

**MONIFIETH AREA PARTNERSHIP
NOTE OF GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 19 May 2005, 7.00 p.m., Burgh Chambers, Monifieth

Present Ian Mortimer (Chair) Monifieth Steering Group **IM**
John Zimny (Vice-chair) Lead Officer, Angus Council **JZ**
John Whellams (Treasurer) Ashlea Manor Guest House **JW**
Fiona Duffy (Secretary) Community Planning Officer, Angus
Community Planning Partnership **FD**
Maureen Turner, Monifieth Community Council **MT**
Margaret Copland, Monifieth Centre Steering Group **MC**
Diana Robertson, Monifieth Local History Society **DR**
Stewart Anton, Monikie & Newbigging Community Council **SA**
Erik Robertson, Community Learning and Development **ER**
Tracy Lannon, Community Learning and Development **TL**
James R. Christie, Voluntary Pension and Welfare Officer **JC**
Nan Shepherd, 70 Grange Road, Monifieth, DD5 4LS **NS**
Tom Shepherd – as above **TS**
Sylvia McGlynn, 75 Brook Street, Monifieth, DD5 4AJ **SMcG**
Sheila Marshall, 12 Golf Avenue, Monifieth, DD5 4AS **SM**
Brenda Hally, Murroes and Mattocks Youth Group **BH**
Fiona McMillan, Monifieth Hall Steering Group **FM**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairman Ian Mortimer welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies of absence were received from John Mowatt, Charles Goodall and Cllr Murray.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minute of the previous meeting held on 21 April 2005 was accepted as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

a It was suggested that it would be useful for local councillors to attend the Partnership meetings where possible, particularly when holding discussions regarding local issues such as anti-social behaviour.

b Monifieth Town Centre Update

Various discussions with Angus Council are ongoing and it is hoped that a public consultation will commence in the near future.

JZ reported that information has been circulated in relation to available commercial premises for let in the centre. These premises

are being painted and tidied up in order to improve their appearance.

c Monifieth Hall Committee update

IM reported that the proposed site in South Union Street is being retained by Angus Council, as it may be required in the future for office accommodation.

No other site has been identified at this time.

d VE/VJ Day event

JZ provided an update from the last committee meeting as follows:

- Plans are proceeding well
- Grant applications have been made and a discussion has been held with Angus Council's External Funding Manager. An outcome is expected within a month or so.
- The Community Learning and Development Team has provided additional support and various local businesses are contributing to stalls and other items on the day
- Further support from the wider community is required
- The Community Council tree planting ceremony will take place on 23 August

e Christmas lights celebration

MT advised that plans for 2005 event would follow a similar format to those in 2004.

Planned performances/appearances include:

- Monifieth High School choir
- Santa will be arriving – but via a different mode of transport - to be determined at a later date!
- Dancers from the 4Real Centre
- Monifieth Brass Band
- Reverend Donald Fraser will make the address
- Provost has agreed to officially open the event

Stalls to include:

- Hot food stall
- Mulled wine and mince pies

Written requests to:

- Seaview Primary, Grange Primary and Monifieth High School
- South Church Hall – for use of small hall and kitchen

4 Treasurer's report

The estimated expenditure for the Twinning Event was £800 and JW reported that the actual amount came in at £729.16. In terms of grants and contributions, £600 has been received, resulting in a Monifieth Area Partnership contribution of £129.16.

The current bank balance stands at £680.78 and includes an interest payment of £3.

5 Murroes and Mattocks Youth Group

BH provided an enthusiastic and engaging account of the motivation for setting up the group and its recent launch. She talked about how the parents in the community had got together to tackle problems of lack of recreational/leisure provision for children in the area and the club was launched on 17 May 2005, with a great turnout. Please see additional note for more background information.

BH went on to explain that the group had received valuable help from TL and in the latter stages, FD on behalf of the Partnership in promotional activities including the funding of a poster.

A discussion was then held with regard to the £150 annual let fee required for the group to use the school hall and whether it was appropriate for this charge to be levied. As an interim measure, the Partnership committee offered to underwrite the amount in order to ensure that the club could continue functioning until such time as the issue was addressed and had reached a conclusion.

BH agreed to take this proposal to the group and respond in due course.

BH

6 Erik Robertson – Integrated Community Schools Worker

ER explained his role and remit as an Integrated Community Schools (ICS) worker. His post is funded by the ICS Initiative and from August, he will coordinate the work of school partnerships in Monifieth and Carnoustie. In the short term, ER discussed his involvement with the 4Real centre including a summer programme of activities and building relationships with young people in the town.

ER went on to explain that the ICS schools groups, made up of statutory bodies, parents and school representatives, would work on long term development issues relating to integration of schools and the community, and that some money had been made available in order to fund basic partnership activities.

ER agreed to come back to the Partnership to update on progress in due course.

7 A.O.C.B.

a Mrs Shepherd submitted a letter relating to pigeon lofts in the area. JZ FD to log and JZ to respond at next meeting.

b Revised meeting dates

FD explained that the date for the June and September meetings

had been moved forward to bring them in line with others – 3rd Thursday of the month. FD issued a revised meeting date list.

- c** Community Planning Conference
FD advised that the annual Community Planning Conference would be held on 9 June in Carnoustie and that the Partnership Chair had been invited to attend.
- d** Federation of Small Businesses
FD passed on an offer of support from Charles Goodall, Federation of Small Businesses, in relation to activities in which the business community might participate in the community. He advised that he would be happy to help when appropriate.
- e** Partnership distribution and mailing List FD
FD suggested that a review of distribution and mailing list for the Partnership be undertaken to include as many community groups and businesses in the area. The committee agreed and FD to progress.
- f** Volunteering Action Plan for review IM
FD submitted a draft plan for review and comment to the Chair. IM to address before the deadline in July.
- h** Wellbank Hall Association FD
FD fed back on a presentation given to the Wellbank Hall Association in which she explained the work and role of the Partnership. It was suggested that in order to include groups in the rural areas around Monifieth, meetings (once per quarter) could be held in suitable locations such as Wellbank.

JZ reiterated the importance of including the rural areas and groups in order to share information, experiences and learning. He stressed that there may be many opportunities to help and support between groups.

It was agreed that FD would investigate the possibility of holding the August meeting at the Wellbank Hall.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 June 2005 at 7.00 p.m. in Monifieth Library (upstairs).

IM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.