

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Hall on Thursday 25th November 2010 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

David Koller, Airlie

Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore

Major John Gibb, Glenisla

Geoff Hobson, Kingoldrum

Terry Roberts, Glenisla

Liz Hamilton, Ruthven

Visitors: Gavin Catto, Graeme Richardson

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Alison Andrews and Lindsay Downie.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 26th August and 25th October 2010

The Minutes were approved and Roger Clegg (RC) signed them.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held on 26th August and 25th October 2010

3.1 Minutes of 26th August. Item 6.1 Kilry Phone Box. RC had written to BT and received a reply to say that in the absence of adoption of the phone box the phone would remain in service as before. RC would write again to request clarification of "in service".

3.2 Minutes of 25th October. Item 7.0 Lochside Lodge. The planning appeal had been dismissed by the Reporter. It was unclear at present how the property would be used.

4.0 New Arrangements for Community Council Meetings

RC referred to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and reported that KIWCC is now required to have a constitution. He will consider Angus Council's template and circulate it to KIWCC members. In future agendas and draft minutes must also be displayed on public notice boards. Members are requested to be responsible for posting a copy on their local board. Ordinary KIWCC meetings will continue to be held with additional meetings as required. It was decided that the annual meeting should be held either in August or November. Each meeting would need 4 members to be quorate (being one third of the voting membership).

5.0 Community Police Report

There was no police report. RC had been contacted by a Westmuir resident regarding problems created by a family who had been housed in the area. He had advised contacting the Police and Angus Council.

6.0 Finance

RC had received some mail forwarded by Gail Riley, the previous treasurer, which he passed to Sue Smith (SS). SS confirmed that she had received two cheques from Angus Council - for £500.00 (council grant) and £244.00 (electronic communications grant).

7.0 Planning

7.1 Falls of Holm/Welton/Kinclune/Carroch Wind Farm Proposal – Graeme Richardson and Gavin Catto gave a brief outline of plans relating to the proposed erection of 10 wind

turbines of 80-84 metres height on the south west side of Mile Hill. The project was a joint venture between three farms and would be financed by private funds, bank borrowing and possibly outside investment. There would also be a community fund set up if the project went ahead. The proposed turbines were class 2 machines designed for moderate wind speeds and would be manufactured in Germany. Each turbine had a life span of 25 years and the capacity to produce 800kw giving a possible total of 8MW. Wind speed assumptions had been extrapolated from data produced by the anemometer mast erected on Mile Hill in 2008/09. An Environmental Impact Survey was being prepared and it was intended that public exhibitions would be held, probably in Kingoldrum and Kilry Halls. The electricity generated would be fed onto the grid at the Kirriemuir substation via overhead cables but this would be the responsibility of SSE. Access to the site was likely to be via the B951.

7.2 Bamff Wind Farm Proposal – RC reported that no further information had been received.

7.3 River Isla Hydro Electric Scheme, Preliminary Scoping Review. RC outlined SSE Renewables' proposal to extract water from the River Isla near Milnacraig and pipe it to a generating works below Shanzie prior to feeding the water back into the river. Major John Gibb (JG) asked questions about how much water was intended to be taken and the likely impact on the river, salmon fishing and the Reekie Linn waterfall. RC passed the information pack to JG. 9th December was the deadline for responses on environmental issues.

7.4 RC said that he would be unavailable for Planning Contact duties during January and asked council members to monitor the Angus Council website during this time.

8.0 Association of Cairngorms Communities Forthcoming Elections to Cairngorm National Park Authority Board

RC advised that elections for five public appointments would take place shortly. He thought that nominees did not need to live in the Park but that they would require 10 nominations from residents of the Park.

9.0 Community Planning

9.1 The ACCESS office and the Police Station in Kirriemuir would be brought under one roof at the Police Station in Spring 2011.

9.2 Sheila Beckett (SB) Local Development Plan consultation – members of the public encouraged to take part as the outcome will affect decisions about land use in Angus for the next 10 years. Questionnaire can be accessed via Angus Council website.

9.3 Rural services – mobile library – survey was being carried out by Angus Council

10.0 Correspondence

The bi-annual meeting for community councils was due to be held on 8th December. There are two available places. SB said she would attend but this still left one place if another council member wished to go too.

11.0 Members Items

Geoff Hobson reported that he had attended the Planning Event in Kirriemuir Town Hall in November. Coming from Kingoldrum he had been the furthest out of Kirriemuir attendees and as such the meeting had been Kirriemuir centric. The two major concerns expressed had been the drug problem in Kirriemuir and public transport with a variety of other items then being raised - such as tourist accommodation.

12. AOB

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th February 2011 at 7.30 pm in Kilry Hall.