

Kirriemuir Landward East Community Council
Meeting : Monday 14th March 2022, Memus Hall

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Ivan Laird (Chair),
Lorna Bruce (Treasurer)
Jeannie MacLean (Secy)
David Skea
Patrick Newman
Cllr Ronnie Proctor
Cllr Gavin Nicol

Apologies: Cllr Kenny Braes, Cllr Julie Bell

Ivan Laird welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting how much time had passed since the last one due to Covid-19 and that it was good to re-convene.

He spoke of the sad loss of Helen Murray who died in June 2021. Helen was a stalwart of the Memus community, and drove the campaign to build a Community Hall for Memus and the Glens. The success of the Hall was due to her commitment, and Ivan said that her death was not just a great loss to the community but to the Community Council too, of which she was a longstanding member. Condolences to her family were noted.

Treasurer's Report: Lorna Bruce mentioned the outgoings from the CC account to Scotways, The RBLs for wreaths and Angus Print and Design. The Closing Balance of the Account stands at £823.65 as of 31st March 2021.

It was proposed and accepted that there should be an increase of £10 to £30 for the hire of Memus Hall for meetings.

Round the Area:

Tannadice: Lorna spoke about the need for a 20mph alert for Tannadice and requested that a letter go to Angus Council to this effect.

Lorna also raised the meeting's awareness of work being done by Scottish Water building a wall to keep water away from the pump house where there had been damage from the river gouging out round this area.

Glen Prosen and Cortachy: Jeannie MacLean and Patrick Newman agreed that the main concern was still clearing up operations due to the damage from the major winter storms. Thankfully damage to properties had not been widespread, but there had been road closures, and enormous damage to woodlands.

Planning Applications: 5th March, Glen Clova, Forestry tracks for Timber Operations.

AOCB:

Jeannie MacLean raised a concern about BT's proposal to have all phone provision switched over to Digital Voice by 2025. Digital Voice is internet based, and not available if there is a power cut. Details can be found on the BT website, but it raises considerable concerns for rural areas.

Cllr Ronnie Proctor suggested setting up an information chain of contacts. He also suggested exploring provision of community generators for powercuts.

There was also wide ranging discussion about the need for Housing Planners to be aware that agricultural land will be at a premium because of the ongoing war in Ukraine, and to take this into consideration for future planning applications.

Date of Next Meeting: 09 May 7.30 Memus Hall

Ivan Laird closed the meeting at 9.00pm