

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2013

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Patricia Oddie, PC Sam Wedderburn, PC Catherine Cumming.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Gavin Adam, Sammy Dey, Fraser Lamb, Sheila Simpson, Cllr Allison Grant.
- 3. Police Matters:** Two instances of vandalism had been reported, one involving a lock being super-glued and the other involving damage to a garden fence. Two cases of Breach of the Peace had been reported, one being a road-rage incident involving a bus and the other involving a member of the community. There had been one class A drug recovery, one assault by an individual who is not resident within Kemnay and one report of monies being stolen, all within licensed premises. There had been two reports of fraud, one involving a company's bank account and one relating to non-payment of a taxi fare. Various motoring offences had been reported ranging from failure to pay road tax to parking offences. Parking and antisocial driving offences continued to be monitored within Kemnay. The new single force would appreciate being informed of areas of concern so that targeted plans could be drawn up.
- 4. Village Website:** Claire Campbell, webmaster, was unable to come to the meeting but had said that the system was old and extremely labour-intensive. The site had originally been set up so that it could be updated by members of the community, but this had not happened. She suggested that new software be investigated and someone found who would be interested in revamping the site and linking it to Facebook. It would still be desirable that members of the community could update the site. In order to recruit such people, the Secretary agreed to draft an appropriate article for the June edition of the newsletter.
- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2013 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by Janet Newberry and approved unanimously.
- 6. Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) Public Toilets at Bogbeth Park:** This matter was still on-going.
 - b) Graffiti Removal:** This had been done.
 - c) Victoria Terrace Lay-by:** Cllr Lonchay had discussed this with Bob Gray, the Principal Roads Engineer, who had said that he had had no complaints, but would check whether the lay-by was being used unofficially, and if bollards were required they would be installed.
 - d) Aquithie Road Traffic Island Lighting:** This appeared to have been repaired.
 - e) Fyfe Park Flooding:** The Roads engineer had said that there did not appear to be a problem with the drains, and that consequently this probably was a design issue which would have to be addressed by the contractor.
 - f) HGV Parking at the Place of Origin:** It had been established that the car park was the responsibility of Greenbelt.
 - g) Mavis Wainman Memorial:** It was agreed that the public should be invited to contribute to this. Kate Rigby agreed to prepare an article for the June newsletter.
- 7. Planning Matters and Applications:**
 - a) New Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
 - b) Main Issues Report:** It was agreed to respond with the suggestion that more development in Kemnay would mean that more facilities (such as toilets, recreational facilities and enhanced medical provision) would be required as also that "valued views" should continue to be respected.
- 8. Reports:**
 - a) GACCF:** Members were asked to consider who might be nominated as chairman and vice-chairman.
 - b) Press Report:** The Inverurie Advertiser had reported that there had been an entry by S5&6 pupils in the Scottish regional final of an annual international competition for designing an ROV (remotely operated vehicle) to monitor the ocean's weather system and hence its influence on conditions on the sea bed. The winner of this heat, Mintlaw Academy, had progressed to the final in the US.
 - c) Garioch Partnership:** The next Ward 10 meeting would be in Kemnay on 2 May 2013. A good attendance was requested. A Ward 12 Forum was to be held in Kintore School on Tuesday 30 April 2013, chaired by Martin Ford.

9. Aberdeenshire News: Aberdeenshire Council had been occupied in attempting to alleviate the impact of the new welfare reforms on council tenants. 2014 was to be the year of the Commonwealth Games in Scotland, and also a Homecoming Year with grants being available for legacy projects.

10. Correspondence:

Previously Circulated: Garioch Community Planning Update, Engagement Process to Develop Strategy on Preventing Self-Harm, Briefings – Local People Leading, Community Energy Scotland, Community Planning e-bulletin, Garioch Community Kitchen AGM, REHIS Accredited Courses, The Big Lottery Fund – Communities and Families, Kemnay Woods, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Contact Details, College Merger, CVSA Newsletter, Job Opportunity, TGP newsletter, Ward Forums, Licensing Board Review, Climate Change Fund Information, Leader Fund Round 17, Development Plan Scheme.

Members were encouraged to complete the Licensing Board Review Survey.

Not Previously Circulated: Digital Conference Scotland, Free Courses Available.

11. AOCB: The poor state of Paradise Road in particular and of other roads within and around Kemnay was highlighted: Cllr Lonchay agreed to pursue this. Concerns were raised about the state of the Council skip installed by the skate park, which local residents appeared to be using for household rubbish; it was suggested that those members who pass the skip regularly should monitor the state of the skip and report to the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on 30 May 2013.