

## **Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council**

### **Minutes of the Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council Annual General Meeting held in the Kilry Hall on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm**

#### **Present:**

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Kilry	John Gibb, Glenisla
Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum	Dave Koller, Kilry
Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore	Terry Roberts, Glenisla
Sheila Beckett, Secretary, Lintrathen	David Robinson, Airlie
Gillian Beckett, Lintrathen	

#### **Visitors:**

Councillor Ronnie Proctor, Malcolm Connor, Jo Chapman Campbell (acting secretary),

#### **1.0 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and reported that apologies had been received from Liz Hamilton and from Councillors Jeanette and Iain Gaul.

**2.0 Minutes of 2014 AGM** approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3.0 Chairman's Report** - copy attached. Never any feedback on Report from Council and apparently not every CC produces an annual report). Reports available on website.

**4.0 Accounts for 2014/15.** Had already been approved, examined and sent on to Angus Council

**5.0 Community Council Elections** Nominations to be in by 28<sup>th</sup> September and forms handed out.

**6.0 Dates, times and venues of meetings for 2015/16.** Last Thursday of February, May, August and November.

**7. AOB None.**

**8. Date of next AGM** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

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### **Chairman's Report 2014/15**

Once again this has been another year in which planning issues, especially those relating to renewable energy and in particular wind farms, have taken up the major part of several meetings. Concerns about Bamff and Tullymurdoch have been replaced by discussions about Saddlehill and Macritch windfarms with decisions awaited concerning both of these proposals.

Setting aside for the moment the arguments for and against onshore wind farm developments in areas such as the Angus Glens, I continue to be concerned about the damage these proposals do to communities. Having been involved with this community council now for ten years I have witnessed a constant bombardment by landowners and developers looking to capitalise on the Angus Glens' position on the periphery of the National Park but without any of the Park's development protection. At the time of the Mile Hill proposal, I said at a community council meeting that these projects would be divisive and it gives me no satisfaction to see the social and economic divide that has opened up in once harmonious communities.

The state of the roads throughout the area is invariably a topic at meetings and the higher than normal rainfall has only exacerbated the problems. It is also a concern that Craigisla Bridge has still not been repaired nine months after it was damaged by a gritter.

Community Council elections should have taken place last year but were delayed until 2015 and therefore a new community council will need to be elected during the Autumn. I am grateful to all the community councillors for their contributions, in some cases over many years and in particular I want to thank Sue Smith for her work as Treasurer and Geoff Hobson for his IT and planning officer work and for filling the role of vice chairman. Last but not least my thanks to Sheila Beckett who has been an excellent secretary and it is with regret that we wish her and Gillian well as they are soon to be leaving the area and moving south.

Finally thanks to our three Angus Councillors who make the effort both to attend and contribute to our meetings.

August 2015