as Monifieth and Forfar, she was aware of planned activities in the run up to The Open 2007, and that the figures and arrangements quoted in the press were not totally accurate. She added that there were a mixture of funds being sought for enhancement works in Carnoustie and plans were not dissimilar to those undertaken in the development of the Blue Seaway in Monifieth, which has proved to be a huge success.

JM added that as a Carnoustie resident, he was pleased to see planned investment but regularly travelled to Monifieth to use the facilities at the sea front with his children. He explained that he was impressed by what had been achieved and that the new cycle route along the coast now allows him to cycle or walk with his family straight to the Blue Seaway.

FD added that she had visited the Blue Seaway with her daughter in the week previous to the meeting and was greatly encouraged by how many families were utilising the facilities.

JW suggested that a positive approach should be taken and that the Partnership raises the issue at the September meeting when John Zimny would be present.

d Monifieth Local History Society

MC reported that the MLHS had been investigating the option of applying to a Big Lottery funded competition in association with Grampian TV, in order to attract funds to replicate the pictish stones – as discussed at previous Partnership meetings. This would involve potential filming in the area in relation to the application.

Application forms have been received and it is the intention of the Society to apply for enough to fund the stones and heritage information boards for the area. However, in order to apply, a reference and/or letter of support from the Partnership would be required.

The Partnership collectively agreed to offer support and MC agreed to supply the information required in due course.

MC

e Funding opportunities

FD

JC raised the issue of monies available via existing funds in the area and the possibility of investigating opportunities. The Isobel Boyak Fund was sited as an example and JC reported that £6000 remains.

MC added that she had phoned Tom Mulroy, who had indicated that there was little left and that much of the Fund was spent on building The Isobel Boyak Centre.

There followed a discussion about funds that existed historically and JW suggested drawing up a list after investigating what was currently available.

FD added that there was support available via the External Funding department in Angus Council, regular funding newsletters and a new funding website www.angus4community.com and offered to support where appropriate.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 18 August 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in Wellbank Community Hall.

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.