

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2012

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Allison Grant, PC Mark Cobban, PC Stewart Gibbon, Margaret Basley, Vaila Spencer.

1. Welcome: The chairman welcomed those present, particularly the visitors.

2. Apologies for absence: Eric Pashley, Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri.

3. Police matters: Seventeen crimes had been reported since the November meeting. Enquiries were continuing in relation to two break-ins – at national level in the case of the theft by housebreaking at the butcher's shop – but there were no lines of enquiry in relation to a bicycle stolen from a locked shed in a rear garden. Five vandalisms had been reported, one having been detected. There was one incidence of anti-social behaviour resulting in an overnight custody, one Road Traffic offence, and four other detected crimes – two where investigations were on-going, and two which remained undetected. One person had been reported to the Fiscal for Road Traffic offences. Local officers had increased contact with staff at all licensed premises and had continued to monitor parking issues. Operation San Pablo had been targeting persons involved in scrap thefts, with officers patrolling vulnerable premises and checking on suspect vehicles.

Margaret Basley and Vaila Spencer complained about speeding on Aquithie Road and Victoria Terrace, and the police agreed to test this. In response to a complaint about parking in the forecourt of R & S Dow's garage and in front of the Co-op on Station Road, the police said, however, that they could do little about parking on private land or on off-street parking areas. Jim Piggins pointed out that the problem might be partly due to illegal long-term occupation of the 45-minute zone opposite.

4. Opportunity for members of the public to speak: Both members of the public attending had made representation to the police under item 3.

5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2011 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Annie Ferries, and unanimously approved.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes:

- (a) **Community Council Elections:** The forthcoming elections were discussed.
- (b) **Aberdeenshire Design Awards:** Submissions had been made with the assistance of Glyn Jones.
- (c) **Saltire Society plaque:** This had been ordered, but there had been no response from the Saltire Society.

7. Planning matters and applications: There was nothing controversial.

8. Reports:

- a) **Christmas Lights:** Thanks were expressed to Eric Pashley and Gavin Adam, and to those who had helped in the erection of the Christmas Trees.
- b) **Safety Group:** There had been no meeting, and consequently there was no report.
- c) **Community Learning and Development:** Community workers had been forced to take on more clerical duties, leaving less time for community work. It was hoped that this problem would be resolved at a meeting held contemporaneously with this one.
- d) **GACCF:** There had been no meeting, and consequently there was no report.
- e) **Community Planning:** The January meeting was held in Newmachar, where there were presentations on the Wildlife garden, the Community Council and the new hall which it was hoped would replace the current outdated and unsatisfactory one. The new Garioch Community Kitchen opening on Wednesday 8 February was highlighted. There was still unallocated money amounting to £1,300 in the planning budget.

9. Litter In Kennay – Kennay Academy PTA Meeting: Reports were that this had been a very positive meeting, chaired by the head boy; but as Gavin Adam, who had attended, was not at the current meeting, no further details were available.

10. Stakeholders' Meeting – Kennay Academy: The meeting discussed the future of Kennay Academy; it seemed that it would continue and not be replaced by an academy elsewhere. It was necessary that Kennay Academy should be improved so that it could stand comparison with other newer schools in Aberdeenshire. Development was proposed to be in four phases. Phase 1 was to cost £2m, and would run from October 2012 to August 2013, providing a second gym. Phase 2 was to cost £4.15m and would run from October 2012 to April 2014; it would provide a substantial two story building with music facilities on the ground floor and classrooms above. Phase 3 was to cost £0.7m and would run from January to May

2014, giving enhanced administration facilities. Phase 4, costing £1.9m, would run from May 2014 to March 2015; it would link the new classroom extension with the main building and incorporate attractive social areas for the pupils – for instance, a two story atrium. The total cost would be £8.9m.

11. NHS Maternity Service Change Consultation: The consultation document was completed.

12. Planning Democracy Conference: This was to be held in Edinburgh on 21 April, and would deal with the perception that the public's wishes are ignored by planners. Bob Ingram thought that he might be able to attend.

13. Parking on emergency access at the Glebe: Jim Piggins drew the attention of the meeting to the problem of cars parking over the emergency access from the Glebe to the Bogbeth Road development. Cllr Allison Grant agreed to speak to the roads department about the possibility of an "emergency access" notice.

14. Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2011 – Draft Planning advice "Housing land draw down": It was agreed to point out to the council that the problems of overcrowding at the academy and the traffic conditions both militated against bringing forward planning permission for housing developments in Kemnay.

15. Aberdeenshire Community Council Representative Meetings: These had not taken place due to lack of interest. A questionnaire was to be distributed.

16. CC Leaflets: These had been distributed. Councils were to add their own details. A form of words was agreed, and it was agreed to print only 50 leaflets in the meantime in case details changed following the forthcoming Community Council elections.

17. Aberdeenshire News: There was no Aberdeenshire news, but Cllr Grant urged the meeting to answer the questionnaire on rail transport to be found at <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/strategy-and-research/publications-and-consultations/j203179-00.htm>

18. Correspondence: Correspondence had been received on: Police Community Initiative Funds; Pilot Workshop to improve energy efficiency of properties; *Garioch Local Policing Team Update*; NHS Inverurie Pathfinder Newsletter: The Network; ASCC Bulletin. All these had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and there was no action to be taken on any of them.

19. AOCB: Bill Blackwood was to take greetings to Bridge of Don Community Council. Cllr Allison Grant was to establish who the war memorial officer was.

20. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on February 23, 2012.