

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

Minutes: 29 February 2024 KILRY Hall 730pm

Present: Sue Smith (Chair), Meg Mearns (Secretary), Sally Colville (Treasurer), Geoff Hobson (IT/Planning), Dave Koller, Ali Belton, Rosemary Scrimgeour, Evie Rooke, Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr Julie Bell

Sean Miller (FLS), Rob Cooper (FLS), Clare McGowan, Linda Connor, Edwin and Susie Mickleburgh, Derick and Barbara Lovegrove, Richard and Carol Till, Debbie McGowan, Hugh Keith

1. SS opened with welcome, especially to guests and to Sean Miller and Rob Cooper from Forestry Land Scotland.

2. Minutes of meeting on 30 November 2023 accepted. Proposed by SC

3. Matters arising from meeting on 30 November 2023 .

Road calming measures at Westmuir are starting to be implemented with the installation of 2 bollards. Data feedback in 3 months time will see if they have made a difference. HK is expecting 20mph roundels to be made available.

4. Forestry and Land Scotland representatives (SM. RC) discussed the Forestry Operations ongoing in the area, explain the processes of timber haulage and timber management plans. Thousands of tonnes of timber will need to be extracted over the next few years from Forestry Land Scotland sites in addition to the timber being extracted by private companies. This is having a significant impact on the condition of roads being used for haulage, particularly the U388 over Kilry Hill. There was an active discussion with Kilry residents explaining the impacts of the lorries using this unclassified road, in

many places a single track road. RC explained the role of the Timber Transport Forum who deal with the regulators, Forestry Scotland. The Timber Transport Forum is made up of FLS, private companies and Forestry Scotland. Timber management plans and timber transport plans are there to manage and mitigate potential problems e.g. tracking numbers, frequencies, types and timings of lorry so FLS can access details of any lorry hauling timber at any given time on any given day.

Fundin. for road improvements from Scottish Forestry is available for councils to apply for through the Project Proprietary Grant which is match fundable through the Scottish Timber Transport. Funds are available for survey and estimates of repairing defects.

For specific incidents FLS advised on getting registration number, time and livery of lorries and whether loaded or not, then notifying Timber Transport Forum (www.timbertransportforum.org.uk)

SM discussed the processes new planting schemes go through before they go to Forestry Scotland to the public register (available on their website for 28 day consultation).

ACTION: FLS are to raise the issues discussed at this meeting at the next Timber Transport Forum meeting (mid summer).

ACTION: FLS are to share resources and contact information which will be disseminated on the KLVCC website and Facebook page.

5. Roads Department – not able to attend
6. Update on roads. Focus tonight was on the road through Kilry (condition and safety issues) but roads generally are in very poor repair. Angus Council have begun a significant programme of repairs but following the series of winter storms work they are stretched and resources have to be prioritised.

Cllr Proctor and Cllr Bell have noted concerns and will take them back to Roads officers.

The advice is to keep reporting potholes through the Angus Council Reporting portal on the website.

[Report a pothole, street lighting or other road/street issue | Angus Council](#)

7. Financial Report £4900 in the account, no income or expenses this quarter.
8. Police Report – already circulated.
9. Request for Road name and sign at Westmuir – raised by Westmuir resident
ACTION: GH to send a link to the Angus Council Website on the process of naming/renaming roads.
10. Facebook page- not very active at moment but it was agreed it would be a good vehicle to disseminate information about road closures, planning applications and forestry applications to a wider audience.

ACTION: RS to send a link to all to become admins on the FB page.

11. Member's Items

Problems with drains – advised to report on the Angus Council website

12. Planning - none

13. AOB. DMcG enquired about the closing date for the next round of KLWCGS applications – midnight today 29 February.

RS suggested an event for positive visions for the community

ACTION: RS to organise

CLlr Proctor reminded of an event at Inverarity Church on Friday 1st March to raise funds for the Church. Stewart Fotheringham Organ recital.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 30 May 2024. Venue: Airlie Hall (tbc)