

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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PRIDE IN PLACE MEMBER OFFICER GROUP - UPDATE

CURRENT POSITION

The Pride in Place Member Officer group has continued to meet monthly and has been progressing work under the various themes identified in a previous brainstorm exercise as set out in appendix1. Awareness raising around pride in place is taking place and a presentation was made to the Angus Events Organisers Forum in November and the Biannual Meeting of Community Councils in December in partnership with the East Haven 800 group who recently received the accolade of Community Project of the year at the Herald Society Awards in Glasgow. The MOG is also keen to develop the use of social media and stories in the press.

Clean Up Angus

Since the previous report, there has been substantial work on evolving the Clean-up Angus campaign. Communities that arrange clean up events are being encouraged to promote their events, including using the clean-up calendar on Angusahead.com/cleanup. Groups are also being encouraged to promote good news stories following their events, to local social media sites and through our own Communications team. Work is still to be done around having the facility to host good news stories and photos on our own website.

Useful and interesting visits to all school cluster meetings in Angus, to discuss Pride in Place have now taken place. All meetings were positive and stimulated discussions around connecting the work the schools are doing with work being done in and with communities. All schools are keen to sign up to the Clean-up Angus Pledge therefore arrangements are being made to visit schools with the Clean-up Angus banners and promote both the work of the schools and the campaign.

Filming of an Angus Litter song with Letham Primary School and our Angus Champion, Lord Lieutenant for Angus Georgiana Osborne is now complete. Further filming by a young person's media group has been carried out around the subject of litter this is being brought together by the Angus media team. This will become a set of short films on litter and dog fouling that will be made available for use by schools and in the community to promote the message of Less Mess, Less Cost.

Further to the filming, a presentation has been developed in conjunction with the Rangers service on the hazards of litter, showing the real damage caused to animals by dropping litter and flytipping. The images are quite explicit to help get the message across and will again, will be available for use in schools and community settings.

The Council has been successful in securing funding from the Zero Waste Scotland Innovation Fund for two litter projects in Angus. This project is in partnership with the West Links Park Co-ordinator, East Haven Residents Association, the Skate Park Committee, local businesses, volunteers and residents.

The first project is a 'Pick Up Three' campaign, focusing on the recently regenerated West Links area of Arbroath, along the cycle path to Easthaven.

The second project focusses on the issue of litter around Secondary schools at lunchtime. The project will focus on Forfar Academy and will work with the school, local businesses and residents to work together to tackle this issue.

Both projects will be used as pilots, and if successful, will be rolled out around the County.

An exercise has been undertaken to identify the location of all bins across Angus to map these against complaints received. The maps can be viewed in [appendix 1](#). The Pride in Place Member Officer Group will now review the findings on a town by town basis.

Beautiful Angus

The sub-group working on the Beautiful Angus campaign continues to work towards a number of actions. The group is co-ordinating and supporting community planting activity.

Work to review the Council's garden competition is ongoing and discussions around how we can improve the competition with previous entrants and winners are taking place, as well as encouraging them to share their experience with other tenants or community groups. It is intended to expand the garden competition to include Pubs/Hotels and Schools.

Work continues to develop the work with the local Rotary clubs and schools as well as expanding the Council's entries into the Beautiful Scotland campaign for best kept war memorials:-

- Monifieth- was Very Highly Commended in the Large Community with gardens category
- Balmashanner- was Very Highly Commended in the new entry category
- Carnoustie- was Very Highly Commended in the Champion of Champions category
- Carmyllie- was National Winner and Very Highly Commended in the Satellite memorials with gardens category

An event for community planting groups to come together and share their knowledge and experience with likeminded groups as well as to receive information on the support available to them from the Council and partners is being planned for early Spring.

WW1 Commemorations

A WW1 Heritage Trail was produced and launched in September during Heritage week. The trail is available online at www.angusheritage.com with the addition of an interactive map which holds photographs of and information about the war memorials in Angus. Discussions are underway as to whether an App containing this information can be produced. This would enable people to access information about war memorials in Angus on their own phone.

War memorials have also been entered into the best kept war memorial category of the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign.

A successful event to unveil the first of the commemorative paving stones to remember Victoria Cross recipients took place in Carnoustie on August 23rd 2014, 100 years from the actual date that Charles Jarvis was awarded his. The Carnoustie Branch of the British Legion and Angus Council worked together to plan the event with the support and assistance of the Carnoustie Golf Links to mark this occasion. A commemorative booklet about Charles Jarvis was produced for the occasion. The paving stone has placed near the entrance to the Championship Golf Course in Carnoustie. Plans will begin shortly for the commemoration of George Samson in Carnoustie 2015 and Charles Melvin in Kirriemuir in 2017.

Our Museums and galleries have been working throughout the burgh with a series of exhibitions that will take place over the next four years. Angus Archives have taken a leading role in the Scotland's War online project, which aims to uncover and tell stories from the Great War. Archives have also been collating WW1 documents, ephemera, photographs and memorabilia, some of which have been donated from members of the public which are welcome additions to the War Stories collection.

Schools have also been covering the topic of WW1 and the Educational Resources Service has a collection of artefacts which schools are able to borrow to plan and organise teaching around WW1 commemorations. They also have very good links with the local Black Watch

Veterans who play an active role in working with schools. Within the context of Curriculum for Excellence there are a whole series of experiences and outcomes which use WW1 as a context for learning.

Future Plans

The Pride in Place Member/Officer Group will continue to work towards the themes identified in the earlier brainstorm exercise, the next topic being Community Resilience and discussions have begun around developing this area of work.

The group especially wish to recognise the good work that communities are carrying out in their areas demonstrating a real 'pride in place'.

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