

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 23rd February 2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Dave Koller, Kilry

Visitors: Cllr Mackintosh

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Fi Bird, Major Gibb, Terry Roberts, David Robinson, PC Bell and Cllr Andrews.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 24th November 2011

The Minutes were approved and the Chairman signed them.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings on 24th November 2011

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

4.0 Community Police Report

PC Alan Bell had sent his report which is circulated with the Minutes. In addition to the items mentioned in the report Roger Clegg (RC) had received a scam call from a firm purporting to mend Dyson vacuum cleaners cheaply. Sue Smith (SS) reminded the meeting about the Smart Water packs available from the police for marking property.

5.0 Finance

SS reported that the current balance was £2,371.66. RC asked Dave Koller (DK) to ask the Kilry Hall committee for an invoice for the hall hire as the last payment had been in July 2011. In light of the Community Council's funds and the proliferation of planning applications being made for multiple wind turbines in the area it was suggested that it would be useful for a planning consultant to come and talk to us about the criteria involved in the application process. Gillian Beckett (GB) suggested that Jane Fox of Fox Planning Consultancy may be able to help. GB was asked to contact Jane Fox.

6.0 Planning

6.1 Bamff Wind Farm – There had been no change to the proposal since the second exhibition at Kilry when the number of turbines had been reduced to 7 and the layout amended. The application was likely to be made to Perth & Kinross very soon. RC and DC said there was great animosity within Kilry towards the project. RC had contacted Richard Morris regarding community benefit and had been advised that this was not something they broached until consent had been granted but that there were various ways to create and administer the fund. Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council and Alyth Community Council would be likely to share the community benefit. Concern was expressed that there was a possibility that rural communities who would experience the greatest loss of amenity would receive comparatively little community benefit compared with local towns.

6.2 River Isla Hydro Electric – This project was now on hold. There had been stiff opposition from residents living along the stretch from which the water would be extracted. Rare fauna had also been found in the area.

6.3 Carrach Wind Farm – The application is with the planning department who were waiting for some outstanding statutory responses. A decision was expected in the next couple of months.

6.4 Other Planning Matters – There had been concern in Kilry that despite the fact that 28 objections had been sent to Angus Council regarding the application to erect a large single turbine by Alistair Ramsay, the application had been approved. Although one objector had gone to the planning meeting he reported that the Convenor had indicated that he thought that more of the objectors should have attended. This raised questions about the weight attached to written objections versus personal attendance at the committee meeting which was in working hours rather than in the evening as before. RC will write to the Chief Executive to request that consideration be given to moving the Development Standards Meetings back to the evening.

SS asked what requirements wind farm applicants needed to satisfy regarding background sound monitoring. IM replied that applicants need to satisfy environmental health regulations laid down in connection with monitoring.

Several years ago the Heugh in Kilry had been sold with planning permission despite its site on an old dump. At one point concrete had been laid and then dug up again. There was a wooden hut, other buildings and caravans on the site. The planning officer had been asked to clarify the situation and had said that the enforcement officer was looking at the situation. Nothing more has been heard. The site owners have reapplied for planning permission and there was concern in Kilry regarding continual renewal and the appearance of the site. Cllr Mackintosh said that he would chase up what was happening.

GB asked about the regulations governing the development of greenfield sites. Cllr Mackintosh said that the Angus countryside development plan came into play and that it was difficult to build a dwelling unless it was for an essential worker or the land was infilling in a residential area or a self contained site in an awkward field. This was to avoid sporadic development.

There was concern that the intention to amend the Kingoldrum residential development from 3 further houses to 8 flats did not fully reflect the reality of car ownership in the countryside. While provision had been made for 1.5 cars per household this was likely to be insufficient in Kingoldrum where the bus service was negligible resulting in the likelihood of 2 cars per household. The extra cars would probably be parked on the road where there was a blind bend.

7.0 Roads

Potholes had been very bad this year. There had been a big effort in the last couple of weeks to fill holes. The Access Line had reacted quickly to reports however the quality of mending had been such that the holes were likely to reappear as soon as a heavy vehicle had been over the mend.

8.00 Correspondence

The Angus Walking Festival brochures were handed out. A letter regarding Planning Training on Monday 27th February was discussed. GH said that he would be happy to attend and would find out more information and discuss with RC.

9.0 Website

GH has registered the domain name: klwcc.org.uk. The cost of hosting this website would be £40.00 p.a. GH will produce a proposal. SS said that Angus Council offered Community

Group funding for community websites but that we must apply before any work is done. She would pass on the name of the contact.

10.0 Members' Items

There were no additional members' items.

11.0 AOB

Cllr Mackintosh announced that he would not stand at the next council elections and so this would probably be his last community council meeting. He said that he had enjoyed attending the meetings and thanked the community council for their support. RC thanked Cllr Mackintosh for all his help and support over the many years he had been involved with the community council and recalled the many successes that had been achieved with his assistance.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Glamis Castle. Kirriemuir Community Council has a marquee booked and if we would like space we should get in touch with them as soon as possible.

12.0 Date of next meetings:

Thursday 31st May 2012

Thursday 30th August 2012

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