

KLWCC Meeting : Thursday 27 February 2025, Airlie Village Hall, 1930-2030

1. The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, in particular Sgt Vicki Crighton (VC) and Cllrs Bell (JB) & Proctor (RP). Members in attendance : Ali Belton (AB) Sally Colville (SC) Geoff Hobson (GH) and Sue Smith (SS). Apologies received from Evelien Rooke, Dave Koller and Meg Mearns. SS reported she had learned Allison Bannerman, co-opted Member for Ruthven has passed away in March 2023. Condolences were recorded for Allison's family. Allison's passing created a vacancy for one Member at KLWCC.
2. Minutes of the last meeting on 29.11.24 were adopted (AB & SS).
3. Matters arising: GH said some redundant SSSEN signage remained in place despite being reported to SSSEN.
4. SC reported no transactions on the bank account and the balance sat at £5k. AB reported the very recent passing of local resident, John Ogston, of Thrums Engineering, leaving a widow and two young sons, noting his investment in the community and work done for Isla Primary School. It was agreed that KLWCC would send a note of condolence and flowers to Mr Ogston's widow and children.
5. Sgt Vicki Crighton summarised a number of staff changes at Police Scotland in the Kirriemuir/ Forfar area, including the appointment of Grace Ewing as the new LPA Commander. VC confirmed that PC Scott Anderson and PC Jenna Conboy would remain principal contacts for KLWCC meetings. VC explained that her team was involved in proactive engagement with schools icw education around drugs, road safety and cycle safety and attendance at CC meetings where operational commitment permitted. Current crime trends included vehicles without insurance linked to acquisitive crime, drugs and an increase in hare coursing in rural areas (an advisory booklet is available from Police Scotland offering advice on reporting). VC encouraged the reporting of crime and any suspicious activity to Police Scotland, confirming that, whilst limited resources may not permit the investigation of all reports, the intelligence value should not be underestimated. VC also reinforced the value of CCTV and the presence of dogs acting as deterrents to both opportunistic and targeted crimes. VC was informed about excessive speeding between Kingoldrum and Purgavie, particularly during school drop off and pick up times; she agreed to investigate what measures might be put in place to monitor/deter this. Similar issues affecting the area immediately around Isla Primary School and Peel Farm were also raised and the possibility of installing 'Pop-up-Jims' in the area. VC agreed to explore what educational measures might be possible and for PC Scott Anderson to liaise with KLWCC regarding deterrent measures. Members present agreed that KLWCC would fund 'Pop-up-Jims' for the site from unrestricted funds. JB offered VC very positive feedback to VC and Police Scotland on a recent Community Safety Event, 'Construction Watch' held in Kingoldrum.
6. In RS' absence, this item was carried forward to the next meeting. But there was a consensus that better Member engagement was needed in the KLWCC FB presence.
7. No issues arising. However, SC asked whether KLWCC would support an application in relation to a domestic planning application, which had been refused by Angus Council. SS advised that there would need to be a locus for KLWCC for this to be considered, but Members could offer support in a private capacity.
8. AB raised concerns about dangerous movements of timber transport vehicles in the Glens. He has reported concerns to Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) and received a response advising the vehicles reported were not FLS but private contractors. SS suggested AB should report to Timber Transport Forum (TTF) - contact details provided. SC said she had reported dangerous driving incidents direct to a transport company concerned.
9. AOB. i) SS recorded thanks to Jennifer Anderson and her team at Angus Resilience Centre for their hard work, timely engagement and gold standard response during recent adverse weather events. RP praised the response of KLWCC during the same events and its positive

engagement with the wider community during the same. ii) SS advised she had received no response from Audrey Michie to her email of 21 January, concerning the assertion by Sandra Livingston, Vibrant Communities, that failure to hold at least 6 meetings per year would risk Angus Council disbanding KIWCC. SS said the Members of KIWCC were in agreement that the current construct of 4 meetings per year plus the AGM was fit for KIWCC purpose - it had worked for at least the last 20 years; increasing the number to 6 for the sake of numbers was unnecessary. SS said KIWCC Members were actively engaged in the community outwith the formal meetings, something acknowledged by RP. JB agreed to raise with the Vibrant Communities team.

Next meeting: Thursday 29 May 2025 at 1930, Kilry Village Hall