

**KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -**

**STEERING GROUP - 26 MAY 2015**

**CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Priority Projects**

1 - 7 Roods

Scaffolding was erected at the site on Friday 15 May and external works have now commenced. At the time of inspection, most of the joints in the stonework had been raked out and cement removed. The roof is due to be stripped week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May for sarking repairs and reslating, along with the formation of the dormer windows on the front elevation. A CARS banner and HS sign board will be erected on the scaffolding in due course.

Warehouse/ Store, Ogilvy's Close

The development proposals have not moved forward since our last meeting and there is nothing further to report on the Warehouse. The Agent remains in discussion with the Planning Officer over proposals to build at the rear of Hooks in Bank Street but there has been no progress with any redevelopment plans for the Priority Project.

Former Airlie Arms, St. Malcolm's Wynd

As minuted previously, the approved grant offer of £102,000 for the above Priority Project was sent out to the Applicant on Friday 17 April 2015. The planned re-opening of the hotel and restaurant is scheduled for late May and internal works are currently progressing. It has been noted however that contractors are also working on the external fabric of the building.

The Steering Group will wish to note that a letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from the Applicants was received by our Legal & Democratic Services team on 13<sup>th</sup> May, and will be put forward for discussion at this meeting.

**Small Grants Scheme**

A further application under the Small Grant Scheme for a traditional timber panelled door to replace a uPVC entrance door at 19 School Wynd has been received but no further action has been taken meantime pending the Steering Groups decision on the spending options report (see Agenda Item 6). The Applicant's Agent has been informed accordingly.

In accordance with the Minutes of the last meeting, a list of Small Grant applications which could potentially come forward to future meetings of the Steering Group has been prepared and their location highlighted on a town centre map (to follow). The properties are:-

Potential Grant Application, currently in Planning -

Thrums Hotel - replacement slated roof to east wing on School Wynd;  
11 High Street (above McLarens/ Boots) - various works;  
Vissochi's Café - replacement shopfront and signage;  
44 Glengate - 4no. replacement windows;

Pending Grant Application -

19 School Wynd - replacement door;

Expected Grant Application -

Hooks - repair and enhancement of front elevation;  
McIntosh's - shopfront enhancement (top-up only);  
88 Coffee Shop - shopfront repairs/overhaul;  
44 Glengate - replacement door;  
25 Marywell Brae - various works;  
18 - 22 Glengate - various works.

Possible Grant Application -

14 St. Malcolm's Wynd - re-roofing works;  
1/3 & 5 Tannage Brae - various works;  
13 Bank Street (upper floor) - various works;  
17 Bank Street - various works;  
17/17A Reform Street - various works;  
19 - 21 Reform Street - various works.

Targeted Grant possibilities -

38 - 40 Glengate - replacement windows;  
Star Rock Shop, 25 Roods - various works;  
2 - 4 Glengate - woodwork repairs.

## **Public Realm Works**

In an update on the Square enhancement project, Mike Loftus has advised that Bruce Walker has now been formally approached with a brief in order to submit a price for consultancy work for educational training and for the production of engraved inset stone slabs. Further details will be given at the Steering Group meeting.

## **Other Matters**

Just as a reminder, a free workshop will be held tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 27 May 2015) in the Lesser Town Hall, entitled "Kirriemuir Town Centre Swift Conservation Project - Working with the Local Authority, Housing Associations and Local Community to Save our Swifts".