

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 27th February 2020 in Kilry Hall

Present: Roger Clegg (Chairman), Meg Mearns(Glenisla), Dave Koller (Kilry), Geoff Hobson (Kingoldrum), Liz Hamilton (Ruthven), Helen Humphreys (Westmuir), Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Ian McLaren, Shelley Hague (AC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Sue Smith (Balintore), David Robinson (Airlie), Sally Colville (Glenisla), Cllr Julie Bell, Cllr McMillan Douglas, Jo Chapman Campbell

2. Minutes of Meeting on 28th November. Approved

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Broadband

Ruthven residents having little success with BT and are due to meet to consider other options.

4. Community Council Review.

Shelley Hague from Angus Council Strategic Policy team explained the changes which will be implemented from April 2020. There are important changes to the use and conditions relating to annual grant and these are explained in two attachments which Shelley sent following the meeting. (Her email with attachments will be forwarded to CC members when these minutes are circulated).

A programme of CC training events has been circulated but without dates which will follow.

5. Participatory Budgeting

There seems to be a widespread view that the implementation of PB in year 1 (2019/2020) was poorly managed. It is hoped that planning for the next round will start now and be much more effective than it has been this year. The request from the Roads' dept for funding 'dropped kerbs' was somewhat bewildering as there had been no prior contact with the CC about this and no specific sites were mentioned. It came across as a rather devious ploy and it is hoped that this will not be repeated in future by 'Roads' or any other council dept.

6. Financial Position

Balance stands at £3,432.59

7. Police Report

No officer attended this meeting but the most recent report had been circulated to CC members.

Rural Watch continues to provide a valuable "alerts' Information service for rural communities. The website is provided on Local Community policing area reports. www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk.

8. **SCIO** – The Kirriemuir Landward West Community Grant Scheme received 7 applications by the closing date of 31/01/20. The total requested was over £45,000 but this far exceeded the funds available. Following detailed discussions the Trustees were pleased to award grants varying in amounts from £388 to £8000 to six community groups in different locations throughout the CC area. The closing date for the next round of applications is 30 September 2020.
9. **Planning**
No contentious applications but it was noted that the Glenisla Hotel has closed and is for sale and the views of the community would need to be sought should a change of use request be forthcoming.
9. **Correspondence**
None
10. **Members' Items**
- i) Scottish Water. - Replacement Water Mains for Westmuir.
An update was provided regarding the progress made to replace the ageing water pipes. Mail shots from Scottish Water/Caledonian Water Alliance have been sent to all residents to ensure they are aware of important aspects of the work about to take place and that a start date is due to be announced soon. Caledonian Water Alliance have arranged an information event in the Hall. for village residents on Thursday 5th March from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in the Hall.
 - ii) Proposal for a 'Community Day' for KLVCC area - HH requested that proposal be 'put on hold' until next meeting.
 - iii) Forfar Instrumental Band. Westmuir Hall Association held an event featuring the Band. Event greatly enjoyed. Wide age range of musicians including local school pupils and adults. Good for indoor and outdoor events. Contact: Secretary: Tori Chamberlain. Telee: 07891721140.
 - iv) Rural area Litter Pick - now set up and working well. Great support from A.C. Communities Officer, J Anderson. By signing up to Pride in Place 'adopt a street' initiative, approx 6 miles of rural paths and roads on 'volunteers' rota. Keep Kirriemuir Clean team also offered good support. The new Rural Team are willing to 'share' litter picks and hoops with the wider KLVCC area so that they might become involved if they so wish.
 - iv) Damage to the road B951 near Tree Nursery and also C26 between Fergus and Auchavan casued by high river water levels.
11. **AOB**
Cllr Proctor reported
- a) on the Wild Cat presentation and ongoing work at Isla Primay and
 - b) the recycling centre has reopened.

Cllr McLaren who represents Angus Council on the CNPA Board gave a brief account of the work of the Board with particular reference to the housing problems within the Park.

Date of next meeting, Thursday 28th May 2020 Kilry Hall, 7.30pm