

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 26th February 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry

Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum

Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore

Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen

Gillian Beckett, Balintore

Liz Hamilton, Ruthven

Dave Koller, Kilry

Terry Roberts, Glenisla

Visitors:

Councillor Ronnie Proctor, Sgt Steven Barr (Police Scotland), Jo Chapman-Campbell, Jill Hobhouse, Graham McLaren, Katherine Sullivan (Deadline News)

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and reported that apologies had been received from David Robinson. Katherine Sullivan was under the impression that the meeting was about wind farms and said that she wished to attend and take photographs. Some attendees expressed discomfort about having their photographs taken at the meeting.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 27th November 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 27th November were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 27th November 2014

The Derries Road had been repaired on 25th February.

11.0 Community Benefit – RC, SS and GH had attended a meeting with John Wood and Barbara Stoker of Glamis Community Council who had advised that in order to demonstrate impartiality it was important that the community council is not involved in receipt of funds. Glamis had set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and suggested contacting Colin Liddell of J & H Mitchell solicitors in Pitlochry in this regard as they also had a useful website. RC requested that he, SS and GH be given approval by the meeting to consult Colin Liddell on how the fund could be shaped. The likely cost of this would be about £2,000. The meeting approved this course of action. RC had been in touch with the Tullymurdoch developers who had informed him that construction was likely to commence in 2016 with commissioning in 2017 and therefore no community benefit would be available until twelve months thereafter.

9.0 Kirriemuir Post Office – Councillor Proctor informed the meeting that the Post Office had now opened in the Thistle Newsagents.

4.0 Financial Position

The bank funds are currently £3,395.60 following £500 donation to the Webster's High School minibus. SS reported that she had received an acknowledgement for this.

5.0 Community Police Report

Sgt Steven Barr introduced himself as our Prevention & Intervention Officer and presented the Kirriemuir & Dean Multi Member Ward Plan 2014. There has been a reorganisation of personnel in order to maximise resources in the evening and early morning to enable the police to be more responsive. The community constable role has been expanded and there are now ten community

officers over viewing the Angus area rather than the previous two in Kirriemuir. Sgt Ashley Dewar is the main contact for our ward although Gail Beattie is still in the team. It is hoped that the greater number of community officers will mean better representation at the community council meetings. The Police Scotland website covering “Your Community” will be updated and the local Member Ward Plans will be reviewed shortly. Community councillors and local residents are asked to look at the current plan to see if it is appropriate. RC asked if two officers could be allocated to this area so that there would be some consistency. The contact details for the community policing team can go on the KLVCC website.

Graham McLaren was concerned about road safety and asked who bears responsibility for clearing mud from roads. It was confirmed that farmers are responsible for clearing it at the end of the day although in many cases people now just ring the ACCESS line. Sgt Barr said that the police could be contacted either on the 101 telephone number or via their email: taysidekirriemuirdeancpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk. The only recent crime of note had been the theft of some sheep from a farm recently. Residents are reminded though to pay attention to house security such as leaving lights and possibly a radio on to deter thieves. Mr McLaren left the meeting in protest at Ms Sutherland taking photographs.

6.0 Refuse Collection

RC asked what procedure should be followed when a collection had been missed. Councillor Proctor asked residents to either get in touch with the ACCESS line or Ritchie Strachan to report a missed collection. He also said that he would be able to follow it up if necessary. LH said that she had been advised by householders above Backwater that they had had their bins removed and been issued with sacks instead. This was not a satisfactory state of affairs but had been carried out as a cost saving exercise by Angus Council.

7.0 Turbine Noise

Cottertown turbine became operational in the second week of December 2014 and had upset many residents in Kilry because it was audible at night even through double glazing. Councillor Proctor said that the Environmental Health Officer to contact was Danny Johnstone (01307 473184). Concern was expressed that if Saddlehill were given the go ahead the noise disturbance would be extremely bad if the Cottertown turbine were anything to go by. JH pointed out that Tullymurdoch will also produce noise once operational.

8.0 Correspondence

SB had received a letter regarding “Kilry School Bridge and retaining wall repairs” advising that the works were due to begin on 2nd March and take approximately four weeks to complete. She had expected a second letter giving more detail which had not been forthcoming.

GH had received an email from Watston Forestry about their long term plan for land above Backwater Reservoir. This was mainly concerning walks in the area.

SB had also received a letter regarding the Tayplan 2016 consultation.

Miss Sutherland left the meeting.

9.0 Planning

9.1 Slug of Auchrannie Hydro Scheme – This has been approved by Angus Council.

9.2 Macritch Wind Farm – JH drew attention to Dr Rachel Connor’s video clip regarding carcinogens, in the form of tri halomethanes, present in run off as a result of turbines and their construction near reservoirs.

9.3 Black Hill (Saddle Hill) – GH reported that Angus Broadband had received a communication regarding community benefit on offer from the developers, Wind Prospect.

9.4 Carrach – Nothing further had been heard since the Reporter’s visit had been deferred until the end of March.

9.5 Greenburn – KLVCC will be consulted regarding this proposal.

10.0 Members' Items and Any Other Business

10.1 Glenisla Play Area – In Terry Roberts absence there was no further news. RC would email and ask for an update at the next meeting.

10.2 Websters School Minibus – This had been delivered at the end of January. A risk assessment was awaited on the mechanism to be used to provide the minibus for use by other organisations.

11.0 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on at 7.30 pm on Thursday 28th May 2015 in Kilry Hall.