

Montrose Together/Montrose Moving Forward

Vision

Montrose Moving Forward created a vision as did the partnership agreement for Montrose Together

Influence services and respond to consultation

The partnership looked at use of the Town Hall and takes active part in consultations including the South Montrose draft development plan.

Collaborative Projects

Montrose Together:

- Adopt a station
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Christmas Extravaganza
- Christmas Lights
- East Links
- Tourist Leaflet

Montrose Moving Forward:

- Adopt a Station
- Town Centre Regeneration
- East Links
- Tourist Leaflet
- Cinema Provision
- Joint work supporting young people

Vision for Montrose

From the Montrose Together Partnership Agreement:

Purpose: The Partnership shall promote the area of Montrose, Ferryden and Hillside for the wellbeing of the local population and visitors.

Role: The Partnership's role in the Local Community Planning framework shall be to encourage representatives of public, business and voluntary sectors to work together in developing projects that no one sector can achieve on its own to enhance the quality of life for all.

Objective: The objective of the Partnership shall be for public, business and voluntary sectors to work in partnership to influence and improve the delivery of Public Services, develop sustainable economic growth, support and promote voluntary organisations and to retain and advance local heritage and culture for the wellbeing of the community.

Methodology: The Partnership shall assist in the development, promotion and identifying resources required to complete projects, initiated by individuals and organisations within the community. The Partnership's focus and activities shall be on a market-led approach to meeting the needs and aspirations of the local community and visitor. The Partnership's specific objectives therefore will include: -

Engaging the community and encouraging social inclusion throughout the community.

Developing and promoting sustainable economic growth and maximising the Montrose Area tourist potential.

Retaining and promoting Local Heritage, Culture and identifying Leisure Facilities for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

Promoting activities within Montrose Area, which will complement the existing assets of the area

Montrose Moving Forward:

In April 2010, individuals from over 50 organisations in Montrose and District representing the public, private and community sectors met at the Links Hotel to help express and identify people's wishes for the future development of Montrose. The event was organised by the Local Community Planning Team in liaison with the Montrose Together Partnership.

People felt the area is a good place to live and work. They cited its location and varied geography, good transport, good tourist attractions and facilities of local interest and excellent seafront/beach/links and park areas as positive attributes, as well as the rich history and natural heritage. They stated that protecting and promoting the heritage and history of the area, developing the tourism and private sector industry, improving the town centre and transport infrastructure are important areas to focus on for the future.

At the feedback session in May 2010 the groups put forward specific ideas for action including: developing the whole of the Links/parks and seafront area, increasing the use of the town hall, placement of traffic lights/roundabouts/ pelican/zebra crossings in certain locations, exploring the possibility of cinema proposals, showcasing a literacy event, carrying out a community event everyone can get involved in, carrying out a high street clean up, improving the promotion of the tourist industry in advance of the season, developing access to transport including at the train station, exploring tourist information proposals and access to amenities in the town and working with others to improve employment opportunities. Participants identified which developments might be deliverable by community organisations working together locally and which needed to be raised with public bodies, including Angus Council.

A further meeting was held in September 2010 to help develop an action plan and to identify partners. This was followed in March 2011 by a meeting to set top priorities and identify people to take the lead on pieces of work as represented in the following action plan.

Summary:

Both groups support practical, community led projects which aim to improve the Montrose area for residents and tourists.

	AREA OF WORK	CURRENT POSITION AND ACTION	PARTNERS	LEAD	TIMESCALE
1.	Promote joint working across different groups.	(Mark to contact Cllr David May for update). 1. Develop register of organisations in Montrose, and create a database of groups which could be posted on the web (underway) 2. Review progresses of initial Montrose Moving Forward Events and feedback every 4 months need to maintain MMF and Montrose Together as separate groups being considered. 3. Develop database/List of suitable meeting facilities in the town	Local Community Planning Team Montrose Together YM Montrose	Cllr David May/Local Community Planning Team	July 2011
2.	Investigate ways to support investment in youth.	1. Facilitate the coming together of local youth organisations to consider how to :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • let people know what is there • Input to the What's On guide. • Promote good practice such as café projects in other areas. 2. YM Montrose & CLD produced a programme/list of local organisations that young people can be involved in. This was published in summer 2011.	Local Community Planning Team Montrose Together YM Montrose Children's and Learning Partnership	Local Community Planning Team YM	
3.	Develop Tourism leaflet Similar to previous tourist leaflet, and create a 'what's on guide' for the area for distribution with local community groups and private sector. Promote Town History and Heritage	1. Peter Davies agreed to lead an editorial group and liaise with local groups such as Heritage Trust and Montrose Society, using the Destination Montrose leaflet as a basis, to produce a tourism/heritage/history leaflet, to be published in Spring 2012. 2. A collection of other promotional leaflets and brochures have been collated to assist with production and ensure no duplication. 3. The 'What's On Guide' was revisited. Local Community Planning Team wrote out to local groups again, for input. Press release also to be considered. 4. Use of the local Community Notice Boards to be investigated as one avenue of improving communication and promoting groups and activities. 5. Update from Montrose Society required.	Montrose Together Local Community Planning Team Montrose Heritage Trust Montrose Society Montrose Air Heritage Centre	Peter Davies – Montrose together. Local Community Planning Team	Spring 2012

4.	Develop the East links Area and investigate the viability of a local management trust to manage the whole Links area.	<p>There is a trust already in existing to manage the golf courses – Montrose Golf Links Ltd</p> <p>LCPT, CLD & YM to have discussion regarding joint work to consult with young people regarding wider use of the East Links area. This discussion to also involve Churches Together Youth Officer.</p> <p>Whole of links area to be considered as part of proposal, including bird watching and wildlife trust initiatives, walking and cycling access with access towards Aberdeen - This cycle path is now complete.</p> <p>Provision of Toilet Facilities to be considered in the wider re-development and this could possibly be an Asset Transfer/Management project.</p> <p>Consultation on initial and developing proposals and possible trust to be carried out with stakeholders – this meeting is due to be called for Sept/Oct 2011.</p> <p>A 2nd Environmental Study was carried out and indicated no environmental issues preventing a project, of low environmental impact being taken forward. Orchids are not an issue in the specific area being looked at for wheeled sports.</p>	<p>Local Community Planning Team</p> <p>Montrose Churches Together</p> <p>Montrose Together YM Montrose</p> <p>Angus Council</p> <p>Montrose Golf Links Ltd</p>	Montrose Together	March 2012
5.	Improve access to the railway station.	<p>Significant progress has taken place regarding upgrading the disabled access to Montrose Station. Works are planned to take place in November 2011.</p> <p>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Community Planning Team • Angus Access Panel • Network Rail • Montrose Together • YM Montrose • Montrose Community Council 	Montrose Together	Nov 2011
6.	Investigate ways to improve the usage of the town hall.	<p>On hold and will be revisited once the Sports Centre is complete.</p> <p>Discussion to take place with the town hall management to identify:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a breakdown of operational cost and level of usage. • Ways of bringing down the price to groups, including the option of local management. 	<p>Local Community Planning Team</p> <p>Angus Council</p> <p>Friends of William Lamb</p> <p>Montrose Bowling Club</p> <p>Tommy Stewart</p>	Local Community Planning Team	2013/14?

7.	Regeneration of the town centre including street furniture.	<p>The Town Centre Regeneration Group has made considerable progress. The restored mermaid lamps are to be installed in the next few months.</p> <p>A new location for the replacement Provost's Lamp is to be identified through local consultation.</p> <p>Wider consultation on the plans for the town centre is to take place once the maps have been confirmed. The consultation will address issues like the placing of the benches, bins and planters as well as the appropriate colour scheme. The group continues to meet regularly and feeds back at the Montrose Together (Partnership) meetings.</p> <p>The Montrose Society are the lead organisation regarding proposals for a wooden arch.</p>	<p>Montrose Society</p> <p>Montrose Heritage Trust</p> <p>YM Montrose</p> <p>Montrose Community Council</p> <p>Local Community Planning Team</p>	<p>Montrose Together</p> <p>Angus Council Town Centre Regeneration Group</p>	
8.	Investigate possibility of cinema provision for all ages in the burgh.	<p>The Film Society appears to no longer exist. However people have repeatedly stated that a venue for showing films is needed in Montrose. The YM have recently received funding for equipment which would allow them to show films to young people</p> <p>A list of possible venues where film screening could be developed should be produced including Showcase the street, previous Mitchell Centre, Links Hotel. Montrose town hall and the YM.</p>	<p>Montrose Film Society</p> <p>Showcase the Street</p> <p>Local Community Planning Team</p> <p>Montrose Together</p>	<p>Montrose Film Society?</p>	