

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **KIRRIEMUIR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME (CARS) STEERING GROUP** held in the Board Room, Community Hub, Bank Street, Kirriemuir on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 9.00 am.

**Present:** Councillors JULIE BELL, and RONNIE PROCTOR MBE.

**Non Councillor Members of the Group:** PAUL FRETWELL and DEREK MARSHALL.

**Officers in Attendance:** KAREN WEST (Project 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. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacMillan Douglas, Elaine Finlay and Jennifer Anderson.

## 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 27 February 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 5. CARS PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of previous meeting, there was submitted the final Report by the CARS Project Officer summarising the following:-

### (i) Project Update

The Steering Group noted that to date the Kirriemuir CARS Project had financed the following:-

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: £40,000	Traditional Skills and Awareness	
Legacy:	Wayfinding App, Mosaic Mural, Photographic Survey, StoryMap, Final Event	£14,000
Administration:	Admin and Legal costs, QS Fees, Project officer salary etc.	£TBC

### (ii) Financial Update

The Project Officer advised the Steering Group that project finances would not be finalised until the 31 March 2018, at the end of the project's five year timescale.

She advised that all available funding had been utilised, although there was still, to date, some payments to be made in respect of invoices due.

The Steering Group noted that Historic Environment Scotland had been notified that the additional grant monies approved for the Reform Street car park North West wall restoration and the Kirriemuir Community Council Heritage plaques was now not required as these projects had regrettably not gone ahead.

The Project Officer indicated that Historic Environment Scotland had however notified the Project Officer of a project overspend of some £9,270 from their £645,000 contribution which they had over paid and required to be paid back at the end of the project. She indicated that due to accounting reasons, this could not 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 consisted of the monies previously set aside for the CARS legacy arrangements.

**(iii) Legacy Work**

The Project Officer advised that the photographic survey of the grant aided buildings and others within the conservation area boundary was currently underway and would provide the raw data for the proposed StoryMap which would provide a digital record to showcase the CARS funded restoration projects. This was currently being progressed in house together with the data for the leaflet for the CARS project.

Members noted that the CARS project had also been given the opportunity to fund an extensive heritage project from Kirriemuir Connections, as part of the CARS Legacy. The programme of songs, poems, stories and photographs on local heritage, a Kirriemuir past and present project, would take place at the celebration event on 21st April alongside the unveiling of the Mosaic Mural. Unfortunately the proposed cost of £9,000 was in excess of the available funding from CARS and an approach to Historic Environment Scotland from the Project Officer for funding had been met with a negative response due to the project being completed out with the 31 March completion date.

Discussion took place amongst the members in relation to the upcoming Legacy Event and it was agreed that the event would commence at 11.00am at Cumberland Close, for the unveiling of the Mosaic Mural, and guests would thereafter be invited to Kirriemuir Connections, where they would be given the opportunity to see the accomplishments of the Project.

**6. VALEDICTORY**

The Chair, on behalf of the Group, conveyed that it had been a great privilege to have been given the opportunity to see the project through from start to finish. He believed that the project had been very successful and he was immensely proud of what had been achieved in the town during the five year period.

The Chair thanked all Members of the Group and Angus Council Officers, both past and present, for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the project.

Members of the Steering Group also noted their gratitude to all those who had been involved in the venture.