

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) STEERING GROUP** held in the Lesser Hall, Kirriemuir on Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 9.15 am.

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

Non Councillor Members of the Group: PAUL FRETWELL, DEREK MARSHALL 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), 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 Ronnie Proctor chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Steering Group of 30 September 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of previous meeting, Councillor Iain Gaul advised the members that the Council funding which had been ring-fenced for the proposed new bus shelter in the Town Square now required to be used otherwise the money would be utilised elsewhere within the Roads services budget.

Members of the Steering Group agreed that, although installing a bus shelter at the current location of the bus stop would result in losing five parking spaces, a shelter in the town centre was a necessity.

It was suggested by some members of the Steering Group that the bus stop could remain in its current location and a shelter could be erected within close proximity of the bus stop which would consequently result in fewer parking spaces being lost, and this suggestion was welcomed by the Steering Group.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Kirsty Macari, Senior Planning Officer (EDP) would liaise with Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer and the Roads service with a view that further information, incorporating both the members' suggestions and the Roads' services findings, would be brought to the next meeting of the Steering Group, which would allow a decision on the proposed shelter to be made.

5. CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

With reference to Article 4 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 regeneration project had been entered into the Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network (SURF) Awards and had also been nominated for inclusion in the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership's Scottish Champion of the Year Awards, of which winners would be announced later in the year.

- **1- 7 Roods, Kirriemuir**

The Steering Group noted that the grant contract for this priority project was currently being processed with the Council's Legal Services team and was expected to be issued shortly.

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

The Project Officer indicated that an offer had been accepted on the property with missives expected to conclude in December. She indicated that, to date, no grant enquiry had been received for the property.

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

The Steering Group noted the Project Officer had been contacted by the new owner who had indicated that he was currently waiting on a licence application being determined before moving on with any repairs/restoration works to the building.

- **Small Grants Scheme**

The Project Officer indicated that the door at 14 Glengate had now been installed and that a grant application had also been received for the Ironmongers in the Square. She also advised that further publicity material, to highlight the revised boundary in the Small Grants Scheme and the additional properties that could benefit from grant funding, would be issued shortly.

- **Public Realm Works**

The Project Officer indicated that, with regard to the proposed enhancements to the Square, Mike Loftus, Landscape Services Officer had arranged a meeting with representatives from the senior school to discuss the inset paving and was also currently working with primary schools on the design for the tree guard.

- **Other Matters**

The Steering Group noted that the Kirriemuir Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan document, which was a special condition of CARS Grant Funding from Historic Scotland, had been approved by the Communities Committee on 30 September 2014.

The Project Officer indicated that discussions had also recently been held with three potential training providers with a view to preparing a training package in traditional skills for both building owners and professionals and this would likely take place in the Spring of 2015.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kirsty Macari, Senior Planning Officer advised that a representative from the Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network (SURF) Awards was to be visiting Kirriemuir to inspect the work carried out at the Glengate Hall on 4 November and indicated that members of the Steering Group were invited to attend.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain members' availability, with a view that at least two members of the Steering Group would be able to attend, and revert this information back to Kirsty in due course.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Steering Group noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 9.15 am in the Lesser Hall, Kirriemuir.