

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

30 November 2023, Westmuir Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Sue Smith (Chair), Meg Mearns (Secretary), Geoff Hobson (IT/Planning), David Koller, Itai Perez, Hugh Keith, Andrew McParland, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell

Apologies: Rosemary Scrimgeour (Deputy Chair), Evie Rooke, Ali Belton, Sally Colville (Treasurer)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Sue Smith welcomed all and noted the above apologies.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2022

Adopted by DK and seconded by GH

3. Appointment of Office Bearers

It was agreed by all to approve the renewal of the existing committee:

Chair: Sue Smith

Deputy Chair: Rosemary Scrimgeour

Secretary: Meg Mearns

Treasurer: Sally Colville

IT/Website/Planning Contact: Geoff Hobson

Committee Members: Ali Belton, Evie Rooke

4. Chair report

During the last twelve months, the Community Council has addressed a diverse range of issues, from the provision of a series of highly successful winter resilience events, jointly with SSEN, to the condition of roads, bridges and potholes, conduct of timber lorries, speeding vehicles in Westmuir, Kirkton of Glenisla and around Isla Primary School plus various planning matters. We have continued to rotate meetings around the various village halls, giving all residents in the ward an opportunity to get involved. Unless there is strong feeling to the contrary, I propose continuing this strategy for the foreseeable future. Fortunately, the incidence of severe weather events has been less during this period than previously, with the notable exception of Storm Babet. Many areas across Angus suffered extensive damage as a consequence of the exceptional rainfall, together with the tragic loss of life. KIWCC area was spared the worst of the effects of the storm but did suffer localised flooding, serious damage to roads and a series of power outages. It was the first time we have activated the KIWCC emergency WhatsApp group to share information but, thankfully, it was a benign evolution. I would like to take this opportunity to record thanks to all at the Angus Council Resilience Team, but particularly to Jacqui Semple and Jennifer Anderson, who provided a Gold Standard, 24/7 service to the people of Angus, in terms of advance information, targeted live updates and directing resources to those most in need. KIWCCS - we advertise repeatedly the opportunity for grant awards via the CC but few new applicants have been forthcoming. The current funding round is due to consider applications in March 2024. We continue to receive the quarterly Police Scotland bulletins but, again, have had no physical Police presence at our meetings. It is understood that the Police are busy and resources scarce, but I repeat my invitation for a representative to attend any of our meetings to maintain public confidence in the Service. My thanks to Angus Councillors Bell & Proctor for their steadfast attendance and active participation in our meetings, for their wise advice and engagement on the various issues of concern. The newly appointed Community Councillors have been very willing to get involved and their positive contribution is most welcome. Particular thanks to Deputy Chair, Rosemary, for standing in at very short notice at our August meeting and for her active engagement with Scottish Water and others in connection with tree planting around Braes of Coull. I'm also grateful for her desire to engage actively in a number of areas in the Planning arena. Thanks, also to Meg, Sally & Geoff for their continued support to the smooth running of the Community Council, through the secretariat, finance, planning and IT roles respectively. Susan Smith KIWCC Chair 30 November

5. Treasurer's Report.

Accounts have been completed and will be emailed out asap.

6. Dates and venues for 2024 quarterly meetings.

Continuing rotation around community halls was approved.

Dates are always the last Thursday of the month for quarterly meetings and for 2024 will be 29 February, 30 May, 29 August, 28 November.

7. AOB

8. None