

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON THE

27th MARCH 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minute of AGM held on 28th March 2013
Adoption Proposed Seconded
5. Chairman's Report
6. Financial Statement
Adoption Proposed Seconded
7. Election of Chairman
8. AOCB
9. Date of Next Meeting 26 March 2015

Kemnay Community Council
AGM 27th March 2014
Chairman's Report

This has been a relatively uneventful year, with a number of ongoing matters taking up much of our time. Perhaps the most significant event was the demise of the East Garioch Community Council, which meant that their area had to be divided among neighbouring Community Councils. We accepted some of the area, including the Fetternear Estate, a logical addition to Kemnay CC.

We have had a lot of discussion about public toilets, or rather, the lack of them. Our aim had been to persuade Aberdeenshire Council to provide facilities, ideally at Bogbeth, or at least open the existing toilets in Aquithie Road Car Park. It became clear that neither idea was going to happen so we considered taking over the facilities ourselves on a self help basis, but on examination this proved to be impracticable. We therefore remain reliant on the comfort station in the Bennachie Lodge.

We did have some disagreement about our status as a Statutory Consultee on planning matters, as we were not listed as such on applications. We were, however, assured that if we did comment this comment would be put before the Area Committee, and should we object this automatically meant that delegated approval of an application could not be given.

A new Strategic Development Plan and a draft Local Development Plan were issued. In fact the impact of these on Kemnay was minimal, and apart from trying to ensure that the ground at the junction of Bremner Way and Aquithie Road remained available for community use and was not zoned for housing, we had no serious quarrel with the plans.

Mavis Wainman, a very long standing pillar of the Kemnay Community, died in December 2012 and it is an indication of the respect in which she was held that it took us some months to decide how to remember her. We finally decided on a stained glass window, and were encouraged by some generous donations towards the cost, including an anonymous one of £500.

We entered Mill Farm Restoration in the Aberdeenshire Design Awards competition, but have yet to hear if we have been placed. However, following a useful liaison with Breedon Aggregates, we were given the key to the bird hides overlooking the lochans, and thanks to Susie Hunt of Mill Farm Studio, these are now available for any would be twitchers. Breedon also offered our community the opportunity to tour their sites; an offer which will be accepted once the weather improves.

We are grateful for the excellent refinishing of the bench outside the Post Office, done as a favour to the village by Mr Joe Murison. A member of the public raised the matter of a shortage of dog waste bins, and after a very productive and helpful meeting with Mr Darren Fryer of Aberdeenshire Council we now have far better coverage in the village. It is earnestly to be hoped that dog owners make use of them - I hope that the problem in the past has been the lack of bins, rather than lack of will to use them.

An approach to Malcolm Allen Builders resulted in the removal of a number of dead trees at the entrance to the Milton Meadows estate.

Other minor issues were the recurring problem of the disappearing Keep Left signs in Aquithie Road, the over exuberant gritting of our roads, flooding in Fyffe Park, disposal of rubbish at the Skateboard Park, the erection of our Saltire Award plaque at the Place of Origin and the removal of the never-used BBQ stands in Bogbeth Park.

We had our usual Christmas trees and lighting displays, and, as ever, we thank Eric Pashley and Gavin Adam, as well as the band of willing helpers, for their work

Left to last, undoubtedly the highlight of the year has been the rebirth of our Kemnay website. David Evans initially volunteered to have a look at seeing if he could update the old one, but ended up obtaining and creating a brand new site which is now a fount of entirely useful information. There is no longer a need to go

to multiple sites for information; it is now all there, available to download. I cannot express my gratitude for his work too strongly. Of course, it is also David who led the response to the Local Development Plan and who takes us through all planning applications at our meetings. He really does do more than his fair share for Kemnay. In the context of the website, I am also grateful to Chris Brown of Revolutionary IT who has provided David with technical assistance.

Margaret Christie, sadly, has been having a tough time of it recently, but one could not hope for a more efficient and willing Secretary for a Community Council. She first attended a meeting in March 2007, so has now been doing the job for seven years which is probably a record. I have been immensely grateful for her support and gentle direction over all these years, and she has made my job much easier than it would otherwise have been.

Over the past eleven years I have been lucky in having so many people expressing their willingness to help, be it Janet Newberry with the accounts, Kate Rigby with Community Learning, Bob Ingram with Community Safety, John Hern with publicity, and so many other people over all the years. I will be sorry to leave you, and wish you all success under your new Chairman.

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 March 2013 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Fraser Lamb, Janet Newberry, Sheila Simpson.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, PC Brian Pirie. Steve Clarke, Roddy Yarr.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies: Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2012:

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by David Evans and unanimously approved.

4. Chairman's Report:

The attached report was tabled by the Chairman, who thanked various members of the committee, and reported with sadness the deaths of Jim Piggins, who had been a valuable member of the Community Council for many years, and of Mavis Wainman, who had been a member of the Community Council since its inception. Both would be sorely missed.

5. Financial Statement:

Janet Newberry, treasurer, presented the accounts. The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Annie Ferries and unanimously approved.

6. AOCB: Sheila Simpson proposed that the secretary be awarded an honorarium of £100 per annum backdated to 2012. This was seconded by Janet Newberry and agreed unanimously.

7. Date of Next Annual General Meeting:

Next year's meeting would be held on Thursday 27 March 2014.

Kemnay Community Council 01.03.13 to 28.02.14

		General	Mavis	Christmas Lights	Total
Income					
09.04.13	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	764.76			
23.05.13	Downie Family			250.00	
11.06.13	re Mavis Wainman		500.00		
26.07.13	re Mavis Wainman		478.22		
01.09.13	re Mavis Wainman		71.78		
28.02.14	Community Association			2000.00	
	Total	764.76	1050.00	2250.00	4064.76

Expenditure

24.03.13		27.50			
25.04.13	M Christie re Honorarium (2 years)	200.00			
02.05.13	KVH	27.50			
30.05.13	KVH	27.50			
16.07.13	KVH	27.50			
09.10.13	British Legion re Wreath	35.00			
14.10.13	KVH	27.50			
01.11.13	KVH	27.50			
11.12.13	E Pashley re Xmas lights			69.60	
12.12.13	KVH	27.50			
20.12.13	D Evans re Website	106.48			
14.01.14	Data Protection	35.00			
07.02.14	KVH	27.50			
28.02.14	KVH	27.50			
	Totals	623.98	0.00	69.60	693.58

Balance Sheet

Income	764.76	1050.00	2250.00	4064.76
less expenditure	623.98	0.00	69.60	693.58
Current Year	140.78	1050.00	2180.40	<u>3371.18</u>
Balance Carried Forward	2129.79	0.00	1402.18	3531.97
Plus O/S chqs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	2270.57	1050.00	3582.58	<u>6903.15</u>

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2013 to 28/02/2014

Janet Newberry, Treasurer, 15/03/14

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

Present: Sheila Simpson (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, Ms V Spencer.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman took up office for the first time, and welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Chris Hunneyball, PC Sandra Duncan, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Patricia Oddie.
3. **Police Matters:** Crimes reported included the attempted theft of a motorcycle, and the theft of a van which was later recovered. Two further incidents did not relate to the community in general. Three vandalisms had occurred; forensic investigations were underway in relation to the most serious of these, and it had been noted that damage to a door lock was similar to a previous incident over a year ago within the village. A hit and run collision, an anti-social behaviour incident which was not youth-related, and a misuse of drugs case had all been detected. Parking issues on Station Road appeared to be improving. Local officers continued to monitor and deal with young drivers in the village, whether they were 'parked up' or on the move, and they would welcome details of any 'repeat offenders' being brought to their attention by noting the number plate of the vehicles in question. Persons had been gaining entry to properties through insecure doors or windows or by using the true key. Police were to be working with Academy pupils to increase awareness of the role of the Police in the community.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014 was proposed by Bob Ingram, seconded by John Hern, and approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Mavis Wainman:** The window was progressing well. Photographs of the work in progress had been circulated.
 - b) **Identification of Community Councillors:** It was agreed to put the names of councillors on the website, with a generic e-mail address.
 - c) **Craig Grant Donation:** It was agreed to conflate the money with any surplus from the Mavis Wainman account, and to ask for suggestions in the next newsletter as to how it might be used.
 - d) **White Lines in Village:** These would be renewed in May 2014.
 - e) **Boat Croft Steps Thank You:** Cllr Lonchay agreed to deal with this.
 - f) **Blind Car Park Entrance in Bremner Way:** There was to be a site visit by David Evans and Bob Ingram
 - g) **Community Council Support Events:** Councillors were urged to attend as many of these as possible.
 - h) **Off Street Car Parking Order:** Councillors were encouraged to make personal representations, although the representations made on behalf of the Community Council had not been followed.
6. **Co-Op Newspaper Locker:** It was agreed to write to the Co-Op Head Office, if necessary, following representations to the Co-op in Kemnay.
7. **CLD Summer Programme:** The Community Council was to support the application for funding for the Youth Café's summer programme.
8. **Notice Board:** Since Chris Hunneyball was no longer in a position to do so, Doug Laing agreed to update the notice board on request.
9. **Planning Matters and Applications:** Outline planning permission had been sought for two houses at Boatleys Farm. It was agreed that this was not controversial.

10. Reports:

- a) **Safety Group:** Neil Warden from the Institute of Advanced Motorists gave a presentation regarding the Skills for Life Course offered by IAM; this was felt to be most suitable for young drivers. The Safety group had funded stickers to replace the Grampian Police Logos with the Police Scotland logo on a set of 10 portable road signs. "Driving Ambition" was not supported by Police Scotland at the current time. Promoting the Pass Plus scheme and the available grant in the press and on Aberdeenshire Live had caused the number of inquiries to increase. [A full report of the meeting is attached to the principal copy of these minutes.]
- b) **Community Learning and Development:** A meeting was held on 3 February, 2014, in the Bothie in Kintore which is considered to be a great asset; it is hoped to use it to its full capacity as soon as

possible. There were no clear updates on the lease of the Kemnay Youth Café, and enquiries would continue to be made about the situation with the building. The work around the structure of the CDG continued and a further report would take place at the next meeting.

c) Press Report: The disused freight yard at Inverurie was to be sold to Aberdeenshire Council to provide ground for an “integrated transport hub” with more car parking, bus stances outside the station and facilities for cyclists. It was proposed that work should start on Kintore rail station in 2016, as opposed to 2014, with completion by 2019 “subject to funding”.

d) GACCF: There was a presentation by the Aberdeenshire Commander of the Fire and Rescue Service who talked about manpower in stations in the area and the local Fire and Rescue Plan. The second presentation was by the local Police Inspector, who dealt with the decline in serious crime, and the use of stop and search powers. Alison Cumming gave an update on the Community Support Action Plan progress. The next meeting would be on 4 June 2014. A full report of the meeting is attached to the primary copy of these minutes. [A full report of the meeting is attached to the principal copy of these minutes.]

11. Aberdeenshire News: The number of stop and search and speeding incidents had doubled. Nestrans was making a case for a greater proportion of transport funding for the North East. Stagecoach had revised its decision not to run a bus from Kintore to ARI. The roads to be resurfaced in the near future were listed on the Aberdeenshire website. The appropriate URL is http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees/detail.asp?ref_no=802572870061668E80257A9C0048EE66 See the Garioch Area Committee meeting held on 18 March, and papers numbers 8 and 9.

12. Correspondence: 15 items of correspondence had been received; most had previously been circulated.

13. AOCB: There was to be a discussion on Scottish Independence on 22 April 2014 in Kemnay Village Hall from 7 to 9 pm. It was suggested that the police be asked to monitor speeding on Aquithie Road and Riverside Drive. The loose manhole covers in Aquithie Road had been reported. Doug Laing distributed Dog Waste stickers.

14. Date of next Meeting: The next meeting would be on 24 April 2014 at 7.30 pm.