Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilry Hall on Thursday, 25th February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

Roger Clegg, Chairman, Geoff Hobson, Deputy Chairman, Kingoldrum; Sue Smith, Treasurer, Balintore; Jo Chapman Campbell, Secretary; Liz Hamilton, Ruthven; Terry Roberts, Glenisla; Dave Koller, Kilry; David Robinson, Airlie. Councillors Ronnie Proctor, Iain Gaul, Jeanette Gaul Mary Lamb, Chris Lamb, Richard Till, Carol Till, Mike Curtis, Jill Curtis, Malcolm Connor, Gordon Ogilvy – Angus Council, Shaun Marley – CBS; Duncan Nisbet – Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband

- 1.0 No apologies
- 2.0 Minutes of meeting of 26th November 2015 confirmed accurate
- 3.0 Matters arising from previous meeting:
 No developments with SCIO until further clarity re Community Benefit from Tullymurdoch.

Broadband Scotland – Duncan Nisbet (Senior Stakeholder Manager) updated the meeting re the situation with broadband coverage in the Angus Glens which will fall into the 5% of households not covered by the present scheme i.e. Fibre Optic will not be an option due to cost involved. Not economically viable for BT.

Shaun Marley (Community Broadband Scotland) advised that if local communities wanted to improve broadband coverage and speeds then a Community group would need to be established to work with CBS. Funding would be available both to assess the demand for an improved service and for a technical assessment which would offer a series of options. There would also be up to 89% funding for a design and build contractor as well as assistance with procurement – identifying suitable contractor. Councillors supportive of community taking this initiative, but no financial support available, and RC keen to widen the project to include other areas which will not be part of the DSSB scheme.

There already is a community group established (Angus Broadband Cooperative) but more volunteers would be required if this group were to lead on a broadband project.

5. Financial Position £3,951 = balance

6. Police Report

No officer present but a report was emailed to the Community Councillors. The main item was a recent theft of heating oil in Glenisla.

7. Correspondence

APRS Newsletter

Medal celebrating Queen's 90th birthday available - contact Roger

8. Members' Items

Condition of roads – Council aware and programme of repair is ongoing. The brown food waste bin scheme will not be extended to the rural areas.

9. Planning

Saddlehill Wind Farm – awaiting a date for the hearing (possibly 29th March). **Macritch Hill Wind Farm** withdrawn.

Carrach – Sue attended Court of Session with David Johnston – judges' decision in 3 months.

10. AOB

IG – Rural Parliament in Brechin and an opportunity to 'sell' Angus, 4th – 6th October 2016. Registration open now

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th May 2016 in Kilry Hall at 7.30pm