

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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PRIDE IN PLACE MEMBER OFFICER GROUP - UPDATE

CURRENT POSITION

The Pride in Place member officer group continues to meet monthly to progress work under a number of themes previously identified. Awareness raising 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 update report, the two litter projects – the Pick Up Three campaign in Arbroath and the Forfar Academy litter project - funded by Zero Waste Scotland, are now complete and evaluations are being finalised and will be reported to committee in due course. Early consideration being given to lessons learned and how these can be rolled out across Angus

The first short campaign film commissioned by the MOG was launched with the theme 'Pick up after your Pooch – Bag it and Bin It!' and can be viewed on the Council's You Tube channel (link to film- [Bag it and Bin it! Campaign Film](#)). As well as being available to the public, this film is part of a suite of films that will be used by schools and community organisations. The next addition to the suite will be an anti-littering film. A series of talks about the hazards of litter and recycling have been taking place around schools, with 28 Schools already visited, by the Waste Awareness Officers and Countryside Rangers. It is envisaged that these films will be used by these officers during their visits.

Following a mapping exercise, a review of litter bin provision in Angus has been progressing on a town by town basis with the first being in Carnoustie, followed by Arbroath. This review will continue to take place around the County.

Beautiful Angus

A successful Beautiful Angus Market Place networking event took place on Tuesday 31st March, in the Reid Hall, Forfar. The event brought together community groups involved in community planting schemes to litter picks and was attended by groups from all over Angus, who hosted stalls with information about the fantastic work that is going on in their areas. Informative presentations were given by Easthaven Residents Association, Forfar in Flower, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Arbroath in Bloom and Monifieth Eco Force . The event was a great networking opportunity for groups to share their experiences and ideas Angus wide. It is planned to make this event an annual occasion.

During the event, the Beautiful Angus Garden competition was launched by Cllr Jeanette Gaul. The competition is open to Angus Council tenants, schools and nurseries and licenced premises. Work is ongoing to promote the competition and to encourage new entrants and encourage community judges.

Engaging Young People

Positive relationships are continuing to grow between schools and the community following visits to cluster meetings to talk about Pride in Place. Schools are being encouraged to take part in the Beautiful Angus competition this year. Links with local community groups are also being made with some good examples of joint working taking place.

The Engaging Young People sub-group of the MOG are currently working on developing a scheme to recognise the contributions that individuals or groups of children and young people are making to develop a sense of pride in their community.

Community Recognition

The MOG have been working towards developing a way in which the positive work taking place around the County could be recognised in a more formal way. It was agreed to expand the Beautiful Angus Awards scheme to include a Pride in Place MOG award.

WW1 Commemorations

Angus Council have been working to support the British Legion and Carnoustie Golf Links to plan the unveiling of the second commemorative paving stone in honour of George Samson VC which took place in Carnoustie on Saturday 25th April outside the Carnoustie Golf Centre. The new stone, along with the one to commemorate Charles Jarvis VC, which was unveiled last year, has been placed, with pride, within the new monument at the entrance to Carnoustie Golf Course. Plans will commence shortly to plan the final event in Kirriemuir in 2017 to commemorate Charles Melvin.

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