

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 30th May 2013 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Gillian Beckett (GB), Balintore
Dave Koller, (DK), Kilry
Major John Gibb (JG), Glenisla

Visitors: Councillor Iain Gaul (IG), Councillor Ronnie Proctor (RP), Graham McLaren.

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Jeannette Gaul, David Robinson, Sue Smith and Terry Roberts.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 28th February 2013

The Minutes were approved and the Chairman signed them. Community Council minutes are available on the www.klwcc.org.uk website.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 28th February 2013

D Ramsay – Turbine. RC reported that the Isla Primary School Parent Forum had voted against being a nominated beneficiary. It was believed that Mrs Ramsay will approach the Glenisla bike trail project with an invitation to them to become the nominated beneficiary. No formal planning application for the new turbine has yet been made.

RC asked about publication of the guidelines for community benefit monies. IG said it is a Scottish Government project and the guidelines which would cover both Councils and Community Councils have not yet been published. He would find out the expected publication date.

Nether Craig Caravan Park – Extension. Nothing further had been heard.

4.0 Finance

The current balance is £3,488.49 with cheques for £93.02 payable to Angus Council for the Community Council Insurance Scheme and for £25.00 payable to The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland to be written. The accounts for the period 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013 had been audited and the Treasurer had forwarded a copy to Rachel Green at Angus Council.

RC said that he had received an email from David Robinson regarding the Whirly Gate saying that whilst the new gate had been made there remained a problem with the wall. The project's original stonemason was ill and another was being sought. RC said that estimates would be requested prior to commencement of the work but the cost of the job was likely to make a large reduction in the current balance.

5.0 Community Police Report

PC Bell's written report is attached to the minutes. The main problems relate to telephone call scams and garden and farm thefts. Members of the community are asked to remain vigilant.

6.0 Correspondence

RC had received correspondence from Angus Local Access Forum regarding representation from the local community. He will write to them to say that we do not have anyone able to participate currently.

SB had received a letter regarding Angus Council's Bi-annual Meeting with Community Councils to be held on 5th June. GH and SB will attend on behalf of Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council.

The revised TAYplan Development Plan Scheme has been received but IG advised that there was nothing in it that affected Kirriemuir Landward West. www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk.

7.0 Members' Items

Roads – Angus Council's winter maintenance budget had been substantially overspent due to the severity of the weather and there was concern in the community council regarding the implications for future road maintenance. It was felt that under the circumstances the area had received a good service from the Roads Department but this might be jeopardised due to lack of funds. There are currently several extra teams mending potholes.

Den of Airlie Landslip – The road closure will be in place for the remainder of the year although the reinstatement project is going forward.

8.0 Planning

IG reported that revised planning guidelines are being considered in relation to the exclusion of wind turbines less than 2.5 km from communities however there is discussion about what constitutes a "community". RP suggested that "habitation" would be a better measure and the meeting agreed.

The Bamff wind farm application had been unanimously refused by Perth & Kinross Council on 24th April. The applicants have until 24th July to lodge an appeal. The Tullymurdoch application is already at the appeal stage owing to "non-determination" and Perth & Kinross Council unanimously agreed to object to the proposal.

Macritch wind farm proposal – exhibitions have been held but many people still do not know about it. Many of the properties around the Backwater reservoir are no longer owned by Scottish Water and are privately owned. RC had received comments from walkers and bird watchers about their concerns and local businesses reliant on tourism are also worried. It was pointed out that the Cairngorms National Park had had a lot of input regarding the resiting of the proposed turbines to reduce their visual impact on the wider area. JG said he thought if Macritch were approved this would probably have implications for other proposals in the area. RC drew attention to the cumulative impact of a wind farm on this site and the fact that Macritch was in essence a Scottish Government-owned organisation requesting permission from the Scottish Government.

11.0 AOB

There was no other business.

12.0 Date of next meetings:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th August 2013 in Kilry Hall at 7.30 pm after the Annual General Meeting.