

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Meeting held in Kilry Village Hall on Thursday, 28th May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry	John Gibb, Glenisla
Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum	Liz Hamilton, Ruthven
Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore	Dave Koller, Kilry
Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen	Terry Roberts, Glenisla

Visitors:

Councillor Iain Gaul, Jo Chapman-Campbell, P Gammell, Jill Hobhouse and Alison Petrie

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and reported that apologies had been received from Gillian Beckett, David Robinson, Councillors Jeanette Gaul and Ronnie Proctor.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 26th February were approved.

3.0 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting on 26th February 2015

11.0 Community Benefit – No further progress had been made yet in regard to setting up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Dave Koller and Roger Clegg had been invited to a Tullymurdoch Community Liaison Group meeting on 16th June and they would provide an update to the next meeting in August and possibly do something about setting up a SCIO after that if appropriate.

4.0 Financial Position

The grant for the financial year had been nearly fully used and the new grant had been received so that the bank funds are currently £4,085.10. The accounts for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 had been audited and submitted to Angus Council. APRS subscription was due for renewal and a cheque for this would be sent off.

5.0 Use of Community Council Funds

Angus Council guidance was unclear regarding acceptable uses of funds and the community council members were not comfortable with the lack of clarity. RC suggested that we might consider our own guidelines for instance:

- Giving only to constituted bodies
- Giving only after discussion at a community council meeting
- When at least 50% of all members were in agreement with making the donation

Following discussion of the above suggestion it was thought that it was probably too rigid a guideline to demand that any recipient be a constituted body. Councillor Gaul said that the community council was allowed to give money to anything we wanted. The community council however was mindful that it was public money which should be spent for the public good.

6.0 Glenisla Car Park/Picnic Area

This site, owned by the Church of Scotland and leased by Angus Council, additionally has a public convenience. Although the lease is not expensive, Angus Council is not renewing it in 2017 because the public liability insurance is. Angus Council currently maintains the grass area and the toilets – the latter being essential for the frequent van drivers delivering to Glenisla. The play park is the only recreational facility that Angus Council provides in the KLVCC area and the car park serves the Kirk, Glenisla Hall and the Cemetery - for which Angus Council is responsible. It follows that Angus Council needs the car park for the grass cutters coming to maintain the Cemetery and so provision of the remaining facilities would not be a large increase. There will be another meeting between community representatives, Angus Council and the community council. TR said that he thought the Council had a practical obligation regarding the car park and a moral obligation regarding the play park and he asked whether the community council would be prepared to back the Glenisla community in this. PG said that Angus Council's attitude to these facilities was at odds with their desire to promote tourism in the area. It was also noted that there had been no consultation prior to the decision being made and there should be scope to request a new lease as the loss of the facilities would be very severe on the Catteran Trail. The hotel provides toilet facilities but they have no duty to do so and it is not reasonable to ask them.

7.0 Community Police Report

There was no police representation and no report had been received.

8.0 Correspondence

NHS - Chapel Park Health Centre and Forfar Health Centre are merging surgeries. Any comments should be submitted by 12th June.

9.0 Members' Items

Craigisla Bridge – Despite the barricades no repairs are being done. Councillor Gaul said that he would follow this up.

Forter Castle 'T' Junction – Temporary repairs have been made to this over the last seven years but it continues to get worse. The ACCESS office should be advised and writing a "Without Prejudice" letter might produce some action.

Brewlands – JG reported that a high fence had been put up and it was suggested that the ACCESS line should be advised.

10.0 Planning

Macritch Wind Farm – Following the Angus Council decision it was suggested that a letter be written to Scottish Water proposing that they reconsider the whole matter. The Angus Council planning officer had written regarding the landscape and visual amenity. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a similar letter. Gratitude was expressed to Angus Council's Planning Department and its councillors for all their work and the decision they had made to object to the proposed wind farm. The Energy Consents Unit is still receiving representations.

Saddle Hill (Black Hill) – A decision is unlikely before September. The developers have submitted more data which reopens the consultation period. Jill Hobhouse asked whether given this the community council would make further representation and it was agreed that it would.

Carrach – The reporter had overturned the Council's decision to refuse planning permission. The owner of Balintore Castle was appealing this as it was contrary to the Angus Plan.

Greenburn – Alison Petrie gave an overview of this proposed wind farm in its consultation phase. The site is just along the A93 from Drumderg (which has sixteen 84 metre high turbines) and this proposal was for eleven 126.5 metre high turbines – over 40 metres higher. The parties involved were Shieldrum Farm, Blackthorn Farm (a family trust), ABO wind and Invicta PR. The access would be past John Ferguson's farm. It would be tantamount to an extension of Drumderg. The Catteran Trail would be impacted by this development and the Cairngorms National Park was less than 10 miles away. A Community Benefit inducement of £165k p.a. was being suggested if the application is

approved. There had been 91 people at the last meeting. There would be a stand at the Blairgowrie Town Hall on 19th June. The application was likely to be submitted in July or August.

Sun Porch on Cottage – JG reported that his son had appealed a decision by Angus Council to refuse planning permission for this extension. The community council had no objections to this extension.

11.0 Any Other Business

Roadwork Detritus – As a result of rubbish following road works near Balintore Castle, SS asked Councillor Gaul about the removal of detritus from site when Angus Council contracted out road repairs. He confirmed that it should be removed if it had not been used on site.

Cottertown Turbine – The noise is as bad as it has been and the severity is dependent on wind speed and direction. It has increased residents' concerns about turbines particularly as Drumderg seems noisier now.

11.0 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th August 2015 in Kilry Hall following the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm.