

KLWCC Meeting - Thursday 25 May 2023
Kingoldrum Village Hall, 7.30

Draft minutes

Present :

Sue Smith (SS) Chair

Dave Koller (DK)

Rosemary Scrimgeour (RS)

Evelien Rooke (ER)

Councillor Julie Bell (JB)

1. SS opened the meeting and welcomed Hugh Keith(HK) from Westmuir.
Apologies were received from Geoff Hobson (GH), Meg Mearns (MM), Sally Colville (SC) and Councillor Ronnie Proctor (RP).
2. Minutes of the meeting on 27 February 2023 were adopted.
3. Matters arising from 27 February meeting:
 - KIWCC Facebook page - SR & RS have been unable to meet but will fix a date before August meeting and finalise the FB page. **ACTION SS/RS;**
 - No copies of Councillor Meechan's activity reports have been received by SS. SS to email Councillor Meechan to remind him to send these electronically. **ACTION SS**
 - Acquisition of Glenprosen Estate by Forestry & Land Scotland - SS had contacted Ivan Laird of KLECC ahead of the scheduled meeting at Memus Hall. A representative from KIWCC attended but no detailed feedback reported. JB said she had attended the Memus meeting which was a very early stage community engagement session. Further engagement sessions will be held to discuss proposals for the estate including affordable housing, a business hub and restoration to native woodland.
 - Westmuir playpark - SS had contacted the owner of Lindertis Estate (believed to be the landowner of the proposed site) and passed details to Itai Perez to liaise direct. No update received to date.
4. Financial Report - SC had submitted an update to the meeting by email.
Current balance at bank is £5024.00 with one bill to be paid @ £30 for hall hire at Kingoldrum.
5. Police Report - these have been circulated electronically. It was noted that there remained no Police attendance at KIWCC meetings. JB said

that Police Scotland had indicated that they would attend when shifts allowed.

6. Correspondence - Gateway to the Glens Museum consultation on closure. JB said the museum would remain open until the end of this season, after which Angus Alive would return the premises to Angus Council. She reported that there was already interest from several local groups with a view to taking over the site and Angus Council would liaise directly with those groups.

7. Roads - Junction on U388 at Kilry Church - DK said this had now been actioned by Angus Council and work to address issues had been started but was ongoing.

8. Member's Items -

- HK raised the issue of excessive speeding through, and a lack of effective traffic management in Westmuir, despite the introduction of 20mph zone in the village. From Angus Council he requested clarity around data derived during the 20mph 'test period' and if/when an effective traffic monitoring system would be installed. SS reminded HK that this issue had been raised previously by Helen Humphries (HH) of Westmuir and SS had addressed the question to Angus Council Roads Dept; Angus Council's response had been sent to HK via HH in 2021. HK could not recall sight of this information so SS agreed to send relevant emails to HK direct. **ACTION SS** HK said the speeding problem has been an issue for three decades but still no resolution. A discussion followed which explored possible traffic calming measures/Police enforcement action. RS suggested Angus Council consider alternative approaches to encourage behavioural changes. JB undertook investigate HK's queries around the purpose of the 20mph 'test period' and to liaise with Roads Dept to investigate what alternative traffic calming measures might be feasible for Westmuir and RS' suggestion ref alternative approaches. **ACTION JB**

- RS (Lintrathen&Airlie) raised a number issues:

- Angus Council's refusal to provide red squirrel warning signs - residents had funded these themselves. JB confirmed that this was Angus Council policy. SS suggested there were some limited KLVCC funds available that might be utilised for these signs.

- Parking in Kingoldrum : vehicles parked on opposite kerbs were creating dangerous driving conditions, particularly at rush hours. JB agreed to explore with Roads Dept to identify what might be done to alleviate the problem. **ACTION JB**

- Closure of Forfar Mart : RS said that local farmers were very concerned about the closure and the implications for livestock sales, as the closest marts are in Aberdeenshire and Stirling. JB said this matter was outside the jurisdiction of Angus Council but that the Council had participated in discussions with MSP Angus NE, local farmers and NFUS (Richard Lockhead) but could offer no details on those discussions. JB suggested contact with Euan Walker-Munro, Chair Glamis CC, who had raised this issue at their last meeting.
- Parking at Lintrathen Loch : RS said there had been a marked increase in parking around the loch since the weather had improved and asked what action could be taken to prevent a repeat of the problems experienced in previous years. JB said she had raised this again with Scottish Water and that any illegal parking should be reported to the Police via 101.
- ER (Reekie Linn&Kilry) reported that staffing issues at Isla Primary School had improved since the last meeting with the appointment of permanent staff. She also reported that the flashing 20mph signs were now working and the purchase of Pop-up-Jims was being considered by the Parent Council.

9. Planning - No issues raised.

10. AOB -

- SS asked for comments on the draft CC constitution which she had circulated ahead of it being adopted by KLVCC and submitted to Angus Council.
- JB said Inspector Leanne Blacklaw had been appointed Area Commander, Police Scotland.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24 August 2023, 7.30 at Glenisla Hall (tbc)