

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL - REPORT OF THE MEETING ON 26th November 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chair), Bill Blackwood , Bob Ingram, Rob Mackay, Gavin Adam, Janet Newberry, Gaenor Berkin, Kate Rigby, Sasha Bryden, David Evans

Attending: Police Sergeant Alison Durward

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Vaila Spencer, Doug Laing, Sue Wainman, Douglas Laing, Margaret Basley, Cllr. Sheena Lonchay, Cllr. Alison Grant, Cllr. Patricia Oddie
3. **Police Matters:** Police Sergeant Durward spoke to the reports for September, November, December. In September 10 crimes and offences were reported, for October six crimes and offences were reported and for November five crimes and offences were reported. Bonfire Night went well with no reported incidents. Speeding issues were discussed with particular reference to the Primary Schools and the meeting was assured that Kemnay is still on the list to be assigned a mobile temporary device. The problem of parking on Bogbeth Road during the annual Kemnay Football Tournament was raised and it was agreed that forward planning by all partners would help in this regard. Police Sergeant Durward stressed the need for car drivers to have a good awareness of winter conditions and to ensure proper vehicle maintenance. The meeting indicated that the Police Reports are extremely valuable and thanked Police Sergeant Durward for her attendance.
4. **Kemnay Academy Pupil Report:** Sasha Bryden stated that the last Pupil Council meeting had discussed a Rewards Scheme. Mrs Lizbeth Paul is the current Rector of the Academy.
5. **Approval of Minutes of 24th September:** Approved Kate Rigby, Seconded Bob Ingram
6. **Matters arising from Minutes:**
 - a) Tree cutting on Bremner Way – this item is awaiting information from Cllr. Lonchay
 - b) Factoring meeting – Sheila Simpson reported on the last meeting in September and is awaiting the minutes and further information.
 - c) Defibrillators – Gaenor clarified that the Army Cadet force do not have defibrillators but potentially could offer First Aid Training. It was noted that the Mid-Deeside Community Trust have been active with community defibrillators and run it as a project including the training of volunteers.
 - d) Mavis Wainman bench – the plan is that the benches would be moved on site on the Place of Origin in December and that a public event would be held early in 2016.
 - e) Road Traffic issues – the problem of cars parking inappropriately on Bridge Road was raised again, this is to be raised with the Roads Dept with a request that double yellow lines be assessed. The issue of visibility at the Kemnay Autobody junction was raised again due to the erection of a permanent fence. There is a question of whether the new permanent fence has planning permission and it was understood that this is being investigated by the Planning Dept and the Enforcement Officer will provide a report.
7. **Kemnay Futures:** Feedback was provided on the first meeting of Kemnay Futures that took place on November 4th. This was hosted by the Garioch Partnership and used a workshop format to seek the views of Kemnay residents on what we like about Kemnay and also what could be improved. There was comment that not everybody knew about this event and the Chair pointed out that an advert had been placed in the October version of the Newsletter (page 28). The Steering Group is to meet before Christmas to plan future events.
8. **Planning Matters:**

[APP/2015/3398](#) Erection of Halfway House at Hole 10 (Retrospective) - Kemnay Golf Club, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Mon 23 Nov 2015. Neutral position.

[APP/2015/3445](#) Installation of Air Source Heat Pump - Inglewood Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 02 Dec 2015. Neutral position.

[APP/2015/3516](#) Alteration & Extension. Mr C Harper, 7 Kirklands, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Tue 08 Dec 2015. Neutral position.

Cairn View application by Deveron Homes – the site visit is due to take place on Tuesday 1st December and then the Garioch Area Committee will meet to decide on this application. Some Community Councillors are planning to observe this meeting although it was pointed out they are not permitted to speak. Sheila to contact Cllr. Lonchay and ask if she could be present at this meeting.

9. Reports:

- a) Christmas lights – Gavin Adam reported on progress being made by the lights being checked by an electrician and that the public liability insurance does provide sufficient cover. Arrangements were made for the street lights and the lighting for the Christmas Tree to be installed by volunteers on Saturday 26th November. Mention was made of an approach being made by a group of parents interested in the idea of Kemnay having a switch-on ceremony – it was felt this was an idea that could be explored for its feasibility with the 2016 Christmas in mind.
- b) Bob Ingram provided a Safety Report that included the idea of “Message in a Bottle Scheme – this is an emergency information system and comes in the form of a bottles. Agreed that these bottles can be picked up from the Village Hall. Bob referred to the Ambulance Service having the capacity to track defibrillators; this sparked a further discussion as to how we might progress this issue. The meeting agreed that the purchase and siting of up 1 – 2 defibrillators would be of public benefit to Kemnay. The need for accurate information as to the best type of Defibrillators and their use was identified – to that end it was agreed to ask the Mid-Deeside Project to speak at a public meeting about their experience of running a defibrillator project.
- c) Press Report – the Kemnay Bonfire Night was a great success and thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who made such a valuable contribution, with special mention to Graham Collie for the supply of burgers and to David Caney & Ken Cassidy.
- d) Community Planning – No report was available. Rob to contact Jill Sowden to ask for report at next meeting.

13. Aberdeenshire News – It was reported that Aberdeenshire Council are planning a consultation exercise regarding their deliberations on their budget for 2016/2017 when it is expected that budget cuts will amount to £530 million. This will take the form of completing an online survey and can be found on <http://bit.ly/BudgetHelpUsHelpYou>

14. Correspondence – Forest Enterprise Scotland have just issued a consultation on the Bennachie Land Management Plan. It was felt that what is being asked is vague. Sheila to follow this up and seek clarification.

15. AOCB – The Chair reported on arrangements for leaflets on the work of the Community Council to be inserted in each of the Newsletters that are distributed to the 2250 households in the Kemnay area. David Evans reported on the ‘Supporting Communities’ event and as a result it was agreed he should write to the Area Manager on the issue of Planning Gain. Gaenor Berkin reported on the formation of a new organisation for supporting ex-service people called ‘Aberdeenshire Salutes’, whilst Rob Mackay reported on the first Annual General Meeting of Positive Steps Kemnay which runs walking groups in Kemnay in association with Grampian Health Board and Paths for All. Sheila referred to the efforts of Douglas’s communication with Anthony Robertson (Infrastructure) and the meeting agreed it would be appropriate to invite Anthony to address us at a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 28th January 2016