

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) STEERING GROUP** held in the Board Room, Kirriemuir Community Hub, Bank Street, Kirriemuir on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 9.00 am.

**Present:** Councillors IAIN GAUL and RONNIE PROCTOR MBE  
(Cllr JEANETTE GAUL from Item 5(iv).

**Non Councillor Members of the Group:** CRAIG CHALMERS, PAUL FRETWELL and DEREK MARSHALL.

**Officers in Attendance:** KAREN WEST (CARS Project Officer), KIRSTY MACARI (Senior Planning Officer – Environment and Development Plan), JENNIFER ANDERSON, (Communities Officer) and MIKE LOFTUS, Landscape Services Officer.

## 1. CHAIR OF THE MEETING

In accordance with the constitution of the Steering Group, the chair rotating between elected members, Councillor Iain Gaul chaired the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jeanette Gaul.

## 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ronnie Proctor and Paul Fretwell both declared an interest in item 5 as they had provided an update at a meeting of the Kirriemuir Heritage Trust. They indicated that, as this had been a general discussion, they would both take part in any discussion and voting.

## 4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Steering Group of 26 April 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 5. CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of previous meeting, there was submitted a Report by the CARS Project Officer summarising progress in relation to the following:-

### (i) Priority Projects

#### 1-7 Roods

The Steering Group noted that grant aided works on this project were now complete.

#### Warehouse/Store, Ogilvy's Close

The Project Officer indicated that the contractors had still not returned to the site. She advised that since the last Steering Group meeting, she had met and entered into discussions directly with the developer in order to move this project forward.

Whilst the developer appeared to be keen to see the grant monies before the value of the works completed to date at Hooks(part of the Warehouse/Hooks Development site), Council Officers were unable to release any grant monies until the Standard Security for Hooks had been signed and returned, the document of which was currently with the developer's solicitor.

A number of members of the Group raised concerns in relation to the delay with this project, in particular, the effect the continued delay may have on the contractors availability to return to site.

Having heard from all members of the Steering Group, the Project Officer and the Senior Planning Officer, the Steering Group agreed that the Project Officer should investigate the possibility of grant monies being released directly to the contractor, when appropriate, to ensure work could re-start onsite as soon as possible.

**(ii) Public Realm Works**

The Senior Planning Officer advised members that works had substantially been completed by the agreed deadline of 22 April however a small section of work to repair and replace paving had been put on hold due to scaffolding in situ for another project. A small number of paving slabs had not been repaired/replaced as expected. This issue would be rectified when the aforementioned paving work took place. The tree-guard and planters were now ready for delivery to site and would be installed as soon as possible.

Following an enquiry regarding the origin of the quote around the Peter Pan Statue, it had been brought to Officers attention that the quote could not be directly linked to JM Barrie as originally thought and it had been agreed that the slabs would be replaced with a valid quote. The cost for replacement was still being finalised. The Landscape Services Officer had been liaising with the Townhouse Museum, a member of the local Community, the Peter Pan Director of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and the National Trust for Scotland on behalf of Barrie's Birthplace.

Included within the Report were replacement quotation suggestions for the stone carving works into granite banding around the Peter Pan Statue.

The Project Officer also advised members that a number of enquiries had been received from members of the public requesting to make use of the granite slabs that would be uplifted during the replacement works.

Following discussion, the Group agreed:-

- (i) to use the quotation "Come on! We'll fly" ..... "I'll teach you how to jump on the wind's back and then away we go" around the Peter Pan Statue; and
- (ii) the granite slabs, which would be uplifted during the replacement works, should not be offered to members of the public and should be disposed of accordingly by Council Officers.

*The Senior Planning Officer left the meeting at this point.*

**(iii) Small Grants Scheme – Grant Update**

The Project Officer provided members of the Steering Group with an overview of the current status of the Small Grants which had been awarded by the Group as detailed within the Appendix to the Report.

Thereafter, the Steering Group agreed to note the position.

*Councillor Jeanette Gaul entered the meeting at this point.*

**(iv) Training Update**

The Steering Group noted that the third seminar in the training programme on "Stone Decay and its Repair" had taken place on Tuesday 10 March at the Church Hall, Bank Street, Kirriemuir, with the session being particularly well attended.

The Project Officer advised the Steering Group that the next training session on "Render Harling and External Paints on Traditional Buildings" was due to take place on Tuesday 7 June with a further workshop on "Lime Pointing" taking place on 21 June 2016.

She indicated that there was still considerable interest in the training programme however, the number of Council Officers using the opportunity for free training in traditional building skills could be improved.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Steering Group noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 9.15 am in the Board Room, Kirriemuir Community Hub, Kirriemuir.