

KIRRIEMUIR LANDWARD WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 3 March 2022, in lieu of postponed meeting 24 February in Airlie Hall at 1930

Present: Sue Smith (Chairman, Balintore), Geoff Hobson (Kingoldrum), Meg Mearns (Glenisla), Sally Colville (Glenisla), Alison Bannerman (Ruthven), Cllr Ronnie Proctor,

1. Welcome and Apologies

David Robinson (Airlie), Dave Koller (Kilry), Roger Clegg (Kilry), Helen Humphreys (Westmuir), Cllr Bell, Cllr McMillan Douglas.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 25th November 2021. Approved

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

Zoom licence - SS now has the proforma from Lynne Halley.

Facebook page – Jennifer Anderson from Communities will help set one up for us through Angus Council.

Beavers – police advise to report any suspicious activities that could be related to beaver release.

Phone boxes – it has been established that once in our possession we may dispose of them how we wish if need be. Any post purchase maintenance will be the responsibility of KIWCC. Public liability is not specifically mentioned in the contract. SS signed the contract today.

Iron Bridge, Glenisla – grant applications are in for Phase 1. Phase 2 may involve a wider access element. RP recommended contacting Newtyle CC as they are involved in similar.

KIWCCGS meet on 17 March 2022 to decide grants of approx. £33k for local projects.

4. Financial Report

Funds stand at £3424-39.

The £400 grant from Angus Council for costs in running Community Council meetings must be spent and claimed by the end of the month to ensure we get offered something similar next year. Expenses such as mileage (45p per mile), paper, ink, laptop for secretarial work can all be claimed.

Action: SS to email members for expense claims – to be in before 20 March. Please respond quickly.

5. Police Report

Circulated

6. Correspondence

None tabled

7. Resilience: Village & Town Hall Fund; SSEN Fund

The SSEN response during recent storms was discussed and although praise was given to the workers on the ground it was felt the SSEN system of projecting when

power would be back on could have been better. A more realistic time frame would have enabled people to make informed choices about decanting to hotels rather than thinking power was soon to be restored.

Action: SS to write to SSEN re their handling of the information given out in the power cuts.

Action: GH to write to Scottish Water

SS thanked the Angus Councillors and the Council staff at the Emergency and Resilience Team for their sterling work in the continual reporting of situation updates from KIWCC to Angus Council.

Applications for the Village and Town Hall Fund were discussed. Glenisla had run out of time to get one completed. Kingoldrum had applied for a generator and LED lighting. It is unknown which other halls applied. RP suggested that late submissions may be acceptable due to the short time frame available due to the storms and recommended that it would be worthwhile for halls to pursue. RP recommended speaking to Dudley, Newtyle's resilience man, for advice.

Applications are open for a separate fund, the SSEN Resilient Community North of Scotland Fund, has a deadline of 5pm Friday 29th April 2022. The fund is for projects of £1 – 20K, but in exceptional circumstances up to 50K with awards made in July. This is worth looking at as the criteria are general and the link is here:

[North of Scotland fund - SSEN](#)

8. Community Events for promoting CC elections

CC elections are to be held in August. Separate areas may wish to organise an event for this, perhaps combining it with existing planned events. Glenisla may combine with their Community Consultation, Westmuir, Kilry possibly with their T Junction café.

Action: SS to email members to see if any wish to participate and if so, what do we need to do to support.

9. Member's Items

AB - Ruthven Falls Holiday Park is causing some concern for alarm that the developers may not be keeping within the parameters set by Angus Planning. The marketing brochures do not make it clear that occupation of these holiday homes is only for a 12 week period within 6 months.

Action: AB to draft an email for SS to write to Alan Hunter, Senior Planning Officer with Angus Council, on behalf of KIWCC to express these concerns.

SC – Roads and maintenance and snow clearance. To encourage community participation in gritting their local areas, Angus Council will supply grit bins to suitable locations.

Action: All to email SS with potential locations for grit bins. A map or grid refs will help.

There is a pothole reporting link on the KLVCC where potholes can be reported directly to Angus Council. In addition, email SS with details to pass onto RP. Again Grid refs will help to locate. Here is the link: [Report a pothole, street lighting or other road/street issue | Angus Council](#)

10. Planning

Geoff is to forward the planning app that was put on the portal today. It refers to the creation of a loading and turning area for the forestry operations at the top of the glen, off the estate track to Tulchan beyond Auchavan. These forestry operations are part of the ongoing management but now also include the clear up after storms Arwen and co.

11. AOB

RP reported that the Angus Council Budget meeting of 3hours and 20 mins resulted in a decision to raise Council Tax by 2.95%, which on a Band D property is the equivalent of 68p per week.

RP also referenced the Ukraine situation at this meeting and we all shared his sentiments.

RP also announced, at the end of the meeting, that this may be the last CC meeting he will attend, and is the last one for which AMcMD will be Councillor.

12. Date of Next Meeting

26 May 2022 at 730pm in **Kingoldrum Hall, DD8 5HW**