

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 29th May 2014 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry	Gillian Beckett, Balintore
Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum	Dave Koller, Kilry
Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore	John Gibb, Glenisla
Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen	David Robinson, Lindertis

Visitors:

Graeme Hodge – Community Liaison Officer, Angus Council
John Anderson – Waste Aware Team, Angus Council
Gail Beattie – Community Landward Officer, Police Scotland
Hamish Gray – Safer Communities Inspector, Police Scotland
Malcolm Connor

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Liz Hamilton, Cllr Iain Gaul and Cllr Jeanette Gaul.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 27th February 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 27th February were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 27th February 2014

There will be an update on the Community Benefit consultation at the Bi-Annual Meeting with Angus Council on 18th June 2014.

4.00 Recycling

John Anderson outlined Angus Council's recycling plans. Households will receive advice leaflets about the new waste and recycling rural service in the next two weeks. The delivery of additional bins to facilitate this will take place between 16th June and the end of July and the new collection timetable will commence in August. Where there are weekly collections the recycling and waste collections will take place on alternate weeks.

5.0 Financial Position

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014 have been finalised and will go to the auditor in preparation for the AGM in August. The year end balance was £3,955.60.

6.0 Community Police Report

PC Gail Beattie introduced herself as our new local Community Landward Officer and presented the Community Police Report which is attached to these minutes. Inspector Hamish Gray also introduced himself and they both welcomed questions and feedback from members of the public. There is also a Twitter feed @KirriemuirPC.

7.0 Whirlie Gate

David Robinson gave an overview of this project which commenced several years ago. The Whirlie Gate was used by kirk-goers walking to the kirk at the Kirkton of Airlie and is probably unique in being the only revolving gate within an arch on stone pillars. The stone arch which had been rebuilt for the revolving gate collapsed leaving only the supporting pillars. Local residents have been surveyed about the future of the project and while only a third of these have been returned just fewer than 90% of those had been in favour of the restoration work being completed. The best quote to complete work on mortaring the pillars and arch is £1,260 plus VAT. Graeme Hodges advised the meeting that Angus Council's External Funding Committee could be applied to for a grant for this work. The meeting agreed that it would be a good idea to apply for funds to meet this cost and also the cost of providing a sign outlining the history of the Whirlie Gate. DR agreed to complete the necessary application forms and Roger Clegg would sign them as necessary.

8.00 Roads

Sheila Beckett commented on the apparent lack of communication between Angus and Perth & Kinross Councils in relation to road closures and the inadequate signage on these roads. The A94 road to Coupar Angus has been closed for the last week or so and the signage for this was too late for a sensible diversion to be made and there was no signage on the diversion route. There are not enough signs and where they exist they are not large enough to be legible and are put too close to junctions. The A926 between Alyth and Blairgowrie is about to experience temporary closures and again the signage is woefully inadequate. John Gibb commented that he had driven on the A93 through the Spittal of Glenshee and again the signage was so far down the road that any detour would mean significant additional mileage. He also commented that he was on the road ten minutes before it was due to be shut and there was no sign of either workmen or equipment despite two ramps in the road. Geoff Hobson commented that the B951 to Glenisla is due to be redressed but the Community Council has not received any notice of this despite it being a major route for our area.

9.0 Correspondence

Roger Clegg had received the Rural Scotland Newsletter and Annual Report which was available for members to view. Angus Local Access Forum correspondence had been circulated. A letter from the Post Office regarding the Glenisla facility had also been circulated. Documentation regarding the Tayplan was available for members to view. Geoff Hobson advised that the local bus service was about to be discontinued and replaced by a dial up service which would need 24 hours notice when required.

10.0 Planning

10.1 Bamff and Tullymurdoch windfarms – No further news received although a decision is expected imminently.

10.2 Macritch Wind Farm – It is expected that the planning application will be made in the autumn.

10.3 Saddle Hill – Roger Clegg and Dave Koller reported on the outcome of the community liaison group meeting. Another exhibition is expected to take place in July 2014 a month or so before a planning application is made.

10.4 Carrach – Following the last meeting Geoff Hobson had prepared an objection which had been submitted on behalf of the community.

11.0 Members' Items and Any Other Business

11.1 Empty Property Council Tax – John Gibb said that he had seen an article in The Courier suggesting that Angus Council was like to double rates charged on empty properties. Currently empty properties are charged 0% for the first six months and 50% of the standard rate thereafter. JG was anxious because there is currently no demand for letting rural properties and he feels this is an unfair penalisation. Graeme Hodges advised that he should write to Angus Council regarding his concerns.

11.2 Website – Geoff Hobson advised that the community council website has been redesigned to work on mobile phones as well as full size screens.

11.3 Websters High School Minibus – Geoff Hobson outlined details of a request for a contribution towards the purchase of a mini-bus for Websters High School in Kirriemuir. The existing mini-bus is no longer viable and Angus Council has agreed to purchase a new one in August and sell it back to the school. The Parent Council has been fundraising for this purchase for a while and has managed to raise £15,000 of the required £20,000. The school has agreed to lend the Parent Council the difference. Kirriemuir Community Council and Kirriemuir Landward East Community Council have both agreed to make a donation and it was requested that we also make a donation. The mini-bus will be available to the cluster primary schools and other community groups in the area provided the designated driver holds a valid assessment by Angus Council and is qualified to drive D2 class vehicles on their licence. Angus Council will pay the insurance premiums and running costs. GH will confirm to the Community Council who will be the legal owner of the vehicle. On the basis of this information it was agreed that Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council would make a donation of £500.00 to the Parent Council for the purpose of assisting in the purchase of this vehicle.

12.0 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th August 2014 in Kilry Hall after the AGM which will be held at 7.30 pm.