

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Hall on Thursday 24th February 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Lindsay Downie, Lintrathen

Geoff Hobson, Kingoldrum

Cllr Ian Mackintosh

Terry Roberts, Glenisla

David Robinson, Airlie

Visitors: Graeme Richardson, Mark Ruskell

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Alison Andrews, PC Alan Bell, Fi Bird, Major John Gibb, Dave Koller, Liz Hamilton, Ann Hutcheson and Sue Smith.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 25th November 2010

The Minutes were approved and Roger Clegg (RC) signed them.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held on 25th November 2010

3.1 Community Council members were reminded to display notices of meeting agendas and minutes on the public notice boards.

3.2 Lochside Lodge – there was no further news.

3.3 RC referred to Angus Council's model constitution for community councils. It was agreed that the recommended form of the constitution should be adopted.

4.0 Community Police Report

PC Alan Bell forwarded the police report which is appended to these minutes.

5.0 Finance

The Treasurer, Sue Smith, reported that the accounts were ready to go to the examiner. The current balance is £1,396.29.

6.0 Planning

6.1 RC thanked Geoff Hobson (GH) for dealing with the Over Ascreavie planning application in his absence. GH advised that the application had since been withdrawn.

6.2 Local Development Plan Questionnaire – Cllr Ian Mackintosh (IM) drew attention to the questionnaire available at <http://www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan/>. He encouraged members of the Community Council and the public to take part as the outcome of the consultation process will form the basis of decisions about land use in Angus for the next 10 years.

6.3 Falls of Holm/Welton/Kinclune/Carroch Wind Farm Proposal for the erection of 10 wind turbines of 84 metres height on the south west side of Mile Hill. Graeme Richardson distributed a letter and information prior to introducing Mark Ruskell who gave an outline of the community benefit fund which could be available if planning permission were to be granted. The presence or otherwise of a community benefit fund would not be material to a planning application however it was considered good practice. The idea was that beneficiaries of such a fund would be the KLVCC and Kirriemuir areas.

The planning application was likely to be submitted to Angus Council in the next month or two and a website (www.carrachwindfarm.co.uk) would be set up in a few weeks time which would contain impact assessment and site information. An Environmental Impact Survey

was being prepared and it was intended that public exhibitions would be held, probably in Kirriemuir and Kingoldrum Hall. Mr Ruskell was asked how the benefit would work during prolonged periods when no wind were generated as had happened for about a month this winter. Mr Richardson said that the period over which the community benefit would be calculated was likely to be about a year when it was hoped that electricity generated would be evened out. They were also asked why they thought local opinion had changed since the survey had been carried out about the Mile Hill proposal to which Mr Richardson said that in his conversations with people they had expressed favourable views. Mr Richardson and Mr Ruskell then left the meeting. RC asked IM about Angus Council's views on cumulative impact of wind farms. IM said he believed each application would be considered individually but that until an application was made for a wind farm in the Cairngorm National Park there would continue to be a large number of applications made for land ringing the park. An application for the National Park would need to be decided by the government minister.

6.4 Bamff Wind Farm– RC reported that this proposal was of great concern to residents of Kilry with regard to noise, flicker, birdlife and the proximity to the Cateran Trail. He advised that the scoping report was available online <http://www.bamffwindfarm.com/about-eia.asp> and that exhibitions would be held in Kilry and Alyth in due course.

6.5 River Isla Hydro Electric Scheme, Preliminary Scoping Review. No further news was available. Major Gibb had passed the documentation to Terry Roberts and this would be handed to Alan Bell for his contact who had knowledge of such schemes.

6.6 Glenisla Mountain Biking Proposal – a public meeting had been held on 15th February which was well attended. The next meeting was planned for 8th March at 7.30pm in the Glenisla Village Hall primarily to discuss setting up a Development Trust.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 RC had received a letter from Bell Ingram regarding the Lindertis Estate Forest Plan which he passed to David Robinson (DR).

7.2 The Keep Scotland Beautiful Campaign would take place between 14th March and 16th May if communities wished to use the opportunity for litter clearance. IM would take this up with the Government regarding Health & Safety issues surrounding litter on main roads.

7.3 Sheila Beckett had received a letter and form for completion if KLVCC members wanted to advertise any upcoming local events in 'What's On in Angus'.

8.0 Members Items

8.1 Liz Hamilton had sent a message to the meeting that the field gateway onto the Alyth Kirriemuir Road (A929) at Ruthven Bridge was being used as access. This was being investigated by Angus Council and it was hoped that the usage would be seen as a breach of planning law.

8.2 Lindsay Downie mentioned that the road outside Isla Primary School theoretically had a 60 mph speed limit and that he would be writing, in his capacity as Chairman of the Parents' Association, to the Council to request the placement of traffic calming measures.

9. AOB

IM advised that there is a consultation on the future of the police force. People are encouraged to access this via the Government website prior to the final day of the consultation process, 5th May 2011. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/public-safety/Police/ConsultationFuturePolicin>

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th May 2011 at 7.30 pm in Kilry Hall.