

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 28th November 2013 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman - Kilry
Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman -
Kingoldrum
Sue Smith, Treasurer – Balintore
Liz Hamilton - Ruthven

Major John Gibb - Glenisla
Dave Koller - Kilry
Terry Roberts - Glenisla

Visitors: Linda Connor, Malcolm Connor, Heather and Ron Chisholm, Anne Roberts, Anthony and Angela Randall, PC Bell, Graham MacLaren, Linda Gillies

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sheila Beckett, Gillian Beckett - Lintrathen, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, David Robinson - Airlie.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings held on 29th August 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 29th August were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 29th August 2013

No matters arising

4.0 Finance

4.1 The money in the bank is just under £3500.

4.2 There was discussion about the Whirlie Gate but no-one present had enough information about the work required or the significance of the structure etc to make a decision with regard to allocating money towards the repair of the stonework. It was felt that at least one other quote for the work should be sought. It would help community councillors if a photograph could be brought to the next meeting with an explanation of why CC funds should be spent on this project.

4.3 GH spoke on behalf of Webster's HS Parent Council regarding their fund raising for a school minibus. As pupils from KLWCC area at Webster's and the two primary schools would benefit it was felt appropriate to make a donation of £500.

5.0 Community Police Report

PC Bell spoke to his report which will be sent with these minutes. See below

6.0 War Memorials.

This item had been requested by Cllr Proctor but in his absence was deferred to the next meeting.

7.0 Roads

No particular concerns reported. The winter maintenance programme appeared similar to last year. The need for emergency repairs should be reported to Angus Council's Accessline.

8.0 Community Benefit

The chairman reported that no consultation paper had arrived despite this having been expected for several months. However a draft document was in circulation and its contents caused considerable concern among those present at the meeting. It appears that Angus Council is proposing to manage the disbursement of all CB funds which must surely compromise AC's position with regard to decision making about windfarm applications. There are good examples of Community Councils managing CB effectively in the interests of their communities and the suggestion that this CC would be under pressure to support a windfarm application because CB was offered shows a lack of awareness of how this CC has handled windfarm applications in the past. We await the consultation paper.

9.0 Correspondence.

9.1 It was noted that the Bi-annual meeting will be on 04 December at 7pm.

9.2 A letter from the Post Office confirmed that Glenisla PO has closed temporarily but the PO is trying to make other arrangements to continue the service in the area.

10. Planning

There was brief update about Bamff, Tullymurdoch and Macritch but the main discussion was about Saddlehill which is seen as a serious threat to the Kilry and Glenisla communities in particular. It has been proposed that there should be a public meeting in January 2014 (date to be decided) to give those concerned an opportunity to discuss how best to oppose this proposal once a formal planning application is submitted.

11. Members' Items

11.1 TR asked about police activity on the local roads which had apparently been aimed at 'boy racers' several of whom had been apprehended.

11.2 TR also raised more concerns about BT's quality of service. RC recommended contacting either the Courier (mdalziel@dcthomson.co.uk) or Anna Steven, Senior Manager, Media and Corporate Relations BT Scotland (anna.steven@bt.com).

11.3 GH reported that there is money being made available for improved broadband service in the more remote parts of the Angus Glens although full implementation will take some time.

11.0 AOB

There was no other business.

12.0 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February 2014 in Kilry Hall at 7.30 pm.

Community Police File

Crimes of Note (29/08/2013 -27/11/2013)

CR/36580/13 – Clintlaw Sawmill, Theft of tools between 28/09/2013 and 23/10/2013

CR/35029/13 – Theft – Timber Machinery – Glenmarkie between 07/11/2013 and 08/11/2013

Community Safety

Hare Coursing

Given that over the next couple of weeks the grain should be harvested and as such fields will be bare, conditions are becoming conducive for the illegal practice of hare coursing. Hare coursing was completely banned in 2002, however incidents of this nature continue to occur throughout Angus and further afield.

Anyone who has any information about people who are involved in, or who they suspect to be involved in, hare coursing or poaching, can call Police Scotland on 101 or provide details anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Drugs

In common with other areas of Scotland, drug abuse continues to be a challenge in Angus. Residents can be assured that our officers will exploit every opportunity to tackle drug dealing in our area and we in turn would ask them to give us the information we need to target the dealers and put them before the courts. Please report any such activities to either Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

New Psychoactive Substances, more commonly known as 'legal highs' have become a particular concern in Angus, and indeed further a field, in recent years, with supply and demand increasing. NPS frequently contain harmful substances, some of which may not be legal.

Local Crime Issues

Farm Machinery

Tayside Police are urging farmers not to leave farm machinery or vehicles unattended in fields overnight. Recently a large quantity of fuel was stolen from a combine harvester which was parked in a field overnight. Unfortunately the large quantities of fuel such machines hold, the quiet unclassified roads which border the fields and the darker nights drawing in make fuel thefts attractive to the criminal.

Don't make it easy for a thief by leaving expensive machinery and large quantities of fuel lying at the side of roads. Farm vehicles and machinery should be secured away at the end of the working day in suitable outbuildings which are secured by key operated locks. Simply securing the vehicles themselves in a field is not a sufficient form of security. Furthermore, vehicles and machinery should be refuelled in the morning to prevent them being left overnight with large quantities of fuel.

Road Policing

WINTER DRIVING

Adverse weather conditions, shorter daylight hours, lower temperatures and hazardous road surfaces make driving more difficult for motorists in the Winter.

Making sure that your car is fit to drive over the winter months could be a matter of life or death. Worn tyres and faulty brakes can prove deadly when combined with difficult driving conditions. Check that lights are clean and working, the battery is full and keep the windscreen and windows clean and the water bottle filled with screen wash to the correct concentration.

DRINK DRIVING

Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol continues to be a significant issue in Angus, as well as nationally. Police Scotland will continue to take robust action against offenders. Anyone with information in relation to drink / drug drivers is encouraged to report this to either Police Scotland on 101 or Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111. Police Scotland have a policy whereby offenders caught at more than twice the legal limit, those who have been involved in a collision while under the influence, and those that refuse to provide a specimen will be kept in custody until the next available court day instead of being released on an undertaking to appear.

Alan Bell your local Community Landward Officer is happy to be contacted to discuss matters concerning you . He can be contacted on 01575576625 or alan.bell2@scotland.pnn.police.uk