

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 2016

PRIDE IN PLACE MEMBER OFFICER GROUP - UPDATE

CURRENT POSITION

The Pride in Place member officer group has continued to meet regularly since August 2013 to progress work under a number of themes previously identified. Awareness rising around pride and place work is ongoing, both in communities and within our own Council departments and information continues to be gathered to form a picture of the positive work being carried out in our communities, by our communities.

Clean Up Angus

Since the previous report the audit of litter bins has taken place in all of the towns of Angus. The next step will be to carry out a similar audit in the rural areas.

More community groups are organising clean ups and these are taking place in most areas of Angus.

The waste awareness officers have carried out 48 visits to schools and 68 talks around Angus delivering presentations around recycling and litter prevention as well as encouraging schools to sign up to the Clean Up Angus Pledge.

To date 12 Primary Schools and 10 groups have signed up to the pledge.

As part of the roll out of the Schools Litter Project that took place in Forfar earlier in the year, funded by Zero Waste Scotland, Arbroath High School was chosen as the next school to take part. A project advisory group has been set up and had its first meeting at the end of October. Work is taking place to develop a litter charter and make links with nearby Angus College. It is envisaged this project will run for a 12 month period.

Beautiful Angus

The re-launched Beautiful Angus Garden competition saw entrants from licenced premises and schools this year as well as council house tenants. The awards ceremony was held on Friday 21st August, 2015 in Montrose Town Hall. The Beautiful Angus sub-group has been working on recruiting community judges to assist with judging in the 2016 competition. Promotion to schools will begin in January. This year's awards will take place in September in the Reid Hall, Forfar.

This year will see the introduction of the Pride in Place MOG award to recognise formally the good work taking place in the community. The sub-group are carrying out a review of existing trophies and will make a decision on the future of the prizes at a future MOG meeting.

The annual Beautiful Angus Market Place event will take place on 30th March 2016 in the Reid Hall. This event will be open to the public and will give local groups the opportunity to showcase their work, network with likeminded groups and also make connections with other relevant Council depts. The garden competition will be launched at this event.

Engaging Young People

The Engaging Young People sub-group of the MOG developed a Pride in Place Recognition award scheme for young people which has been piloted with 4 groups – Ladyloan Primary School, Forfar Academy, Forfar Guides and Arbroath Academy. The award will be launched mid-January and will be rolled out to other schools and groups.

Community Resilience

The first meeting of the Community Resilience sub-group took place on 2nd December. Partners such as Police, Ambulance Service, Red Cross, VAA and St Andrews ambulance sat around the table with reps from Council departments. It was clear from the meeting that communities of Angus are already demonstrating resilience and there is a firm foundation from which to build on. It was agreed that a mapping exercise takes place to identify what is already taking place and what the drivers are, throughout Angus, to form a basis to move forward with this agenda. It was agreed that this sub-group would meet on a bi-monthly basis.

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