

KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -

STEERING GROUP - 18 NOVEMBER 2014

CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

Priority Projects

Glengate Hall

As previously mentioned, the regeneration project has been entered into the SURF Awards (Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network) for Best Practice and Innovation in Community Regeneration, supported by the Scottish Government. The Applicant and developer Redford Homes Ltd. has been notified that the completed development has been shortlisted (1 of 3) in the Town Centre Regeneration category.

On Tuesday 4 November, Lorna Redford of Redford Homes Ltd., council officers and representatives of the Kirriemuir CARS Steering Group met with the judging panel for the SURF Awards at Glengate Hall. This was a great opportunity to recognise the importance of collaborative and partnership working between not only council services but the private sector. The judging panel were interested to hear about how the project developed, the importance of this as the first priority project for CARS and the positive impact that it has had on the townscape. The winner will be announced on 4 December at the Award ceremony in Glasgow.

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Angus Council's Legal Services department are currently engaging with the Applicants over the Offer of Grant and Standard Security required and once that is returned satisfactorily, works are expected to commence on site.

Warehouse/ Store, Ogilvy's Close

As reported at the last meeting, an offer has been accepted for the building and missives are currently being concluded. The building is expected to change hands sometime in December after which it is expected that the new owners will pursue any proposed new use and the grant monies allocated. The Project Officer will be liaising with the Planning Officer in terms of any planning application submitted in order to maximise the grant monies available through CARS.

Former Airlie Arms, St. Malcolm's Wynd

No progress to date on any prospective works.

The Project Officer has recently been approached by the new owner and will be meeting on site today after the Steering Group meeting to discuss potential grant eligible works to the building. It is understood the premises will operate again as a hotel/ restaurant use with no major alterations to the building proposed.

Small Grants Scheme

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

As mentioned at our last meeting, the Project Officer is in the process of preparing further publicity material (leaflets/ posters etc) to highlight the revised boundary in the Small Grants Scheme and the additional properties that could benefit from grant funding and this will form the basis of a mailshot to the respective properties within the next few weeks.

Public Realm Works

Since our last meeting, the Landscape Services Officer has met up with a local artist, Maureen Crosbie to organise working with the local primary school children on producing a design for the tree guard and grille in the Square. He has also been in discussion with the Head of Art at Webster's High School (Karen Ling) regarding their students preparing designs for the inset slabs. Mike has intimated he is still to hear back from the schools to confirm the arrangements.

Other Matters

There are no other matters arising.