

Kirriemuir Landward East Community Council

Minutes 9th May 2022 Memus Hall

Present

Community Councilors: Ivan Laird (chair), Lorna Bruce (Treasurer), Patrick Newman, David Skea,

Angus Cllrs: Ronnie Proctor, Gavin Nicol, Julie Bell, Chris Beattie

Acting secretary: Hector Maclean

Apologies: Cllr George Meehan.

It was agreed to co-opt Martin Friedrich, Broomhill, Lednathie on to the community council

IL congratulated the newly elected Angus Councilors and welcomed them to the meeting. He reiterated that the CC endeavoured to avoid party politics.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report:

LB advised that there was £945.42 in hand which included £200 additional from Angus Council hypothecated to Period Products for schools. She is arranging to meet the head teachers to discuss how best to use this fund.

IL advised that in past years secretaries had given services for free and surplus funds had been donated to local charities. This, as RP endorsed, was not a proper use of the Angus Council grant which was specifically for CC running expenses including travel. Purchase of a wreath for Armistice Day is permitted. Angus Council has given a laptop computer and printer to the CC for use by the secretary

Area Reports:

Tannadice. LB reported local concerns about 2 cars that were semi permanently parked in the village car park although the owners were not resident. The police had advised that the cars were taxed and insured, therefore legal. D Alexander in Angus Council roads Dept has undertaken to look at the possibility of an appropriate notice that might deter such inappropriate use.

LB requested consideration of a 20mph speed limit as were becoming common in similar villages.

Finavon IL reported drivers on the A90 were still, after many years, regularly doing U turns at the Finavon junction, often in order to get to Peggy's Restaurant. In the past such access had been possible by leaving the A90 and accessing down the now redundant public road to the south west of the Finavon Hotel, thence across to Peggy's. However, the two proprietors had fallen out and that part of the old road between the hotel and Peggy's had been blocked. Previous attempts by police and Angus Council officials to mediate had come to nothing. Both premises are now under new ownership and it was felt that a fresh attempt should be made to try and open up this access thus making southbound access from the A90 to Peggy's (& the northbound carriageway) possible. It was suggested that the old road in question might possibly belong to the Council, having once been public road. Cllr Bettie undertook to speak to Angus Roads Dept. and, if deemed appropriate, convene a meeting with Bear (responsible for the A90) and the proprietors of the Finavon Hotel & Peggy's.

Note since typing the above, HM called in when passing. The old road linking the Tannadice road to the dual carriageway, to the north of the hotel, is open and unobstructed. It would appear that better signposting on the A90 is the main requirement.

Fern DS reported on a request for a suitable cover for a defibrillator. There was discussion on whether this should be locked or not. Cllr Bell advised that some localities had coded locks which were accessed by phoning 999. That at Memus Hall is not locked. HM undertook to pass on details of Angus Council Community Resilience Team to DS

Cllr. Beattie advised that a poorly done road repair by Library House, Fern is to be redone

Cortachy PN advised that the stumps of trees cleared after the winter storms were still protruding dangerously on the road. This was particularly bad on the section between the Brig of Trays and the Airlie Lodge entrance to Cortachy Castle avenue. HM undertook to draw this to the attention of Cortachy forester Ian Rose.

Planning Applications

An extension to the bird rearing operation at Oathlaw

General Purpose Farm Shed Glenquiech

Extension to Bothy, Newmilns of Inshewan

IL drew attention to the “Bridge to Nowhere” on the Kirriemuir road into Forfar. This is one of vey few remaining skew built bridges. It is on private land so no responsibility of Angus Council, but HM was asked to write to Historic Scotland to ask if the structure is Listed, and if not suggest that it be so.

Date of next meeting

July 11th 2022

Fred now lives in one of the new houses on Bett’s allotment, Jane Butter also takes hall bookings 01356 650313