

KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -

STEERING GROUP - 24 MARCH 2015

CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

Priority Projects

1 - 7 Roods

Internal works still ongoing at the property. External works will not commence until the weather conditions improve sufficiently to enable stone work repairs to be carried out. Grant expenditure is likely to be paid out of next financial year budget 2015/2016.

Warehouse/ Store, Ogilvy's Close

No further progress from the developer or Agent on this project since the Council's response to the pre-application enquiry. Building remains in a parlous condition although Building Standards are monitoring the situation.

Former Airlie Arms, St. Malcolm's Wynd

The above Priority Project grant application was submitted on Friday 13 March with revised estimates for the grant eligible works. Due to the complexity of the proposal and limited timescale in which the Project Officer and Quantity Surveyor have been able to fully assess the extent of the proposed works, it has not been possible to include the grant assessment within this update paper. However, given the importance of the building restoration works to the overall CARS project, a separate paper will follow to allow the CARS Steering Group to consider the proposed grant application.

The Applicant has stressed the importance of the urgent and essential roof repairs being started as soon as practically possible but that the timing of the formal application has been delayed as a direct result of the essential re-tendering process. The Steering Group have been asked to adopt a concessionary approach that would allow a later paper reporting on the grant application to be considered at this meeting.

Small Grants Scheme

A number of Small Grant applications have recently been submitted for the consideration of the Steering Group by Agents, Project Management (Scotland) Ltd. Some have been returned to the Agents due to inaccuracies with the drawings or specification of works however four have been progressed and are detailed under the next Agenda item.

In addition, a number of planning/ listed building consent applications are currently being assessed by the Planning Officer for repair works to buildings in Reform Street and Bank Street, with a view to submitting grant applications under the Small Grants Scheme, when permissions are granted. One fairly significant application for a

replacement shopfront and façade enhancement is also pending for Visocchi's at 37 High Street.

Grant works have recently been completed at 21 Marywell Brae to replace modern style windows and door and grant monies paid. Approved works are also currently on-going at 16 Glengate and 6-10 St. Malcolm's Wynd with works due to start shortly at 22 High Street and 26 Marywell Brae.

A financial update with budget details up to the end of March 2015 will be discussed under Agenda Item 7.

Public Realm Works

Nothing further to report at this stage as design work with the schools is still ongoing. Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer has confirmed that the CARS Steering Group will have sight of the final art work designs, prior to production of the tree guard and engraved granite slabs.

Other Matters

No other matters.