

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 27th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum

Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Liz Hamilton, Ruthven

Terry Roberts, Glenisla

Visitors: Cllr Iain Gaul, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Alan Bell, June Browning, Jo Chapman Campbell, Heather Chisholm, Ron Chisholm, Malcolm Connor, Linda Connor, Linda Gillies, Anne Heron, Anne Hunter, Brian Ivory, Graham McLaren, Stewart Miller, Mike Morris, Ann Morris, Roz Ogilvie, Angela Randall, Anthony Randall, Valerie Summer, Carol Till and Richard Till.

Wind Prospect employees for Saddlehill Presentation: Rory Carmichael, Nicola Quinn and Sarah.

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jeanette Gaul, Major John Gibb and Professor David Robinson.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 28th November 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 28th November were approved.

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

Whirlie Gate – Roger Clegg (RC) had spoken to Helen Humphries who advised that Ruth Robinson was in touch with Angus Council regarding an application to the Heritage Fund for the money needed to complete the project. The community council may not need to contribute to this project but will reconsider it again at a later date.

4.0 Financial Position

There had been no change to the financial position since the last meeting with the exception of a cheque for £40.00 relating to work on the website which was signed at the meeting.

5.0 Community Police Report

The police report was circulated and Alan Bell drew attention to types of fraud being attempted and reminded people to be vigilant. Scrap metal and diesel thefts do occur and residents are advised that fuel tanks may be easily secured with a good quality padlock and that suppliers are able to offer advice. Banks in Kirriemuir are now working with the police to help protect more vulnerable people when unexpected cash withdrawals are made.

6.0 War Memorials

Cllr Proctor requested details of public war memorials (those not in kirks) so that they may be inspected and tidied if necessary. Mention was made of memorials in Bridgend of Lintrathen, Kirkton of Glenisla and Craigton of Airlie.

7.00 Roads

The road from Kirriemuir to Forfar through Padanaram will be closed from 17th to 28th March with detours in place.

The road from Ruthven to Airlie Castle north of Dilivaird remains shut and is likely to be resolved by becoming a single track with traffic light management when it finally reopens.

The road from Drummore, Glenisla to Black Lunans is in a very poor stage with bollards place in numerous potholes. The ditches are full of water which has overflowed onto the road.

RC advised residents to get in touch with the ACCESS line to report any problems regarding roads as this is the quickest and most effective way for problems to be resolved.

Sheila Beckett commented that the signage for the recent roadworks and detours in the middle of Kirriemuir should have been placed before entry into the one way system. Cllr Gaul said that he would pass this on to the roads department.

8.0 Renewable Energy and Community Benefits

The draft Community Benefit Policy Consultation was discussed and those present were urged to complete the online survey individually. This may be found at:

<http://www.angus.gov.uk/bestvalue/consultation/documents.cfm?myRef=685> together with the draft policy. The main points that those present wished to make to the council were:

- The 15 km radius was believed far too great a distance to include in the local host community which should be deemed to be a much smaller distance from the wind farm boundary.
- There was strong feeling that those closest to each development should be offered the full benefit with projects further away only being considered if there were surplus monies available.
- It was felt there was no need to have two funds particularly since there were quite a few overlaps in the project types proposed for each fund.
- There should be one fund only with projects closest to the development being given precedence in consideration.

It was agreed that RC would write to Angus Council on behalf of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community to reflect the views expressed at the meeting.

9.0 Correspondence

RC had received a communication from Lee Haxton, Community Support Manager, Cairngorms National Park to say that consultation on the new LEADER programme was currently being undertaken and those interested should have a look at the National Park's website. There will also be a consultation event regarding funding design for the local development strategy at Fairlie House, Kirriemuir from 19.00 to 21.00 on 5th March.

10.0 Members' Items

Terry Roberts said that the Glenisla recycling bins remain full for some time and did not appear to be emptied regularly. Recently only the glass bins had been emptied and there

was a lot of broken glass around the bins. He was asked to let the ACCESS office know. Cllr Gaul said that he would find out why the glass and not the other bins had been emptied.

11.0 Planning

Bamff and Tullymurdoch windfarms – The outcome was still undecided and the meeting had been postponed to early March after which time the reporter would announce her decision.

Saddle Hill – Rory Carmichael from Wind Prospect, the developer, made a presentation regarding the proposal and answered questions. Wind Prospect will send two hard copies of the Environmental Statement to Roger Clegg at the same time the planning application is submitted. They will also publish the baseline reports on the website as they become available. The project website is: www.saddlehillwindfarm.co.uk. The meeting requested that the developers conduct a second exhibition prior to the planning application and once they have that information available.

Macritch Wind Farm – A new officer had been appointed by the developer, called Daniel Babcock and there will be further exhibitions on the following dates:

Thursday 13th March – Kingoldrum

Friday 14th March – Kilry

Saturday 15th March - Kirrimuir

12.0 AOB

Alan Bell said that his wife, Claire, had bought the Glen Isla Hotel which would be open as a pub until 11th March and then would additionally serve meals. The hotel will start to offer accommodation at a later date. The post office issue is ongoing and a business plan needs to be drawn up once the previous owner has given it up at the end of February.

13.0 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th May 2014 in Kilry Hall at 7.30 pm.