

**KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -  
STEERING GROUP – 7 FEBRUARY 2017  
CARS PROJECT OFFICER’S REPORT**

**PROJECT UPDATES**

Warehouse, Ogilvy’s Close and Former Hooks Hotel, Bank Street

The deteriorating condition of the Hooks building remains of concern to the Council’s Planning Service. The Applicant and building owner was served with an Urgent Works Notice on 17 January 2017 which advised that he has until 13 February to complete the stated schedule of works to protect the listed building. Should the necessary works not be undertaken during this time, Angus Council will instruct the works to be carried out and reclaim the costs from the owner.

The Steering Group will no doubt be aware of the recent press article in The Courier (26 January 2017).

**SMALL GRANTS SCHEME UPDATE**

Three grant applications have been submitted under the Small Grants Scheme which will be discussed under the next Agenda item.

Works commenced in mid-January for roofing repairs at 3 Croft Terrace (now completed) and at the former Ogilvy’s Arms in High Street as scheduled. In addition, the contractors (Nortel Builders) have also been instructed to commence grant eligible works at 1 Manse Close, prior to moving on to the adjoining property at 17 Bank Street (see Small Grants application – next Agenda item) and the Church at 10 Bank Street. The sale of the former Church Centre at 17 Bank Street is currently being progressed and should conclude within the next few weeks. Meanwhile a revised grant application for more extensive repair works to the building (due to a more comprehensive inspection of the roof area) in the name of the new owner has been submitted for consideration by the Steering Group. Any grant award offer cannot formally be made however until such times as the sale of the building has been finalised.

The applicant for the approved grant at 24 Bank Street has advised that they will be appointing the contractor to begin works.

The Applicant at Visocchi’s in High Street has also advised that the contractor has now given a start date of 22 February. The replacement window frames are being manufactured by a local joinery company who have experienced some delay due to other work commitments. They are however aware of the grant award and the requirement to have the works completed timeously before the end of March.

## **Public Realm Works**

The programme of works is progressing including design works for the crossing point and re-pointing of the walls at St. Colme's Close. The opportunity to create a mosaic pattern along one wall of the Pend has been well received and this project will be led by the Dementia Friendly Kirriemuir Group. Once final dates for any necessary ground works have been confirmed, the Steering Group and wider community will be kept updated. Other works which will be undertaken include removal of redundant signage and lighting columns and reinstatement of heritage style lighting.

Kirriemuir CARS and Dementia Friendly Kirriemuir have been recognised in a recent new practice advice publication by the Royal Town Planning Institute;

*"In Angus, Scotland a small rural project is proving very successful, with partners working collaboratively to achieve greater collaborative delivery of outcomes which are beneficial to the whole community."*

The link to the full publication is noted below.

[http://rtpi.org.uk/media/2210154/dementia\\_and\\_town\\_planning\\_final.pdf](http://rtpi.org.uk/media/2210154/dementia_and_town_planning_final.pdf)

## **Update on Other Matters**

### Legacy and Kirriemuir Charrette

Following the agreement of the Steering Group to make a £2,000 financial contribution towards the development of an App for Kirriemuir, the Project Officer has attended a number of meetings of the Wayfinding App Working Group. The working group comprises Officers from Angus Council, school IT staff, David Orr from Kirriemuir Heritage Trust and Frances O'Neill of Global Treasure Apps whose Company will be developing the App in conjunction with the pupils from Webster's High School.

It was agreed that the main content of the app should have a heritage basis or "trail" to recognise the building works and investment to regenerate the town centre which has taken place as a result of the CARS project. The CARS logo will be included in addition to some text about the building regeneration project. There is however considerable opportunity to further develop the app by the pupils and to incorporate other interest groups/ themes/ tourist or visitor attractions etc. Workshops will be taking place with pupils from years 1 to 6 this week and nearer the end of March in order that the majority of the database can be completed before the end of March budget deadline. There is also the possibility of further funding being required for marketing to publicise the app, produce posters etc. Whilst there may be possibilities to engage local companies/ businesses to sponsor part of this, the Steering Group may wish to consider offering an additional one-off contribution to the School towards this from any excess funds as part of the CARS legacy.