

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2014

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

Attending: PC Chloé Adam, and two members of the public – Michael Reading and Vaila Spencer.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for Absence: Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. Police Matters: There had been a theft of money from a residential property for which there was a suspect. Several instances of vandalism involving damage to vehicles (particularly in Bremner Way and Paradise Road) had been reported; there were possible suspects, and enquiries were on-going. One person was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for threatening and abusive behaviour (contrary to “Section 38”). Littering was brought to the attention of officers by a resident within Kemnay, and police had spoken to the school about this. Parking issues on Station Road and noise from youths in the area of the family centre had continued to be monitored. Several drivers had been spoken to about the quality of their driving (including the rapidity of their acceleration) in Kemnay generally but particularly in the Bogbeth, Station Road and Aquithie Road areas. The public were encouraged to note the number plates of alleged offenders and report them to the Police on the 101 number. [The Police Report for February 2014 is attached to the principal copy of these Minutes.]

4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak: Vaila Spencer thanked the Community Council for liaising with Aberdeenshire Council in the matter of the increased provision of dog waste/litter bins in and around Kemnay [see item 6.c) below]; she intimated that residents had expressed many positive comments relative to this. She also expressed her thanks for information supplied by the Community Council anent fundraising. Michael Reading expressed his praise for the village in general and the quality of the “Kemnay Newsletter”.

5. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 30 January 2014: Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2014 was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by Bob Ingram, and approved unanimously.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes:

a) Mavis Wainman Memorial: It was intimated that work on the stained glass window was progressing.

b) Website: David Evans was congratulated for his continuing excellent work in connection with the Website. Michael Reading suggested that a counter might be deployed to monitor use of the site, but David Evans gave reasons why he did not favour this.

c) Dog Bins: It was intimated that six new dog waste/litter bins had been supplied and sited following a useful and productive meeting between the Chairman and Darren Fryer of Aberdeenshire Council. The new bins (costing £300 each and involving an annual emptying cost of £220) are sited at the Place of Origin, at Mill Farm, near Alehousewells School, adjacent to Milton Meadows, at the entrance to the Village Hall car park in Paradise Road, and at the top of the path from Paradise Road to The Green.

d) Bogbeth Recycling Container: It was intimated that the Bogbeth Recycling Container had been emptied of assorted rubbish.

e) High Street Signs and Car Park Notification: It was intimated that Aberdeenshire Council had agreed to enlarge the signs, at the junction of Aquithie Road and High Street, notifying “No Left Turn” and “No Right Turn” (as the case may be) to make the “One Way” status of High Street clearer to motorists. It was also intimated that the Council had agreed to raise the “Car Park” notices at the car park on Aquithie Road to their correct height, as also to attach the “Car Park” signs at the Village Hall Car Park in Paradise Road in such a manner as to prevent their being rotated or slid down.

f) Kirkstyle Flood: It was intimated that the Kirkstyle flooding had been caused by a combination of heavy rain and a silted-up drain; the offending silt had now been removed.

g) Speed Monitors: It was intimated that residents had reported the effectiveness of the installed speed monitors.

h) Craig Grant Donation: It was intimated that there had been no progress relative to this, but that Janet Newberry did have the matter in hand.

i) White Lines in Village: It was intimated that white lines on village roads (affected by recent road re-surfacing) had not yet been repainted; but it was agreed to invite Cllr Lonchay to use her best endeavours to expedite the necessary work.

j) Boat Croft Steps: It was intimated that Aberdeenshire Council had now adopted the Boat Croft Steps. It was also intimated that the Community Council had been made aware of the considerable work done by David Staniforth in effecting repairs to the Steps, which had made them safe to use during the period when adoption was under consideration; the Community Council was, therefore, strongly of the opinion that Mr Staniforth's work in effecting repairs, as also his considerable other contributions to the life and amenity of the village, should be recognised – perhaps by his being invited to attend the Woodhill House Event by one of our Councillors. It was agreed to pursue the matter.

k) Scottish Rural Parliament: It was intimated that the initial meeting of the Scottish Rural Parliament would be held in Oban in November 2014. Bob Ingram had applied for further information, and would brief the Community Council in due course.

l) Leschangie Forest: It was intimated that, notwithstanding rumours to the contrary, Leschangie Forest had not been sold (although it was still “for sale”).

7. Planning Applications: It was intimated that there was nothing controversial relative to planning applications submitted during the appropriate period (25/01/2013 to 21/02/2014).

8. Reports:

a) Safety Group: Stephen King had proposed the setting up of a Road Safety Charity – namely a workshop that would encourage young people to learn the basics of car maintenance with a view to their developing a better understanding of vehicle and road related issues; he was being supported in this by various public and private groups, and was seeking volunteers to assist with the proposed scheme. Police Scotland was deploying portable road safety signs as part of an on-going operation. Aberdeenshire Council's Roads Department was to be contacted with a view to the availability of suitable equipment for speed monitoring and recording. Police Scotland remained committed to supporting and funding the Safe Drive Stay Alive Road Show; and discussions were taking place within Aberdeenshire Council anent road safety education. Antisocial Behaviour levels were reported as being at an all-time low. Road Safety advisors suggested targeting older drivers. A Conflict Resolution approach was discussed relating to disruptive behaviour in secondary schools. RoSPA had advised that it no longer produced the booklet (“The Little Book on Home Safety”) which the Safety Group had hitherto bought annually to distribute to first-year secondary pupils. The annual Community Safety Seminar will be held on 22 March 2014, at 9.30 am in Kemnay Village Hall. [Bob Ingram's full written report is attached to the principal copy of these Minutes.]

b) Community Learning and Development: As the appropriate representative was not present at the Meeting, and as there was no written report, there was nothing to record.

c) Community Planning: The Garioch Community Planning Group met on 20 February 2014. The Group was told of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Plan's priorities, which included risk management in the community, and identification of vulnerable adults. A Garioch specific Plan will be produced. The next round of Community Action Plans will be for Kintore and Port Elphinstone. Concern was raised about volume and speed of traffic in the Chapel of Garioch area, particularly around the school. Formartine and Marr Community Safety Groups had funded speed monitoring equipment for local police use; it will be used first in Chapel of Garioch, but they are keen that it be used elsewhere in the Garioch area. Community Council support is being set up and a Shire Training Plan for Community Councils has been drawn up. There will be a meeting in Kemnay on 1 November 2014.

d) Press Report: There were no relevant matters to record.

9. Community Council Support Events 2014: It was agreed that ideas for such events should be given to the Secretary for forwarding to Alison Cumming of Aberdeenshire Council. [Relevant documentation was circulated 03/02/2014.]

10. Community Led Local Development – Garioch Event: It was intimated that this Event is to take the form of a workshop on Leader Funding, and is to be held on 6 March 2014 in the Kintore Arms Hotel at Inverurie. [Relevant documentation circulated 19/02/2014.]

11. Community Safety Groups' Annual Seminar and Awards: It was intimated that these are to be held on 22 March 2014 in Kemnay from 9 am to 12.45 pm. No nominations were proposed for an award, the criteria for same being particularly demanding. [Relevant documentation circulated 19/02/2014.]

12. Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Aberdeenshire Council (Off Street Car Parking) Order 2011: Following discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows – that a standard approach be adopted

throughout Aberdeenshire, and in particular that any allowed free parking period should extend for a period of one hour. [Relevant documentation circulated 21 and 25 Feb. 2014.]

13.Aberdeenshire News: There being no Aberdeenshire Councillors in attendance there was no news to record.

14.Correspondence: The following correspondence was received and circulated as per date

- a) Community Council Support Events 2014 (03/02/2014)
- b) Garioch Community Planning Update – February 2014 (04/02/2014)
- c) Data Protection Advice (05/02/2014)
- d) Healthcare Improvement Scotland Recruiting (05/02/2014)
- e) Police Service of Scotland Public Counter Review (07/02/2014)
- f) ACVO E-Bulletin – Friday 8th February 2014 (10/02/2014)
- g) Sustrans Community Links Funding 2014-2016 (10/02/2014)
- h) Garioch Area Community Council Forum – 5 March 2014 (10/02/2014)
- i) Inverurie Men’s Shed – Public Meeting (10/02/2014)
- j) What’s Cooking at Garioch Community Kitchen (11/02/2014)
- k) Garioch Area Bus Forum (11/02/2014)
- l) OSCR – Meet us in Aberdeen! (11/02/2014)
- m) ACSEF Newsletter February 2014 (13/02/2014)
- n) Be Part of the Picture 24th February 2014 (17/02/2014)
- o) NHS Grampian Inverurie (Hospital Site) Project Newsletter (21/02/2014)
- p) Complaints & Feedback Survey, Patient Reps needed, Info on travel to and from appointments (21/02/2014)
- q) European Funding – Events Dates (24/02/2014)
- r) Grampian Regional Equality Council Survey to Aberdeenshire Residents (24/02/2014)
- s) Fifth Reviews of Local Government Electoral Arrangements (25/02/2014)
- t) TGP Members Update (26/02/2014) – nb. Summer meeting 26 May 2014
- u) CVSA February 2014 e-bulletin (27/02/2014)

The following correspondence was received (as per date) but not circulated -

- a) Launch of Community Empowerment: Voice, Participation, Action (£180) (05/02/2014)
- b) Access up to £160,000 of funds for a community renewable energy project (06/02/2014)
- c) Local Energy Scotland (07/02/2014)
- d) Beautiful Scotland + It’s Your Neighbourhood (10/02/2014)
- e) What’s Cooking at Garioch Community Kitchen (11/02/2014)
- f) Just Enterprise Finance Training (11/02/2014)
- g) Grampian Family Support Survey 2014 (11/02/2014)
- h) CVSA Newsletter Jan-Feb 2014 (11/02/2014)
- i) Discounted Health and Safety training for Managers (13/02/2014)
- j) Pat Watters CBE discusses the future of Community Planning Partnerships (13/02/2014)
- k) ACVO e-bulletin – Friday 14th February 2014 (15/02/2014)
- l) DTA Scotland e-bulletin No. 37 – Feb. 2014 (24/02/2014)

15.AOCB: Discrimination by shopkeepers against schoolchildren was discussed, but no such discrimination was identified. It was noted that one of the car parking areas off Bremner Way had a sightline problem. The problem was raised of people being unable to identify members of Kemnay Community Council, and after discussion it was agreed that this problem would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

16.Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 27 March 2014.