

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 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 around promoting pride in place in our communities. Awareness rising around pride and place work is ongoing, both in communities and within our own Council departments and partners and information continues to be gathered to form a picture of the positive work being carried out in our communities, by our communities.

The MOG has had a number of visitors since the last report:-

- A representative from the Marine Conservation Society attended the April meeting to give an overview of the work they are involved with in Angus including Beach Watch, Have you got the bottle?, Great British Beach Clean and Sea Champions and hopes to make positive links with the Schools.
- Lord Lieutenant of Angus, Georgiana Osborne, also attended the April meeting to launch the Litter Song which she worked on with Letham Primary School. The song has now been circulated to all schools in Angus for them to learn and use in their work around pride in place.
- Representatives from Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) attended the June meeting and gave a presentation about their Street Charter which they encourage Local Authorities to sign up to. A short-life working group has been formed to consider how Angus Council can contribute to this.
- A representative from Police Scotland also attended the June meeting to talk about the Police Scotland Youth Volunteer's scheme which has been initially piloted in the Arbroath area and are keen to be involved in work with communities to instil pride in place and connect into existing groups.

Clean Up Angus

Since the previous report of January 2016 the audit of litter bins around Angus has been completed resulting in the relocation and addition of a number of bins.

The number of community groups organising clean ups has increased and these are taking place across Angus.

The waste awareness officers have now carried out 57 visits to schools delivering presentations around recycling and litter prevention as well as encouraging schools to sign up to the Clean Up Angus Pledge.

There are now 19 Primary Schools, 3 Secondary Schools and 16 community groups that have signed up to the Clean Up Angus pledge. Details of the 'pledgers' is being displayed in the Pride in Angus pages of the Angus Council Website.

Arbroath High School Litter Project

The Arbroath High School litter project has been progressing well and representatives from the school attended the MOG recently to give an overview of the project which is being led by the pupils. The group have designed, with young people in the school, a litter charter with the aim of reducing litter in the school. The young people started off with an audit and will repeat this on an ongoing basis as part

of the ECO group to monitor litter activity. Young people designed a presentation and this was delivered to the whole school.

Recycling has been reviewed and new measures have been taken across the whole school again led by young people and supported by Waste Management staff. This includes new recycling bins which pupils have responsibility for. The ECO group attended the 'Junk Koutre' national competition and were commended for their efforts in upcycling and design.

The project is on track and young people are fully engaged. The school has taken on leadership and this will help to ensure that they take the approach that is right for their school. The school have made connections with Dundee and Angus College and Arbroath Sports Centre to look at strategies across the area. These discussions have just begun. There are also plans to engage with local businesses to look at packaging. The team has also met with Tayside Contracts to look at reducing packaging.

Forfar Academy Litter Project

Forfar Academy are working towards sustaining the work that was done through the Zero Waste Scotland Project that they were involved in a year ago and are working to maintain their Gold Pride in Place Recognition award. A meeting took place recently to discuss what the school were looking to do. An opportunity they are considering is for the volunteers from the school to get involved in the local community clean-ups organised by the Wellbraehead and Goosecroft Action groups. This would enable the school to sustain the community part of their gold award and continue to strengthen relationships between the school and the community.

Dogs Day Out

A representative from the ANGUSAlive Rangers Service recently joined the Clean-up Angus subgroup and representatives from the group were in attendance at the Dog's Day Out at Glamis Castle on 7 August to promote the Clean-up Angus Campaign and to encourage cleaning up after dogs.

Beautiful Angus

The second annual Beautiful Angus event took place on 30 March 2016 and was a great success. The event was well attended and 11 community groups held stalls to showcase and promote the good work they are doing in their communities. The Montrose Road Cooking Group kindly worked hard to supply the cakes. Also in attendance were a number of organisations who are keen to work with community groups to help them to improve their areas – such as Keep Scotland Beautiful, Scotia Seeds, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Murton Trust and ANGUSAlive.

The Beautiful Angus Garden competition was launched at the event and a meeting of Community Judges was held during the afternoon. This year the Pride in Place MOG Communities Award was launched which is open to nominations of Community Groups who are working hard to make their communities a place to be proud of. This year's award ceremony will take place on Friday 23 September 2016 in the Reid Hall, Forfar. Again this is open to schools, nurseries, out of school clubs and licenced premises as well as Council house tenants.

Engaging Young People

The Pride in Place Recognition award scheme for young people which was piloted earlier in the year was fully launched and rolled out across Angus. So far there have been 5 Gold awards awarded to Forfar 4th Guides, Ladyloan Primary School, Forfar Academy, St Thomas Primary School and Southmuir Primary School and a Bronze award presented Kirriemuir Out of School Club. The award is open to all Schools and youth organisations.

Community Resilience

The Community Resilience sub-group has continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis and is well attended by partner organisations. Presentations were received from Scottish Southern Energy (SSE), giving an overview of their work including grant funding and the vulnerable customers list and the Scottish Ambulance Service who gave a detailed presentation on community resilience, including the First Responders projects and Automated External Defibrillators.

WW1

War memorials across Angus have now been mapped and details are available on line for interested parties. A number of memorials will again be submitted to the Legion Scotland war memorial competition

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