

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) STEERING GROUP** held in the Lesser Hall, Kirriemuir on Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 9.00 am.

Present: Councillors IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL and RONNIE PROCTOR MBE.

Non Councillor Members of the Group: PAUL FRETWELL and CATHY STEPHENSON.

Officers in Attendance: KIRSTY MACARI (Senior Planning Officer - Environment and Development Plan (EDP)), KAREN WEST (CARS Project Officer), GRAEME HODGE (Communities Officer), IAN COCHRANE (Head of Technical and Property Services), CHRIS BOYLE (Transport Officer), MIKE LOFTUS (Landscape Services Officer) and LAURA STEWART (Committee Assistant).

1. CHAIR OF THE MEETING

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

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Derek Marshall.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Steering Group of 21 October 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of previous meeting, the Chair advised members that Ian Cochrane, Head of Technical and Property Services Chris Boyle, Transport Officer and Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer were in attendance to discuss the proposed bus shelter within the Town Square.

Ian Cochrane advised the Steering Group that, following the last meeting of the Steering Group, Officers had been investigating the possibility of a shelter being erected within close proximity to the current bus stop.

He indicated that, following a number of discussions with Transport Officers, it was anticipated that a shelter could be erected next to McIntosh's the Ironmongers on Bank Street which would potentially result in no parking spaces being lost within the Town Centre.

Following a detailed discussion, and a number of questions from members of the Steering Group, the Group agreed:-

- (i) that, due to parking spaces potentially being lost in the town centre, a shelter should not be erected directly next to the current bus stop;
- (ii) that a shelter should be erected next to the Ironmongers on Bank Street, following discussion with the current occupier of the Ironmongers;
- (iii) that the shelter should be black in colour to ensure the visual impact was in keeping with the proposed design for the Town Square works; and

- (iv) an estimate of the cost of the works be brought back to the next meeting of the Steering Group.

Councillor Iain Gaul, Ian Cochrane and Chris Boyle left the meeting at this point.

6. CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of previous meeting, there was submitted a Report by the CARS Project Officer summarising progress in relation to the following priority projects:-

- **Glengate Hall**

The Steering Group noted that the judging panel from the Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network (SURF) Awards had met with Council Officers and a representative of the Kirriemuir CARS Steering Group to view the work done at the Glengate Hall. The judging panel were interested to hear about how the project had developed, the importance of this as the first priority project for CARS and the positive impact that it had had on the Townscape. The Project Officer indicated that the winner would be announced on 2 December at the Awards Ceremony in Glasgow.

- **1- 7 Roods, Kirriemuir**

The Steering Group noted that the grant contract for this particular priority project was still currently being processed with the Council's Legal Services team.

- **Warehouse/Store, Ogilvy's Close**

The Project Officer indicated that the building was expected to change ownership some time in December after which it was expected that the new owners would pursue any proposed new use and grant monies allocated.

- **Former Airlie Arms Hotel, St Malcolm's Wynd**

The Project Officer indicated that she was due to meet with the new owner of the site today after the Steering Group meeting to discuss potential grant eligible works to the building.

- **Small Grants Scheme**

The Steering Group noted that the Project Officer was in the process of preparing further publicity material to highlight the revised boundary in the Small Grants Scheme and that this would form the basis of a mail shot to the respected properties within the next few weeks.

- **Public Realm Works**

The Project Officer indicated that, with regard to the proposed enhancements to the Square, Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer, had been in discussion with the Teacher of Art at both Primary and Secondary Schools regarding their students preparing designs for both the tree guard and the inset slabs.

7. CARS GRANT APPLICATION – 22 HIGH STREET, KIRRIEMUIR

There was submitted a Report by the Project Officer indicating that a small grant application had been received for 22-24 High Street, Kirriemuir.

The description of the grant eligible works included stonework repairs, repairs to and refurbishment of timber sash windows on both upper floor public elevations, replacement cast iron rain water goods to both public elevations, and surface finishes to windows, corner doors and side panels.

The total amount of grant eligible works amounted to £18,155 with the grant award at 85%, giving a grant of £15,432.

The Steering Group agreed to approve the grant application based on the grant eligible works, subject to conditions as detailed in the Report.

8. TIMETABLE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Steering Group approved the programme of meetings as submitted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Steering Group noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 9.15 am in the Lesser Hall, Kirriemuir.