

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 25th November 2021
in Kilry Hall at 1930**

Present: Sue Smith (Chariman), Geoff Hobson (Kingoldrum), Meg Mearns (Glenisla), Liz Hamilton (Ruthven), Roger Clegg (Kilry), Alison Bannerman (Ruthven), Helen Humphreys (Westmuir), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr McMillan Douglas.

1. Welcome and Apologies

David Robinson (Airlie), Sally Colville (Glenisla), Dave Koller (Kilry), Cllr Bell

2. Minutes of Meeting on 26th August 2021. Approved

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

The Kilry Hill verge issue was passed onto Roads Department and it has been resolved but there is a residual issue of water on the road.

HH reported back from the Biannual CC meeting on Admin support for CC's but we have now resolved that issue for KLVCC with the appointment of Secretary and Treasurer.

Roads issues still considered to be a problem in Westmuir, but the 18 month review period is still in place until late Autumn 2022.

Sat Nav issue – HH to see if people are still having problems.

Abandoned Cars – there has been a big improvement and the situation is still being reviewed.

The Westmuir unadopted road issue will be carried forward to the next meeting.

SS thanks the Council for their help over events at Balintore Castle which had improved

4. Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer

Meg Mearns had agreed to take on the role of Secretary and Sally Colville had agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. These appointments were agreed by the members.

5. Co-opting new member for Ruthven

Following the retiral of Liz Hamilton from the Community Council, Alison Bannerman was proposed as the new member for Ruthven by LH and seconded by HH. Welcome Alison.

SS expressed thanks to Liz for her help and support on KIWCC

6. Financial Position

.The outgoing Treasurer reported that the current balance is £3424.39 with expenses this quarter for gifts and payment of Scots Right of Way. The mandate for the signatories to be changed to SS and SC is underway. The £400 Annual allowance from the Council is there to be utilised, such as for paper, inks, Zoom licence (if required).

Action: SS is to speak to Lynne Halley re Zoom licence.

7. Police Report

No police attendance but the report had been circulated and included recovery of a quad bike in Cleveland with ID numbers scratched off and the ongoing wildlife campaign.

8. Correspondence tabled

Shop Local Campaign for Christmas
APRS newsletter

9. Community Councils Bi-Annual Meeting on 18 November 2021 by HH

i). Improvement Service Research Project.

Investigating what “kit” is needed for CC’s to hold hybrid meetings.
How best to communicate/disseminate information.
How to engage young people. A survey has been led by ISRP.

ii) Community Council Elections

To be held next Autumn. Information available from July and new CCs will be established early October.
Nominations papers – same as before.
Looking for Case Studies from CCs – before the Elections – to influence people to join CCs – to learn about CCs and what we do.
Best way to get info out to each area? Newsletters / Social Media.
Community Councils need to start promoting themselves.
Need items to invigorate Angus. Responses can be from group or individuals.

iii) New Scheme of Establishment Review - commencing 1st October 2022

All explained in Community Councils Information Handbook / Angus Community Planning Partnership.

iv) New Priority is climate change

Looking for Focus Groups from CCs.

Also for Reducing Poverty, Improving Connectivity, Green, Cleaner Angus

10. Rotation of Meeting Location each quarter

One solution to promote ourselves more widely around our communities is to hold the meetings in the different halls each quarter. It was agreed to try this approach and the first meeting will provisionally be Airlie Hall in February

Action: MM to book with Alison Easson, Secretary, Airlie Hall.

11. Further Ideas for wider community engagement

The problem of broadband speeds was discussed again
Facebook page for the KLQWCC is to be piloted

Action: SS to take this forward

12. Adoption of Phone Boxes

Concerns were raised about the implications of KLWCC adopting these redundant phone boxes.

- i. The cost of maintaining them
- ii. The need for Public liability insurance
- iii. Disposal – are we free to do this?

Action: SS to check this with BT

A vote was taken

For: 4, Against: nil, Abstained: 3

We will progress with plans to adopt, but local communities will be asked to consider plans for their new use.

13. KLWCGS Update

The initial 5 projects have all been completed.

In October 2 projects totalling £14,000 were approved.

£31,000 recently received, so currently balance approx. £46K.

Next round of applications is now open with a deadline end of February 2022.

14. Planning

GH continues to send out weekly planning lists

15. Members' Items**Westmuir**

Scotland's "Deposit Return Scheme" for cans and bottle recycling has been delayed due to delay in Tay Cities Deal for Angus Council.

Glenisla

- a) The recent closure of the Iron Bridge (Brackny Bridge) by Glenisla Community Hall and part of the CATERAN Trail due to safety concerns over the decking and the iron work was highlighted. A meeting with the engineer, P&KCT (CATERAN Trail Managers) and a local community group is to be arranged for December to discuss the way forward. See MM for details
- b) Report of an illegal beaver release on Tuesday 15th November in the Newton Burn at the bridge over B951 by 2 females is to be reported to the police.

Action: MM

Balintore

Update on the bridge safety concerns -this has been addressed by Roads Department who will repair it in due course but confirmed it is not in imminent danger of collapse.

Kilry

A complaint brought to the local member by a local resident about the noise from the wind turbines above Kilry, This has been passed onto P&K Council.

Date of next meeting, Thursday 24th February 2022 - 7.30pm, provisionally in Airlie Hall - tbc.