

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

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

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Major Gibb, Glenisla

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Dave Koller, Kilry

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Terry Roberts, Glenisla

Visitors: PC Alan Bell, Jill Hobhouse, Mark Guild and Karen Clarke (Guild Homes), Richard Morris, Mhari Kennedy (Scottish Power Renewables)

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Fi Bird, Liz Hamilton, Geoff Hobson, David Robinson, Sue Smith and Cllr Mackintosh.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 25th August 2011

The Minutes were proposed by Dave Koller and seconded by Gillian Beckett. Roger Clegg (RC) signed them.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings on 25th August 2011

3.1 Westmuir Representation – Brian Forsyth who runs the Westmuir website had contacted RC and would now receive the KLVCC meeting minutes. He would publish an appeal for a Westmuir representative.

3.2 Lintrathen and Kingoldrum both require an additional representative.

4.0 Community Police Report

PC Alan Bell gave his report which is attached to the Minutes.

5.0 Finance

There was nothing to report and the balance remained £2,162.25.

6.0 Planning

6.1 Bamff Wind Farm – A public exhibition will be held at Kilry Hall on 6th December. Richard Morris reported that the current intention was to apply for permission to erect 7 turbines with a tip height of 107m – the same height as Drumderg. Maximum output capacity would be 14Mw per turbine and it was intended that the output would be connected to the grid at Coupar Angus. This would require an upgrade to the substation programmed for 2015. Scottish Power Renewables expected completion of the wind farm would be timed to fit in with this. The planning application to Perth & Kinross Council was likely to be made in late 2011/early 2012. Jill Hobhouse asked for clarification of the relationship between Scottish Power Renewables and Scottish Natural Heritage given SNH's mandate and the generic response that they had made regarding the proposal. There was discussion of the difference between "developer contribution" which was compulsory and "community benefit" which was voluntary. It was noted that Scottish Power Renewables had made no mention of community benefit to KLVCC but that the Carrach Wind Farm team had emphasised it.

6.2 River Isla Hydro Electric – Grave concerns about the volume of water extraction had been voiced at the Alyth Community Council meeting. Those living further downstream from the water extraction point were particularly concerned for the ecology of the river and the

salmon stocks when the river is low. No Environmental Assessment was apparent and it was thought that SEPA had not given a figure regarding extraction volumes, giving substance to community concerns about the river flow were not being addressed. SSE is the developer although the planning application dates is unknown.

6.3 Carrach Wind Farm – The application is with the planning department at present. The survey of residents' views had been carried out in August but Graeme Richardson had questioned the integrity of the survey with RC.

6.4 Other Planning Matters – Mark Guild spoke about Guild Homes application to Angus Council to build a supermarket on the Pathhead site in Kirriemuir. He said that planning permission had been granted for a supermarket at the Gairie Works site which was only 3 acres and that it had not been taken up by a developer. This, he said, was because supermarkets require a 6 acre site with parking space for 300 cars. A planning decision was expected from Angus Council in January or February 2012 before an operator could be considered.

7.0 Correspondence

An invitation to the bi-annual meeting on 7 December with Angus Council had been received. This would include a Training Session on Renewable Energy in Angus.

Angus Environmental Trust had written regarding funding available to community halls through the Landfill Communities Fund. Leaflets were passed to those present.

8.0 Website

Geoff Hobson (GH) had offered to create the website for no charge. The cost of obtaining a web address from nominet was £10.00 for two years. It was suggested that GH would act as the web and email host for an honorarium of £40.00 a year. It was agreed that a detailed proposal would be put together and then emailed to community councillors for approval.

9.0 HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

Fi Bird had indicated that she was interested in the event at Glamis in connection with her business cookery lessons for children and RC had notified the organisers.

10.0 Members' Items

There were no members' items.

9.0 AOB

The Boundary Commission for Scotland is planning to reduce the number and create similar sized constituencies of 70,000 – 80,000 people. As part of the project it had been proposed that West Dundee and south Angus would become one constituency. It was felt that mixing the interests of city and rural inhabitants was not appropriate and that a better mix would be achieved by combining parts of east Perth & Kinross with west Angus. The deadline for comments and complaints is 4 January 2012.

Kingoldrum polling station will be retained following a letter from RC on behalf of the Community Council and a petition by 83 residents.

10.0 Date of next meetings:

Thursday 23rd February 2012

Thursday 31st May 2012

Thursday 30th August 2012

All meetings will be held at 7.30 pm in Kilry Hall.