

Kirriemuir Landward West Community Council

29 May 2025 Kilry Hall 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Present: Rosemary Scrimgeour, Evie Rooke, Ali Belton, Dave Koller, Meg Mearns, Geoff Hobson, Cllr Ron Proctor, Faye Douglas and Stewart Douglas.
Apologies: Sue Smith, Sally Colville, Cllr Julie Bell.

2. **Minutes of meeting on 27 February 2025**

Approved by AB and seconded by MM.

3. **Matters arising**

All outstanding aspects covered below.

4. **Financial Report**

£5,131.59 as of 29th April. Yearend accounts are with the bookkeeper who will pass on the Lynn Hally next week. Handover in process to AB.

AB updated us that the expected costs of cardboard police 'pop-up-Jims' for outside Isla School is £500 for two. AB to discuss with SS re affordability of these.

5. **Police Report**

Report reviewed and summarised by ER.

In addition: Cllr RP notified yesterday of 2 break-ins in Kirriemuir. Reminded to take care locking out buildings.

6. **Private water supplies (PWS) – shortages and storage locations**

RS noted that Angus is at alert level for water scarcity. AB noted multiple people are at critical water levels, but are being proactive about mitigating for this by lowering their use. Cllr RP said Kirriemuir Landward West (KLW) is particularly good at passing down information in this regard throughout the community. AB noted water restrictions are coming earlier and earlier each year and asked what are Scottish Water's contingency plans. MM stated the pattern of water deposition has changed, despite similar water fall overall throughout the year. Concerns re planting affecting this (point 9). Cllr RP said SEPA are aware of the problem. MM noted Glenisla hotel has a borehole and are keen to be a resilience centre for access to water via this. She said SS is gathering potential water storage locations. Debbie McGowan had passed on to SS that storage sheds rather than the community hall would be more viable as the hall is often locked. MM wondered if Glenisla hotel would be an option for similar reasons rather than Glenisla hall. RS is keen on a proactive approach with Scottish Water to find solutions. RB will contact Jenny Ross to take up the opportunity to do this.

7. Wild camping

SC passed on in an email that campfire and disposable BBQ debris have been left at Loch Shandra.

FD noted remains of 4 fires and multiple bags of rubbish / debris left around Lintrathen loch.

8. Newton of Lintrathen Woodland Creation

A meeting occurred earlier this month with two representatives from Scottish Water and Bell Ingram, the Douglas' and representatives of the community council. FD felt overall this was positive but has previously seen no action following similar discussions. They are deer fenced out of their water supply and trees have been planted across the access too which when they grow will further hinder this. This has to be maintenance access for vehicles. They are keen to have it in writing that their access will be maintained in this capacity. MM also notes they have planted over the collects. Over 15,000 native mixed broad leaf trees in this area and concerns over how much water they consume.

9. Scottish Water planting impact on species

MM updated us as follows:

There has been displacement of 3 red listed species. Mitigation was put in place by the ecology survey commissioned by Bell Ingram – eg that they weren't to use certain machinery, plant in the Spring time or place deer fences in certain areas to ensure birds could move out. Concern was raised that this has not been followed.

Cllr RP suggested we liaise with Kelly Anne Dempsey Biodiversity officer at Angus council in this regard. Dempseyk@angus.gov.uk.

10. Development planning and projects: Joint sessions with other community councils invite

Need to reply to email by end of June. Can be a Teams meeting.

RB said SS could perhaps invite Jeannie McLean to our next meeting.

11. Woodburning at Easter Coul

MM confirmed this is historical.

12. Website / Facebook page update

GH confirmed the KLV website includes dates of meetings, agendas, minutes, planning documents and some information on the members of the community council. A few forestry and planning aspects come through the website, but not a lot of contact otherwise (two email addresses are linked to the website). AB is happy to take over the website but whether to add planning information will need to be discussed further.

13. Planning

As above.

14. Member's Items

Nothing raised.

15. AOB

Nothing raised.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28 Aug 2025. Venue: Glenisla.