

## **Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council**

### **Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm**

#### **Present:**

Roger Clegg (RC), Chairman, Kilry  
Geoff Hobson (GH), Deputy Chairman,  
Kingoldrum  
Sheila Beckett (SB), Secretary,  
Lintrathen

Gillian Beckett (GB), Balintore  
Major John Gibb (JG), Glenisla  
Terry Roberts (TR), Glenisla

Visitors: Councillors Iain Gaul and Jeanette Gaul (for items 1-8), PC Alan Bell, Lee Haxton.

Mike Clark, Linda Connor, Malcolm Connor, John Garrett, Sue Garrett, Nicholas Gibb, Michael Langlands, Graham McLaren, Mrs McLaren, David McMicking, Jeanetta McMicking, Rab Martin, Nick Morrocco, Alistair Ramsay, Diane Ramsay.

#### **1.0 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Proctor, David Robinson and Sue Smith.

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

The Minutes were approved and the Chairman signed them.

#### **3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with in the agenda for this meeting.

#### **4.0 Community Policy Report**

PC Bell presented his report which covered the following items: theft from outbuildings; school road safety; hare coursing; drugs; money scam ("ringing the changes"); fuel theft from farm machinery; motorcyclist safety; and antisocial behaviour on Angus roads. The report is attached to these minutes. PC Bell urged members of the public to get in touch if they have information about any of these issues. A copy of his report is attached.

#### **5.0 Finance**

There had been no change since the last meeting.

#### **6.0 Reekie Linn – Footpath**

The application for a hydro scheme affecting this stretch of the River Isla had been withdrawn. An application for a smaller hydro scheme at Slug of Auchrannie (on the East Campsie side of the river) had been made but this would not affect Reekie Linn.

JG commented that, given the tourist value of the waterfall and its height, the state of the footpath along the top to the viewpoint was poor. Anyone not wearing the correct footwear

would run the risk of slipping. He also said there were a lot of fallen trees in the area which had not been cleared for over 12 months. Councillor Gaul said he would find out who the landowner was and report back.

## **7.0 Correspondence and Consultations**

Land Reform and Angus Council Main Issues Report. This covers land allocation and usage such as housing, business, protected areas and the Esk catchment area. The consultation period closes on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and comments must be submitted by then. Angus envisages the need for 380 new houses each year across the county. Councillor Iain Gaul confirmed the community councillors' view that this report did not vary significantly from the TayPlan (Approved Strategic Development Plan 2012-2032) particularly in relation to the Kirriemuir Landward West ward. As such it was felt not necessary to make a response to Angus Council.

RC had received the annual Tayside Fire and Rescue Report and anyone interested in reading it should contact him.

The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland had sent RC a leaflet.

RC advised that consultation on the Scottish Government Land Reform Act is underway and closes early in the New Year. Details of this may be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/Review/land-reform>.

RC had received a letter regarding Tartan Day on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 which he asked GB to pass to Frances Fleming at Peel Farm.

## **8.0 Website – klwcc.org.uk**

The weekly list of planning applications submitted to Angus Council now appears on the KLVCC website and this should be monitored by interested parties.

## **9.0 Planning**

9.1 Glenisla Play Park – Angus Council had agreed to extend the consultation and a further meeting will be held on 12th December in Kirriemuir. TR will attend the meeting as our representative and report back by email. The land under discussion is church glebe and the equipment was provided by local residents. Angus Council has a budget shortfall of £1.9m relating to play areas. Lee Haxton suggested that it might be possible to obtain lottery or charity funding for a community organisation set up to be responsible for the area and equipment. Such an organisation would need to have a written constitution and bank account.

9.2 Extension to Nether Craig Caravan Park – It was expected that a formal application for 75 additional pitches would be made to Angus Council at the end of December. Graham McLaren said that the caravan park is at the end of one mile of unclassified road which also serves two farms and 11 homes. The road is narrow with passing places, deeply ditched on either side and does not contain provision for pedestrians to take refuge.

9.3 Wester Derry Wind Turbine – Diane Ramsay said that following receipt of planning permission for a WES30 she wished to re-apply for a Norwin-225 turbine on the basis that the latter is likely to be more efficient on that site however it will be at least 11 metres higher. RC said that he thought it would be necessary for an acoustic report and a zone of theoretical visibility map based on the final intended

turbine and tower height to be produced so that community views could be sought. There was discussion regarding the Scottish Governments Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/support/cares> as Mrs Ramsay needs to apply for CARES funding prior to making the planning application and needs community support in order to do this. SB said that she thought that this blurred the lines between application and community benefit and that in regard to other situations would be viewed as offering an inducement. GH said that he thought there was a distinct difference between being supportive of community benefit and supporting the application. RC said that the Community Council could not be expected to support or otherwise an application until it was made. Mrs Ramsay had contacted the Isla Parent Council regarding being recipients of a community benefit fund of £2,250 pa. GH and RC said that they thought this was a lot for a parent council's needs and that the Community Council would be better placed to make use of this sum.

9.4 Easter Craig – Mike Clark said that he had received planning permission for a 20kWh turbine and that he wished to apply for revised permission to upgrade this to a 60kWh turbine which would be 3 metres higher.

9.5 Carrach Wind Farm Appeal – The Reporter will make an accompanied site visit on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am. Interested parties are invited to meet at The Welton for the inspection.

9.6 Kingoldrum Apartments Appeal – GH had attended a site visit by the Reporter. The appeal decision is expected early in the new year.

## **10.0 Members' Items**

JG reported that the Church of Scotland had marked Glenisla kirk for closure next spring and that this would deprive the community of a focal point. SB said that she understood that Airlie kirk would similarly be decommissioned on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Lee Haxton commented that given the Church's negotiations with interested parties regarding the kirks at Clova and Ruthven it might be possible to come to some arrangement. RC advised that Finn Mackenzie, who had been instrumental in setting up a trust for the Clova kirk, might be able to help.

TR mentioned that hare coursing seemed to be a problem in Airlie. PC Bell said that a local farmer had notified the police on several occasions regarding this but that if other residents would also come forward it would provide a weightier argument for allocation of resources.

Nicholas Gibb asked why the cattle grid on Kilry Hill had not been repaired at the same time as the resurface work there. He also asked what had happened regarding the leaning beech tree at Brewlands.

SB said that Peel Farm's business had been impacted by the road closures around it, both in Angus and Perth & Kinross. RC said that he had complained to Perth & Kinross regarding the closure of the road from Alyth.

## **11.0 AOB**

There was no other business.

**12.0 Date of next meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Kilry Hall at 7.30 pm.