

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2011**

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

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, PC James Lawson, Victoria Eastwood.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked Bill Blackwood for chairing the March meeting in his absence.

2. Apologies for absence: Gavin Adam, Ian Murray.

3. Police matters: The good weather and the school holidays had led to an increase in antisocial behaviour. There had been two incidents of fire-raising, one of which had been detected; a referral had been made to an initiative run by Grampian Fire and Rescue in an attempt to reduce re-offending. Youths had been reported to the procurator fiscal for shoplifting and a breach of the peace, and enquiries were ongoing into vandalism to a garden. Following foot and vehicle patrols relating to motoring and parking offences, two drivers had been reported to the procurator fiscal, and two others “educated”. Foot patrols at weekends had been successful in retrieving alcohol from a number of youths whose parents would be advised. Police were cooperating with Community Learning to offer evening activities. Operation Zenith had continued to provide advice to motorcyclists in Grampian with the intention of reducing the number of motor-cycle accidents.

3A. Halliday Fraser Munro Consultation – Bogbeth Road Development: It appeared that the developers intended to make a planning application in the hope that the land might be released for development before 2017, that being the date before which the Development Plan had stated there should be a moratorium on house-building in Kemnay. It was pointed out that there were to be pre-determination meetings about this site and about the Fetternear plans before the end of May. On the basis that Kemnay Academy was oversubscribed and that plans for a new academy in the area were still extremely unclear, it was agreed to write to Halliday Fraser Munro objecting to any such application.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2011 was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by Jim Piggins, and unanimously approved.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Comfort Partnership signs and removal of toilet signs: The Comfort Partnership signage had not been erected in Bogbeth Park, nor had the signs for the toilet in Aquithie Road been removed. It was pointed out that Ian Fowell had stated at a Community Council meeting in June 2010 that there would be signage in the park and outside the Bennachie Lodge hotel. The department within Aberdeenshire Council which was responsible for such signage had denied knowledge of signs being required. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to investigate the situation further.

6. Planning matters and applications:

a) Aberdeen City and Shire Development Plan Scheme 2011/12: This was noted. It was, however, the case that only dates had been changed since the 2010/2011 scheme. There was nothing for the Community Council to be involved in until September.

b) Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Scheme 2011: The plan had now gone to the Government for discussion and approval. This made it probable that more supplementary guidance would be issued.

c) Planning Applications: There was nothing controversial. It was noted that there had been no acknowledgement of Kemnay Community Council’s comments on the Greenmoss wind turbine plans.

7. Reports:

a) Safety Group: A design had been accepted for wheelie bin safety stickers: 50 were to be allocated to Kemnay. The rural team within the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations offers advice and support to community groups trying to access funding from a range of sources. Funding had been made available for Water Safety packs; it had been decided to link the promotion work on water safety with Aberdeenshire Council’s learn-to-swim week. An Alcohol Conference to promote the health and community aspects of alcohol abuse had been suggested.

b) Community Learning and Development: A volunteer had been found to supervise the Fitness Suite; he would receive training and then pass on his skills, it was hoped, to other volunteers. The Acting Director of Education had refused to supply funding for the back pay of crèche workers; this meant that there would be no funds for future development. The Library Service was to support Adult Learners’ week in May,

offering readings by authors. Youth work activity in the area was vibrant and it was hoped to open the Kintore Youth Bothie over the summer.

c) **GACCF:** It was agreed to nominate Kenny Thomson of Kintore CC as Chairman.

d) **Community Planning:** Thanks were due to Jill Sowden for providing a copy of the Community Planning update in advance, so that it was available for the meeting.

8. **Garioch CCs leaflet:** While the ideas which had been suggested for the design of the leaflet were generally welcomed, it was not thought a good idea to have a page for individual Community Councils. Bob Ingram would continue to keep the Community Council apprised of developments.

9. **ASCC:** It was agreed to pursue the matter of the failure to answer the CC's query as to why its amendment had been disallowed, and to ask for the results of the questionnaire circulated by the Scottish Executive.

10. **20 mph limits:** The cost of erecting 20 mph signs in roads too short to speed on in Kirkland was deplored, but it was thought that a 20 mph limit on Bogbeth Road would be a good idea. Cllr Al-Kowarri said that this had already been suggested by one resident. It was agreed that the Community Council would support the proposal.

11. **Aberdeenshire news:** A considerable amount of maintenance work had been scheduled for Bogbeth Park. Favourable comment had been received about the granite "Welcome to Kemnay" sign. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to pursue the matter of the Grove Road zebra crossing stripes which were now very faint.

12. Correspondence:

a) Kemnay Cartie Rally: A reminder about the rally to be held on Sunday 8 May and the consequent road closure had been received from Kemnay Primary School.

b) Consumer Panel (already circulated): A communication had been received about the Scottish Government – Better Together Programme Consumer Panel. There was no interest in taking part.

c) The UK Carbon Capture Demonstration Project: An exhibition to explain this is to be held on 7 June 2011 in Kintore Church Hall from 3.00 to 7.30pm.

d) Local Policing Survey: A complaint had been sent as the survey had been circulated only three days before the response was due.

e) Co-operative funding opportunity: This was to be forwarded to groups who might be interested.

f) Economic Development Strategy (already circulated): The questionnaire was completed by the Community Council.

g) SEPA view: This was passed to Bob Ingram.

h) Monymusk/Sauchen Road Closure: The details of this were to be displayed on the notice board.

i) Viewpoint: This had been received.

j) Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce Planning Modernisation Group Forum: There was no interest in attending this.

13. **AOCB:** There was no other business.

14. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 26 May 2011 at 7.30pm.