



Kirriemuir Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of 24 April 2024 7 pm in Camera Obscura

Present: Heather Kelly (Chair), Jeanette Reioch (Secretary), Irena Krasinska-Lobban (Treasurer), George Aitken, Frances Havenga, Audrey Middleton, Eric Mitchell, Cathy Stephenson

In attendance: Jean Henderson (Minute Secretary) Cllr Ronnie Proctor, Cllr George Meechan, PC Scott Anderson (part time), Angela Taylor from Angus Pylon Action Group (part time)

Thanks to Irena for arranging Camera Obscura for the KCC meeting.

Heather welcomed **Angela Taylor from Angus Pylon Action Group** to talk about their campaign regarding the proposed erection of Pylons.

- Cllr Proctor and Cllr Meechan were in attendance but would not be making any comments.
- Pylons planned to cover 60 miles overland, from Kintore to Tealing.
- The pylons will not generate energy for local use but will be exported.
- A sub station exists in Tealing and SSEN is planning to build a further sub station, named “Emma.” Tealing was unaware of the plan to build a further sub station.
- New sub station will cover 50 acres and 227 acres for the site.
- This is prime agricultural land to Forfar and beyond.
- Health risks. Recent reports claim there could be a health hazard from the fall out from electro-magnetic fields.
- The proposed pylons along the Strathmore Valley will be 57 – 70 metres high.
- The road systems could be damaged during construction. Reassurances have been made that roads will be repaired to existing condition.
- The pylons will not come through Kirriemuir at present but will cross to Padanaram.
- Bio-security for the crops is a concern.
- Carbon footprint is a concern.
- 200 homes are being built to accommodate the Pylons work force.
- The origin is off shore. It was questioned, how does it get to Kintore from off shore? Also, why bring it onshore in the first place? SSEN's response is that it is down to costs. It was claimed their costing plan is 15 years old.
- Angela reports that from Fife to Humberside to Norfolk the lines go underground – no overhead pylons.
- The question was asked, if SSEN is going to “export” then it must surely have to be “transported” by underground, off shore cables. If SSEN have “costs,” is their “export customer” not being charged to cover such costs, which could finance underground cables in this area.
- Cathy stated that KCC must initially consult with the community in order to put forward a view to the campaign.
- It was stated that “a figure of £9/per household will be added to energy bills once this is completed.”
- It appears wind farms are lying idle due to lack of electricity supply.
- Two further proposals are in the pipeline by 2030.

- Angela's campaign group is saying – Please rethink this proposal.

Heather thanked Angela for taking the time to come to the KCC meeting and she left the meeting.

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<p>1. Apologies: Cerys Mitchell, Officer Judi Young, Cllr Julie Bell</p> <p>2. Approval of March Minutes: Agreed as a true and correct record. Proposed by George and seconded by Irena.</p> <p>3. Police Report: Circulated PC Anderson reported that speeding continued to be monitored. Drivers “warn” each other of Police presence which slows down the traffic – if it works then it is a deterrent. PC Anderson gave an overview of crime figures in Angus and compared Kirriemuir's figures: Kirriemuir 26 Monifieth 24 Carnoustie 36 Brechin 43 Montrose 75 Forfar 45 Arbroath 183 Two Police Officers operating in all of these areas. PC Anderson said Kirriemuir is well placed at the lower end of the figures.</p> <p>Heather highlighted that there is no 30 mph sign in Lindsay Street. PC Anderson suggested Cllr Proctor may wish to investigate.</p> <p>Irena highlighted a car regularly parks on the corner of Slade Road, heading towards AutoSales, which is a traffic hazard. This is Angus Council Roads Department's responsibility and a civil offence. They will assess the situation with a view to installing yellow lines. Cllr Proctor will investigate. Police Contact Information is available on the website. PC Anderson left the meeting.</p> <p>4. Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Report: April 2024: Community Safety: 4 x Home fire safety visits 1 x Operational Intelligence visits Incidents: 2 x AFA 1 x Fire – domestic garage 1 x Special Service Call 1 x Fire in open 3 x Chimney fires</p> <p>5. Treasurer's Report: FPP fund £92.20 KCC fund £546.62 Defib fund £595.50 Grant <u>minus</u> £151.92 VAA fund £300 Santa fund £87.60 Total £1470.00</p> <p>6. Matters Arising: Cllr Proctor: A25 Suggested speed bumps at Hill Rise/Return of potholes update: Ongoing A33 Road linking Glamis Road to Forfar Road, re 25 houses at Beechwood update: Ongoing A43 Cumberland Close: KCC's points raised for attention of Angus Council: Ongoing</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>RP</p> <p>RP</p>

<p>The consultation period is now closed.</p> <p>A44 Traffic Calming request at Maryton: Angus Council will install a black box at Maryton. Cllr Proctor reported that Glamis has raised funds for a pop-up Policeman. Heather pointed out that these pop-up Policemen cost £500 and there is a history of them being stolen.</p> <p>Cathy has a very strong view that traffic calming is not necessary in Maryton. She claims that the current high volume of traffic does not allow drivers the space to speed and that slowing traffic down would only increase fumes emissions. “Cathy has information”, recorded in the March Minutes, is from 16 years ago.</p> <p>Some Community Councillors agreed that traffic calming measures are needed in Maryton and would benefit the community. Heather proposed asking the Maryton community for their views.. All agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Meechan:</p> <p>A22 Empty caravan at Maryton: Cllr Meechan reported that he has been advised that there is someone living in the caravan. Regarding caravan occupiers meeting certain criteria, i.e. sewage facilities, etc., Cllr Meechan reported that enquiries are ongoing as to who is living there. Off Agenda.</p> <p>A45 New format for Councillors' Reports: Heather reiterated that KCC is trying to condense these Reports and appreciates Councillors reporting in the new format.</p> <p>Heather Kelly:</p> <p>A34 Angus Pylon Action Group: Heather stated that there is a lack of public information on this subject. However, thanks to Angela's talk this evening, a lot more of the detail is now known. A Consultation with the Kirrie community is now required.</p> <p>A36 Invitation to Angus Council CEO to KCC meeting: Sent and awaiting reply.</p> <p>A41 Joint forum for Community Councillors/KCC to be represented: Awaiting a reply.</p> <p>A42 GDPR email from Sandra Livingston – nominate a Data Protection Officer: Heather reported that Community Planning is insisting KCC appoint a Data Protection Officer. Irena explained that it is not required by law but it is very likely to become part of the GDPR law in future. Irena stated it is a simple process. She has already completed the form for KRG and agreed to send Jeanette the relevant information.</p> <p>A44 Maryton traffic calming request – KCC letter to Craig Hudson: Letter has been sent. Cllr Proctor's update, above, reports a black box will be installed by Angus Council.</p> <p>General:</p> <p>A27 Phone Box: Books have been cleared out.</p> <p>A38 Cumberland Close: Update from KCC's public consultation. No results known to date. George raised the point again, what is this Angus Council exercise costing? Cllr Proctor suggested contacting Ian Lorimer, Head of Finance, and asking the question.</p> <p>7. Councillors Reports: Cllr Ronnie Proctor reports:</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>HK</p> <p>HK</p> <p>IKL</p> <p>Agenda</p>
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I have attended several meetings which are not Kirrie specific however the presentation on Tourism in Angus was most interesting and I raised a number of points such as Tourism is a major income earner in small towns such as Kirriemuir however all tourist offices have been closed. Understandingly most of pre booking to visit venues is done online however there are a number of elderly people who are not computer savvy, and a hard copy leaflet is what they want. I also suggested that tours to the area should incorporate all the venues in the area such Glamis Castle, Kirrie Museum, Police Museum, Bon Scott, Barrie's Birthplace the Scott Memorial at the entrance to Glen Prosen, Camera Obscura etc. Note was taken of my remarks and hopefully something might become available to be deposited in some of the aforementioned venues. I also took part in the Angus Alive Directors Board where topics regarding rural sites such as Glen Doll was discussed.

Matters on the previous minutes under my name are currently ongoing.

I have continued to be involved in housing matters of various natures, road repairs and potholes which have been reported to me. It has also been reported that another matter of overflowing bins is of concern to the nearby residents, this has also been brought forwarded to respective officers.

I supported the Chairman's letter to Angus Council regarding speed restrictions in Maryton. This is now being moved forward.

Cllr George Meechan reports:

It has been a relatively quiet period as I was on annual leave for two weeks in April. The following is a summary my recent activity.

I have attended the following meetings (not exhaustive): -

- Angus Licensing Board and Civic Licencing Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
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- Family Education and Justice Committee (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)
- Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (nothing specific to Kirriemuir)

In addition, I have attended the following meetings/presentations:

- Attended Tourism in Angus briefing
- Attended Glamis Community Council
- Attended joint engagement session – Tayside Contract

My case load continues to be a mixed bag e.g. (All specific to Kirriemuir)

- Housing issues (allocations)
- Welfare Benefits
- Road repairs
- Dog fouling

I have visited Kirriemuir constituents in their own homes over the past period to discuss their issues and dealt with numerous telephone calls and emails.

Cllr Julie Bell reports:

A shorter report this month as the first two weeks of April were recess so no formal meetings during that time.

I have been supporting the Angus Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and a charity called Support for Families to set up Family Support Groups to help the families of those experiencing substance use challenges – the Kirriemuir one was held in Kirrie Connections on Monday April 15th. Unfortunately, no one attended – however, it can be really difficult for people to step forward in these circumstances so here are the dates for further sessions. Anyone in Angus can attend any session and it is hoped that these groups become regular in each locality: each session is a drop-in so you can stay for as long as you wish.

- Angus Carers Centre, Arbroath – Wednesday May 8 – 4pm-6.30pm
- MoHub, Montrose – Thursday May 20 – 4pm-6.30pm
- Carnoustie Sports Centre – Wednesday June 5 – 4pm-6.30pm

I have been involved in assessment panels for the NHS Tayside Charitable Foundation's Charitable Funds Committee, which includes applications from local Kirriemuir/Angus organisations, with the decision-making panel on April 29.

This week is full of committee/board meetings – Scrutiny and Audit on Tuesday 23rd, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership IJB on Wed 24th, NHS Tayside Board on Thursday 25th, plus various Public Health Scotland meetings.

8. New Glass Recycling Points:

- A form is available in the Library for suggestion points, also online facility.
- 200 glass recycling points planned across Angus, therefore, averaging 6/7 points for Kirriemuir.
- From the information on the Angus Council website, it appears car parks, supermarkets, etc. etc. are the favoured sites for the glass recycling points. Discussion ensued on how non-car owners can transport their glass to points which are a distance away from their homes. It was reported that there is an “exemption option” available for such home owners.
- The proposed new Blue Bin is for cardboard and paper.
- Cllr Meechan reported that when this is all agreed it becomes operational.

9. **Correspondence:** Circulated during the month.

10. AOCB:

10.1. Eric highlighted the proposed Walkway/Cycle path throughout Angus via Active Travel. This is funded by the Scottish Government (Transport Scotland/Path Network – Active Travel) to local Councils to provide cycle paths and footpaths to encourage the community to get out and walk and cycle. Discussion ensued on the use of public funds.

10.2. Irena reported the plans for the Wheelchair Accessible Bridge have been passed.

10.3. Irena reported a lot of broken fences in the Den which could pose an accident risk. Angus Council is unable to assist so funding/assistance had to be sourced elsewhere. Cllr Meechan

suggested contacting Tayside Contracts who operate a fund and a “man power assistance” system. It was reported their system works out “very expensive,” defeating the object. Cllr Proctor offered to investigate.

10.4. Audrey has been approached by eight groups/organisations in the town to complain about Angus Alive's 43% increase to rent Kirriemuir Town Hall. This is seriously affecting the Pantomime, BonFest, etc. etc.. Some of these bookings were made up to two years ago, at an agreed price. These organisations are now receiving invoices for a further 43%.

Cllr Proctor stated that Angus Alive has nothing to do with Angus Council. As an Angus Alive Board member, Cllr Proctor stated that Angus Alive has increased all of their prices. Cllr Proctor will investigate and report back.

Discussion ensued at length about the realistic availability of the community's Town Hall. It was agreed that the Town Hall is, and has been for many, many years, an important hub for all age groups and vital that it should be protected for future generations of Kirriemuir.

11. **Planning:** Several minor planning applications reported.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 29 May 202, 7 pm in the Kirriemuir Fire Station

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