

PARTNERS' MEETING - MARR AREA PARTNERSHIP – MINUTES
23rd Nov, Alford Academy

<u>Present</u>	Action & by whom
<p>Jean Henretty Acting Chair, Banchory and District Initiative Cllr Rosemary Bruce Aberdeenshire Council Les Allan Aberdeenshire Council George Wordie Strathbogie Community Council Nick Mardall Deeside Donside Development Project Nigel Healey Cromar Community Council Donald Boyd Huntly Development Trust Patricia Fraser Crathie Community</p>	
<p><u>In Attendance</u> Mike Powell Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Lizzy Shepherd Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Natasha Pawlukiewicz Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership</p>	
<p>1. Chair's Welcome</p>	
<p>2. Apologies Nicola Kenyon CLD, Aberdeenshire Council</p>	
<p>3. Election of Officer Bearers Cllr Bruce asked for nominations for Office Bearers. Nigel nominated Jean as Chair and Donald seconded her. There was no nomination for Vice-Chair. Donald nominated Nigel as Treasurer and he was seconded by Nick.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of Meeting of 18th August 2011: Approved with changes.</p>	
<p>5. Matters Arising from Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP Registered Office in Marr Area Office and notice up to that effect • Mike obtained satisfactory clarification on issues in relation to IGS grants discussed at Aug meeting. • Mike rationalised older unclaimed IGS grants Les met with Banchory Business Association. 	
<p>6. Company – Director vacancies, registered office, accounts: Donald Boyd was elected as a Director at the AGM and was co-opted on to the Board at this meeting (23rd Nov 2011)</p>	<p>Mike to notify Companies House</p>
<p>Ruth Sim (West Aberdeenshire Access Panel) and Cath Caseau (Alford Heritage Centre) may be interested in becoming Directors and will attend a future Board Meeting as observers. Directors representing Mid-Deeside, Donside and Strathdon would also be useful.</p>	<p>Mike and Nick to identify and approach possible Directors.</p>
<p>Youth Parliament members suggested as possible youth representatives.</p>	<p>Lizzy to contact Youth Parliament members</p>
<p>Donald suggested that it would be useful to have a pen portrait of each Director/Board Member, plus photo, on the web site.</p>	<p>Each board member to send info to Mike before next meeting.</p>
<p>Accounting period for Companies House has been changed to 14 months</p>	

<p>for first year so that next year will start on 1st April.</p> <p>7. Initiative Grant Scheme (IGS): Mike presented a summary of grants awarded and funds uncommitted. Grant Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballater Winter Festival: Grant of £205 agreed in October 2011. Agreed to increase grant to £400, with flexibility for more, if needed. • Towie Hall Decoration: Agreed <p>8. MAP Finance for 2011-2-12: Mike gave oral update on income and expenditure 2011 – 2012, noting that as expected, income from CNPA will in practice cover deficit for this year.</p> <p>SLA grants from Aberdeenshire Council are likely to be squeezed further next year (2012-2013) and MAP reserves may need to be used to cover shortfall. It may be necessary to look at alternative funding streams and income generation options for the future.</p> <p>9. Review of AGM and Community gathering: Mike reported that Dennis Robertson MSP article in Deeside Piper was very positive about work of MAP. It was suggested that an evening meeting could be explored and that young people could be more involved (eg Youth Parliament members, Banchory Youth Industries, Gordon Schools Health Project).</p> <p>10. Social Accounting and Audit Proposal: Natasha presented her proposal for the Social Audit. It was agreed that the Board should consider a detailed scope and costed proposal at the next meeting. Necessary to have a common understanding of current purpose of MAP as a starting point for the Social Audit and agreed that this should be discussed/agreed at next Board meeting.</p> <p>11. Partners' Updates on Community Issues:</p> <p>Nick Mardall, Deeside Donside Development Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Planning approach proposed for Braemar, to develop umbrella for co-ordinating existing activities and ensuring common goals and reduce competition for funding. Delayed due to panto season. • Meeting held in Donside for local businesses, tourism groups, communities and agencies to identify barriers. Identified lack of central hub, focus and structure and Nick to approach Lonach Hall Community Association to explore possibilities. <p>Les Allan, Marr Area Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marr Area Committee agreed additional funds for Ballater Halls Project therefore IGS grant not required • Les working on response to CNPA Plan and meeting with CNPA to 	<p>Mike and Nigel to consult on finances</p> <p>Jean, Donald and Nigel to meet in new Year to investigate sustainable funding options for MAP</p> <p>Lizzy to ask for feedback on evening meeting suggestion at Feb forums</p> <p>Natasha and Donald to produce scope and costed proposal</p> <p>Mike and Jean to prepare agenda for next meeting to include review</p> <p>Nick to email Les and Cllr Bruce minutes of meeting</p>
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discuss.

Donald Boyd, Huntly Development Trust

- Proposal to add name to war memorial in Huntly
- Discussions ongoing about community use of Brander Building
- Heritage Society to be developed in Huntly, appeal for interested parties
- HDT funding will end in March 2012, projects need to be completed by this time and additional funds being sought.

George Wordie, Strathbogie Community Council: Nothing to report

Patricia Fraser, Crathie Community

- Braemar Castle had successful year and looking to extend opening times in future, have events every month and additional guides
- Jubilee events in Crathie to be planned
- Problems experienced with opening of car park toilets in Crathie in winter. Balmoral Estate manage facilities and need to be consulted.
- School roll down to eight.

Nigel Healey, Cromar Community Council

- Renovation work on MacRobert Hall Tarland started on 10th October and completion by May/June 2012
- Cycle track from Tarland to Aboyne completed and official opening in spring
- Tarland composting scheme has received Green Butterfly Award
- Grocery store closed and to be replaced with hairdressers.

Nigel to confirm whether hall will be available for election on May 3rd

Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Aberdeenshire Council

- Torphins exploring how to reinvigorate CAP task groups
- Lumphanan CC has asked for training to respond to wind farm planning applications as well as general planning applications. Les has forwarded this info to then planning dept.

Jean Henretty, Banchory Community Council

- BDI experiencing shortage of directors and various organisations in Banchory may need to discuss roles in response to this
- Planning for King George V Banchory Hub project being progressed.

12. Development Officers Report: Noted.

13. AOCB: MAP contributed £148.40 to the memorial bench for John Lewis in Haughton Park organised by Donside Community Council in accordance with agreement of directors

Date of future meetings: Next meeting is Weds 25th January at 7pm, Alford Academy. Frequency of meetings to be discussed at next meeting.

Mike to add meeting frequency to next agenda