

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

29 August 2024, Glenisla Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Sue Smith (Chair), Meg Mearns (Secretary), David Koller, Geoff Hobson, Cllr Proctor,
Community Police: Scott Anderson and Jenna Conboy, Tayside Timber Group: Claire Glaister

Apologies: Sally Colville, Ali Belton, Rosemary Scrimgeour, Evie Rooke

1. Minutes of committee Meeting on 29 February 2024

Adopted by DK.

2. Matters arising

Check to see if uploads to Facebook have been done. Links to Timber Transport Forum and link to Rural Watch Scotland.

Action:RS

3. Police Report

Scott Anderson introduced himself (based in Kirriemuir) and Jenna Conboy (based in Forfar) as 2 of the 3 community officers for this area. Following a few house break-ins recently in this area it was recommended that people should join Rural Watch scheme and immediately report any suspicious behaviour/vehicles on 101, or 999 if an ongoing incident, or use the "contact us" form or email TaysideKirriemuirDeanCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

[Contact Us form | Police Scotland](#)

The target items for theft are high value tools, quad bikes and small vehicles, The van in the above instance had been seized by police, but it is felt that thieves are coming in from outside the area and targeting rural properties, knowing that police response time could be quite lengthy.

[Home Page - Rural Watch Scotland](#)

The police had recently hosted a Crime Prevention evening and if we might be interested in one we should contact the police Scotland website.

The burnt-out car on the B951 near Pitmudie, Glenisla has now been removed. The debris left behind should be reported to the roads department for clearing.

Action: MM - done

Advice was given about car parking on the verges (not illegal) and causing obstructions (needs to be a significant obstruction before calling the police). In an emergency phone 999.

4. Financial Report

The treasurer (SC) has reported that funds are approx. £4000, with no major expenses or income and the year-end accounts are currently being audited.

5. Planning

Nothing to report – any planning applications are forwarded on by GH as they arrive.

6. Glass Recycling Proposals

The new arrangements for glass recycling facilities are due to begin in the autumn, currently the date has been put back to September.

7. Kilry Timber Lorries

DK reported that there have been slight improvements, some ditches have been piped and tarred, passing places have been created, so not as hazardous as previously. Road movements by timber haulage is still occurring early mornings and late at night, and DK has been liaising with Cllr Proctor.

8. Timber Transport Forum Rep: Claire Glaister

Claire is the project officer for Stirling and Tayside, working 2 days a week for the Timber Transport Forum (TTF) and 2 days a week as a woodland officer with FLS. The aim of TTF is to get the forestry industry around the table with local authorities (Roads Dept) to work on their own regional priorities, of which haulage routes is one. These are voluntary systems, not enforceable, but appear to usually work reasonably well with communication between different members of the industry. The Agreed Routes Map is an example of their work, with roads given categories from agreed routes, consultation (with local authority), severely

restricted and excluded routes. These also cover frequency of loads, speed limits, one-way systems avoiding certain times of day and recommending no conveying.

If there are regular problems in an area then speaking to the forestry/harvesting manager or Claire will help raise the issue with the correct individuals. Collecting details such as vehicle registration number, date, time, colour of lorry, livery, would be useful.

Claire's contact details are on the Timber Transport Forum website [The Timber Transport Forum Homepage - The Timber Transport Forum](#)

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9. Update on antisocial behaviour at Reekie Linn, Lintrathen, Backwater

This summer has seen a drop in visitor numbers at these popular spots and discussions were held with police under Item 3 with regard to parking issues.

10. Members items

GH had received a letter from Scotways informing us that we were paying the old rate subscription. KIWCC has subscribed to Scotways for a number of years but as we are unsure of the benefit to us it was decided to have this discussion on next meeting agenda.

SS raised the ongoing closure of the Auldallan Bridge for over a year now without any work being done to repair, despite assurances and starting dates that keep coming and going. The residents affected are feeling the frustrations and expense in time, money and vehicular wear in lengthy diversions. Cllr Proctor suggested contacting Ian Cochrane, Angus Council, to see if this can be resolved.

Action SS

11. AOB - None

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 28 November 2024. Kingoldrum Hall 7.30pm