

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

GLASGOW 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES FINISHING LINE

BACKGROUND

Angus Council, in response to a request from Glasgow City Council, established a Working Group to take forward issues associated with delivering the Vision for the Commonwealth Games being hosted in Glasgow during the summer of 2014.

The Angus role developed into a Project Board, Steering Group and a number of Working Groups to look at the priority areas linked to the Commonwealth Games venue at Barry Buddon and the Queen's Baton Relay.

Each of the nine Working Groups, which reported to the Steering Group, were led by a Lead Officer and Lead Elected Member with support from appropriate officers and partners and an update from each of those areas is provided below.

1 Legacy and Youth Ambassador

This group prioritised their activity around the schools and young people and worked with the young ambassadors linked with the eight secondary schools across Angus in developing a plan for future legacy. This group was instrumental in identifying the young people who were involved in the opening and closing ceremonies at Glasgow.

2 Games Village, Promotion and Tourism Strategy

The tourism strategy included the identification of where spectators and competitors were likely to be travelling from to attend the shooting event at Barry Buddon. These areas were then targeted, providing information on the local Carnoustie area as well as the wider Angus attractions. The Games Villages were targeted with information packs to all rooms and the Economic Development staff were present within the venue at Barry Buddon for the duration of the shooting event.

3 Civil Contingencies

This group used Scriptstore as a means of ensuring information was up to date and shared across the various agencies including the emergency services, Glasgow 2014, MoD, Angus and Dundee City Councils and other partner agencies. Angus Council's Resilience team co-ordinated and briefed staff who were involved in both the Queen's Baton Relay and "The Last Mile" at Barry Buddon. The Resilience team also co-ordinated the command structures at these two events.

4 Queen's Baton Relay

The planning and logistics of the Queen's Baton Relay route and end of day event was delivered by this group. The group also provided details on numbers of volunteer staff required to ensure a safe passage for the baton throughout Angus and an enjoyable end of day event at Montrose.

5 Volunteering

This group was led by Voluntary Action Angus (VAA) and were tasked on delivering the volunteers required for both marshalling duties at the Queen's Baton Relay and wayfinders for the route of "The Last Mile" through Carnoustie to Barry Buddon for the shooting event. There were in excess of 370 volunteering opportunities filled by VAA.

6 Business Support and External Funding

Economic Development led this group and as well as highlighting tender opportunities to Angus Companies, kept the steering group informed with regard to successful local bids that had been won. They also provided regular funding updates and managed the local grant aid funding applications for supporting the Games and providing legacy for Angus.

7 Support a Second Country

sportscotland had identified second countries for each local authority area in Scotland to support and provide assistance where appropriate. Angus were linked with Anguilla, Gibraltar and The Maldives and these countries were picked up by the schools for a number of projects which provided improved knowledge and understanding of these countries to the schools and pupils concerned. The schools also provided welcome gifts for these countries which were handed over at welcome ceremonies in Glasgow where our young people were in attendance.

8 Support to Athletes/Coaches

This group looked at both the athletes and officials who were likely to attend Glasgow 2014 as well as local athletes who had attended previous Commonwealth Games. Grant aid and other support was made available to assist athletes who had been selected for Team Scotland and the athletes who had attended previous Games were used to promote and highlight the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow and Angus.

9 Cultural Legacy

The Cultural Legacy group was established closer to the start of the Games and delivered a programme of activities to compliment the sporting legacy that had been the initial work of the legacy group. The Cultural Legacy looked at dance, music, art and photography.

The three main areas which require further noting are The Queen's Baton Relay (Day 15 - Saturday 28 June 2014), the Welcome Event hosted at Carnoustie Leisure Centre on Sunday 20 July 2014 and the Shooting Event itself at Barry Buddon from Friday 25 – Tuesday 29 July 2014.

Queen's Baton Relay

This event took place on Saturday 28 June and required close working relationships with the voluntary sector to ensure that the route agreed between Angus Council, Glasgow 2014 and Police Scotland was well marshalled and that all those who participated either as baton carriers, spectators or volunteers were safe and enjoyed the baton as it travelled through Angus culminating in the end of day event at Montrose Sports Centre.

The day commenced at Monifieth with the baton being handed from the Lord Provost Dundee City to the Provost Angus Council. The baton was then transported across Angus by convoy with baton bearers on the route in the main population areas.

This route included Monifieth to Carnoustie, Easthaven, Arbroath (and MoD, RM Condor), Forfar, Glamis, Kirriemuir and Brechin finishing at celebratory event at Montrose Sports Centre.

Overall 96 baton bearers carried the baton in Angus with the support from 102 staff and 105 volunteers who ensured that the day provided a memorable event for all those who helped make this the success and special day which was reported by the organisers.

Welcome Event

Angus Council made a decision to recognise those who were attending Barry Buddon to participate in the shooting events for the Glasgow 2014 games. All shooting disciplines took place at Barry Buddon which included Clay Target, Full Bore, Pistol & Small Bore.

The event was hosted within the newly constructed extension to Carnoustie Leisure Centre with breakout into some of the other existing facilities on site.

The event included entertainment from across the Angus burghs including Scottish Country Dancing, bagpipes, folk music and fiddle and guitar as well as refreshments including produce to give some of the Tastes of Angus.

The event, although taking place in the run up to the main opening event at Glasgow, was a great success and attracted 77 representatives from 9 teams including Scotland, Canada, Norfolk Island, Anguilla, Australia, New Zealand, Isle of Mann, India and Trinidad and Tobago

Shooting Event at Barry Buddon

The shooting events took place over five days (25-29 July 2014) with advance ticket sales making the venue a sell out.

Angus Council had the responsibility to ensure that the “Look and Feel” for the “Last Mile” and that volunteer wayfinders were visible and available to assist spectators as they travelled to and from the venue.

The “Look and Feel” was consistent with other venues across the country and included Glasgow 2014 bunting on Links Parade from Station Road, Carnoustie up to the entrance to then Black Slab parking area. Links Parade then had lamppost banners from this point down to the golfers car park at the Buddon Golf Course. The cycle path then had ground markers providing distance and time to the venue with the final stretch of the route from the Transport Mall down towards venue being dressed with Glasgow 2014 feather flags.

The “Last Mile” required 150 volunteers to cover two shifts on each of the five days of competition as well as the provision of portable toilets, marquee and tables and chairs.

The 150 volunteers were all provided through recruitment by Voluntary Action Angus (VAA) with operational management being delivered through Carnoustie Leisure Centre and on route management by staff from VAA.

The event was a great success and the partnership working between Police Scotland, Glasgow 2014 – staff, security and Clydesiders with our staff meant that all visitors had a memorable experience and enjoyed the glorious weather that accompanied the five days of competition.

CONCLUSION

The contribution which Angus made to the Games has been recognised by the organisers and Angus has been proud to be a major contributor towards the delivery of “The best Games ever”. See attached [letter](#) from Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights.

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