

**KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -
STEERING GROUP - 13 JANUARY 2015
CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Priority Projects

1 - 3 Roods

The revised grant offer to include the VAT payment which was approved by the Steering Group in December has been sent out to the Applicants but to date, the signed contract has not yet been returned to our Solicitors.

Warehouse/ Store, Ogilvy's Close

The Selling Agents have advised that the sale of the property is not now due to conclude until middle of January.

Former Airlie Arms, St. Malcolm's Wynd

No additional progress to date.

Small Grants Scheme

One new Grant application has been submitted for consideration at this meeting and will form the next Agenda item.

Public Realm Works

Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer has been in contact with both primary and secondary school art teachers regarding involvement of their students. Webster's High will hopefully be working with Bruce Walker on the art work design for the stone slab engravings and the primary schools, through Maureen Crosbie, will be working on the tree guard design. Mike has also been in contact with potential manufacturers of the tree guard to prepare a brief for Maureen's consultancy agreement.

A cost estimate and projected timeline has also been prepared for the project. It is anticipated the cost of undertaking the works is likely to be in the region of £86,000/ £87,000 with a design fee of £13,000, bringing the total cost of the project to within the £100,000 budget. In terms of timescale, preparation of the detailed design and artwork will continue until 4 May 2015, thereafter there will be a three week period for the QS to prepare the tender documents. The tender should be issued on 25 May, allowing six weeks before the due date for return on 6 July 2015. The preparation of the tender report will take approximately two weeks so the Contract Acceptance is due to be issued 20 July 2015. Following a six week lead-in period, works are due to start on site on 1 September with a due date for contract completion of 23 October 2015 (eight weeks). These are preliminary dates only at this stage.

Other Matters

There are no other matters arising.