

**KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME -  
STEERING GROUP – 20 MARCH 2018  
CARS PROJECT OFFICER’S REPORT**

This is the final Project Officer’s report giving a summary of the Kirriemuir CARS project to date. Further discussion will no doubt take place at the meeting on 20 March 2018.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

The Kirriemuir CARS ends its five year period on 31 March 2018. To date, the project has financed the following:

Summary

Priority Projects:	Glengate Hall & 1 – 7 Roods restoration	£348,000
Small Grants:	48 buildings repaired within CA boundary	£498,000
Public Realm:	Restoration of the Square & DFK Contribution	£110,000
Training:	Traditional Skills and Awareness (80 participants)	£40,000
Legacy:	Wayfinding App, Mosaic Mural, Photographic Survey, StoryMap, Final Event	£14,000
Administration:	Admin and Legal costs, QS Fees, Project officer salary etc.	£TBC

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Project finances will not be finalised until 31 March 2018, at the end of the project five year timescale. The Steering Group should note however that all available funding has been utilised although there is still to date some payments to be made in respect of invoices due.

Our funding partner, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has been notified that the additional grant monies approved for the Reform Street car park NW wall restoration and the Kirriemuir Community Council Heritage plaques is not now required as these projects have not gone ahead. HES has however now notified CARS of a project over-spend of some £9,270 from their £645,000 contribution which they have over-paid and require to be paid back at the end of the project. Due to accounting reasons, this cannot be paid out of the additional £34,000 grant monies awarded. Taking account of this payment, and all other payments made to date, the remaining grant funds essentially consist of the monies set aside for the CARS legacy arrangements.

**LEGACY WORK**

The photographic survey of the grant aided buildings and others within the Conservation Area boundary is currently underway and will provide the raw data for the proposed StoryMap, which will

provide a digital record to showcase the CARS funded restoration projects. This work is currently being progressed in-house along with the data for the leaflet for the CARS project. Although this work will continue beyond the 31 March deadline, payment will be made out of the current year's budget.

As Members will be aware, CARS was also given opportunity to fund an extensive heritage project from Kirriemuir Connections as part of the CARS Legacy (details of "A Postcard from Kirrie" sent previously). The programme of songs, poems, stories and photographs on local heritage, a Kirriemuir past and present project, would take place at our celebration event on 28 April alongside the unveiling of the Mosaic Mural. Unfortunately the proposed cost of £9,900 is in excess of the available funding from CARS and an approach by the Project Officer to the Grants Section at HES for funding has been met with a negative response as it would be outwith the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 completion date.

Invitations to the celebratory event on Saturday 28 April will be sent out to all local participants of the CARS project at the beginning of next month. Members may wish to discuss further arrangements for the day at this meeting.

Finally, the CARS Project Officer will be out of post on 31 March 2018 when the five year project is finally complete. I will however be transferring to another part-time position within Planning and will be able to complete all the reports and documentation necessary for the funding partners to tie-up the completion of the project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Steering Group Members, both past and present for their assistance, support and good humour in taking forward this very worthwhile investment in their town's built heritage.