

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 28th August 2014 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry
Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum
Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore
Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Gillian Beckett, Balintore
John Gibb, Glenisla
Liz Hamilton, Ruthven
David Robinson, Lindertis

Visitors:

Councillor Iain Gaul, Councillor Jeanette Gaul, Councillor Ronnie Proctor, Gail Beattie (Community Landward Officer, Police Scotland), Linda Connor, Linda Gillies, Robin Neill, Sophia Neill

1.0 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Terry Roberts and Dave Koller.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 29th May 2014

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

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 29th May 2014

3.1 Recycling - There had been a few teething problems in Kilry during the introduction of the kerbside collection of recycling bins however these had been resolved.

3.2 Whirlie Gate – The grant application forms had been signed and submitted but as yet nothing further had been heard.

4.0 Financial Position

There had been no change to the financial position since the end of June when the balance was £3,895.60.

5.0 Community Police Report

PC Gail Beattie presented the Community Police Report which is attached to these minutes. The only other item of note had been a break-in at the gun club in Egnomoss. PC Beattie encouraged residents to note things they thought unusual which may be of help in crime detection.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Angus Council Bridge Contract No. 38 – C29 Forter Bridge – repairs and maintenance will take place on the bridge at some point between 1 September and 10 November 2014. The road will be closed for short periods of time to vehicular traffic while this is done. The exact closure dates will be specified on signs at the bridge prior to closure. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

6.2 Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels – a letter had been received from Ken Neil, Tayside Project Officer, regarding local involvement in red squirrel conservation. It was agreed that

he should be given the booking contact details for Kilry and Kingoldrum Halls and offered a slot at the next community council meeting if he wished to come and talk.

6.3 Airlie Den Landslip Remedial Works – the date for the road works has been delayed and should now be completed by 14 November. This will involve the road being made single track and priority system signage installed.

7.0 Broadband

RC reported that BT is currently active in the Cairngorms National Park and that a hub will be sited in Alyth. Kirriemuir is being upgraded and a fibre cabinet has been installed in Kingoldrum. There are six exchanges that are not being included in BT's upgrading programme and Glenisla is one of these. This means that the area will be eligible for grant funding from Community Broadband Scotland (CBS). A community planning meeting will be held in Kirriemuir to discuss the possible project and area to be covered. Geoff Hobson will attend the meeting.

8.0 Planning

Councillors Iain and Jeanette Gaul left for this item.

David Robinson commented that the number and size of single turbines was starting to increase so that they were now starting to change the nature of our landscape and views. RC said that in the past the community council had thought that single turbines had not posed a threat to local views but that in the light of the increasing numbers this could be reviewed.

Earthworks at Westerderry relating to substation infrastructure for the turbine have caused problems in Kilry. These works have not yet been approved by the planners and both the police and Angus Council have been advised of the problems. Any objections concerning the planning application for these works need to relate to planning policy rules.

8.1 Bamff and Tullymurdoch windfarms – Still awaiting Reporter's decision which is expected imminently. (Subsequent to the meeting and prior to the minutes being prepared the Reporter has refused the Bamff appeal but upheld the Tullymurdoch appeal.)

8.2 Macritch Wind Farm – No further information is available.

8.3 Saddle Hill – Not expected to go to planning until October and exhibitions will be held in the Kilry and Glenisla Halls before then. Linda Connor said that the noise monitoring equipment in her garden will remain for several more weeks because recent road works and other factors have meant that the background noise readings recorded have not been representative of normal sound levels in the area.

8.4 Carrach – Angus Council is waiting further reports prior to a decision being made.

8.5 Slug of Auchrannie – Gillian Beckett reported that a large number of documents relating to this had been added to Angus Council's Planning website recently. The planning reference is 12/00874/EIAL.

9.0 Members' Items and Any Other Business

Sue Smith requested that the new sign for Balintore be corrected as it has been misspelled with two 'l's rather than one.

John Gibb commented that the verges at Folda in Glenisla had not been cut until just before the Glenisla Gathering which was really too late.

Recent downpours have caused ditches in Kilry to flood. The councillors said that ditch clearing is a reactive rather than a proactive service and that flooding should be reported using the ACCESSLine 08452 777 778.

Angus Council's redesigned website has issues and Councillor Gaul said that he will follow these up with the IT department.

12.0 Date of next meeting:

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