

KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -

STEERING GROUP – 26 APRIL 2016

CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

PRIORITY PROJECTS

1 - 7 Roods

Grant aided works are essentially complete. The total grant monies paid to date amount to £83,754 out of a total grant award of £93,060 leaving the remaining 10% to be paid out after the defects liability period of no less than six months. The building at present remains unoccupied.

Warehouse/ Store, Ogilvy's Close

The contractors Sidlaw Construction Ltd. have left the overall Warehouse/ Hooks development site due to a contractual dispute with the owner/developer, although only duntakings and no grant eligible works have yet been carried out on the Warehouse building. Grant monies may be released for the value of works completed to date at Hooks provided a QS valuation for interim payment is received. The Agent and the property owner have been advised but to date, no correspondence has been received.

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME – GRANT UPDATE

A new grant application for stonework repairs at 41 High Street, Kirriemuir has been received and assessed. The request for grant funding will be considered under Agenda item 5.

Grant aided repair works have been completed at 2/4 Bellies Brae/1A Kirkwynd and 2 and 4/8 Reform Street and continuing at the Day Care Centre in High Street, 3 Ogilvy's Close and 26 Marywell Brae. Interim payments have been made at 3 Ogilvy's Close, Bellies Brae and 25 Marywell Brae. There are a number of grant aided projects yet to commence, the progress of which is being monitored by the Project Officer given that works should be completed and claimed for by 31 March 2017. Letters have been sent out to remind applicants also of grant contracts which have not yet been signed and returned.

Grant contracts are currently being prepared for 5 Brechin Road (stonework repairs) in addition to top-up grants at Hooks and Bellies Brae/ Kirkwynd approved at the last CARS meeting.

Public Realm Works

At the time of writing, the enhancement works at the Square are largely complete with only the last few elements of the project to be carried out such as the replacement paving around the bus-stop and along Bank Street and the installation of the tree-guard. The security

fencing around the site is to be removed to allow for access whilst the final remaining works take place.

Other Matters

Training Update

The second seminar/workshop in the Training Programme on Energy Efficiency took place on Tuesday 12 April at the Church Hall in Bank Street, Kirriemuir. Both this and the previous seminar on Dampness in Traditional Buildings have been well attended by both building professionals and homeowners with interesting speakers. Feedback from all delegates on the day has been very positive with scores of between 70% and 100% (good/excellent) for venue/location, lunch/refreshments, presentations, quality and relevance of training, and knowledge of tutors, giving an overall rating of 100% and 90% for both training sessions.

There has been quite a bit of interest in the Training Programme with places booked for every session/date so far although the number of Council Officers taking up opportunities for free training in traditional building skills with CPD accreditation could undoubtedly be improved.