

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
29TH JANUARY 2015

ACTION

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chair), David Evans, Gavin Adam, Douglas Laing, Vaila Spencer, John Hern, Margaret Basley, Annie Ferries, Kate Rigby, Eric Pashley, Bill Blackwood.

Attending: Cllr Patricia Oddie, Irene Reid, 1 member of the public

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present, Irene Reid of SACRO, and the temporary Secretary.
2. Apologies for Absence: Clr. Sheena Lochnay, Clr. Alison Grant
3. Police Matters: A Police Report was available, but unfortunately no Police presence at the Meeting. There have been 12 crimes reported in Kemnay since the report. 2 assaults, 1 vandalism, 2 of threatening/abusive behaviour, 1 nuisance calls/texts, 1 break-in and various road traffic incidents. There has also been an issue with youths throwing eggs. All matters are in hand by the Police. There are still ongoing monitoring of speeding issues and anti-social driving within the area. During the period there has been one driver reported for drink/drug driving and one driving without a full licence.
Police Scotland are highlighting general security and would encourage householders to use timer switches or to leave a radio/tv on in a room when the property is unoccupied and Local patrons should ensure properties are correctly secured, including outbuildings as there is still evidence of opportunist thefts in the area targeting insecure properties or vehicles.
Police Scotland would also like to remind drivers of correctly preparing their vehicle for winter driving ensuring all round visibility, and also to increase stopping distances when driving in wet/icy conditions.
4. Opportunity for Public to Speak – no input
5. Approval of Minutes from 27th November 2015 4 – Approved: David Evans
Seconded: Janet Newberry
6. Matters Arising from Minutes: no matters arising.
7. Community Talk: Ms Irene Reid very kindly presented a short talk and took questions from the floor on the work of SACRO. SACRO offers mediation services in a safe, structured and positive environment for people involved in conflict or dispute. This service is totally impartial and offered free to all neighbours and groups in the Community. Further information on their services can be found on their website – www.sacro.org.uk . Leaflets and posters are also on display in the village or can be obtained by contacting a member of KCC.
8. Community Council Elections: David Evans gave an update on the process of elections advising there are 2 scenarios depending upon whether there are lesser or greater than 15 standing for the KCC. DE will re-evaluate the situation following closure date of 8/2/15. In the event there are more than 15 candidates each will have to submit a CV for inclusion in the Kemnay newsletter with a cut off date for submission of 0900 hours on 23/2/15. Elections would then most likely take place on 19th March 2015.
3 current members confirmed they would not be standing for re-election, Eric Pashley, John Hern and Annie Ferries. The Chair thanked those members for their hard work and commitment during their many years of service.

DE

9. Post of Secretary – still unfilled. Advert has been placed on the Aberdeenshire Council website where it is hoped a positive outcome will be imminent. SS
10. Community Council Scheme of Establishment: Part 2 ALL
A discussion document had been e-mailed to all KCC members for their views and comments. This document contains a proposed framework for future Community Councils. Members were asked and encouraged to submit their comments in an effort to influence the future shaping of such Council. All comments to SS within 2 weeks.
11. Planning Matters and Applications: PO
DE stated concerns with responses received from the Aberdeenshire Planning Department and their failure to respond and record a hand delivered letter on behalf of KCC. He also queried whether KCC could be nominated as a Statutory Consultee as opposed to being treated as a normal member of the public. The attending Council Representative will follow up this matter.
12. Bins in Car Park by Skatepark. A request to be made to the Recycling Department at the Council to resite these bins as they were taking up valuable parking slots. DE
13. Planning Matters and Applications –
3 planning applications were recorded – 2 passed without comment. Those being erection of General Purpose Agricultural Building at Bograxie, Inverurie, and the erection of a 4 bedroom Dwellinghouse and Garage at a site at Bankhead Farm, Aquithie, Kemnay. The final item “Determination of New Conditions – Kemnay Quarry”, no comment on current situation however it was felt that KCC should be involved in proposals for the restoration of this site in the long term to ensure it serves as an additional walking amenity to the local community in future years. DE
14. Reports
1. Christmas Lights – 3 broken over the Festive period – repaired and in full working order for next Christmas. SS thanked the 5 team members who worked hard to decorate Kemnay for the Christmas period.
 2. Safety Group – no report
 3. Community Learning and Development – no report
 4. GACCF – The meeting scheduled in December was cancelled, next meeting March on the matter of practicing a “Disaster Scenario”. SS will attend on behalf of KCC.
 5. Community Planning – no minutes available
 6. Kemnay Academy – 2 Pupil Representatives have been identified to join the KCC meetings. Not represented at this meeting.
 7. Press Report – JH apologised for the gap in reporting due to his ill health. The following press items were presented:
 - 9.1.15: INVERURIE ADVERTISER “Kemnay pupils prepare for Costa Rica.”
27 6th year pupils will leave for this expedition in the summer. They will be in two batches. The article describes some of the fund-raising activities being undertaken to raise the £4600 needed by each pupil.
 - 16.1.15: INVERURIE ADVERTISER “Of those whose health makes them eligible

For free “flu immunisation, 49% have not yet attended”.

23.1.15: INVERURIE ADVERTISER – Plans are still in place to open Kintore Station and improve the track to Aberdeen with a view to operating ½ hourly services between Inverurie and Aberdeen. There are still some issues around ownership of land needed for access roads and parking which may require a compulsory purchase order.

8. Garioch Partnership – no report

15. Aberdeenshire News: The attending Councillor reported on a Dog Walking initiative to encourage “clean dog walking”. SS has been furnished with some free items to distribute to dog owners to encourage responsibility of “clean dog walking” in the Kemnay Community area

Nursery – The Councillor advised that there is an awareness of a need for increased space to accommodate nursery children and this is an ongoing matter.

The hazardous conditions on the Dalmadilly road reported at the previous meeting have been rectified.

Grass cutting – it was noted and brought to the notice of the Council that litter and glass were not being cleared prior to grass cutting in Bogbeth park. This has been raised with the staff members concerned and rubbish will be cleared prior to any grass cutting in future

White line road markings – it was noted that these are still outstanding since May 2014. The Council are aware, but markings may possibly not be completed during the Winter period.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

SS is endeavouring to limit the amount of e-mails send to KCC members, but instead arranging for some items to be put on the village website: www.kemnay.info.

The following items were mentioned and anyone with a particular interest should contact SS for more details regarding invitations or contact.

- a. Garioch Community Kitchen event 9/2/15
- b. Connecting People Scotland – looking for suitable Garioch Projects to put forward
- c. Letter received regarding play frame to replace condemned item. The selected frame will be suitable for children aged 5 to 12 years. Kemnay primary has been contacted to gather the children’s comments prior to purchasing the item.
- d. Police Report on strengthening local Policing. Kemnay been paired with Newmachar. Letter to be prepared and sent to Police questioning the viability of current proposals re combining Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and Moray forces. Comment to be made re of lack of Police presence at a 2nd KCC Meeting. SS
- e. Age Scotland Talk – 26/2/15 – Kintore Arms, Inverurie. Those interested please contact Chair.
- f. Perth Community Paths – 4/2/15 – to be passed to Green Group, Kemnay SS
- g. Health and Social Care to be combined in Aberdeenshire. Comments requested. <http://arcadia.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/?p=51338>
- h. Digital Workshop, Edinburgh – outcomes to be shared.

- i. E- Learning package for Community Councils has been prepared. Contact chair.
- j. Garioch Sports Centre – nominations for Sports Awards closes 27 Feb for Presentations 20th March 2015.

17. AOCB

Chair's Report –

Letter sent to David Stanniforth wishing him a speedy recovery following his accident

Chair Contacted by press to comment on alterations at Kemnay Academy. Not followed up as actioned by other in Community.

Local Energy Scotland contacted KCC to ascertain if Community receiving funding from local windfarms. Not at present but approach to be made.

SS

Data Protection Registration has been renewed.

Community Councillors items

JH raised the concern of lack of road treatment during winter by the Council at the Skate Park corner on Bogbeth Road in view of pedestrian safety.

Attending Councillor to take action.

VS suggested it would be beneficial to put a note in the Kemnay Newsletter of forthcoming Talks on offer at KCC Meetings to allow members of the public to attend. Talks should continue to be held early in the Agenda to allow members of the public to leave prior to the main business of the evening.

MB made note of article in P&J advising that Police due to visit Kemnay schools to alert our younger members of the community of road traffic dangers. MB also raised concerns of "hotspot" speeding areas in the village. It was suggested to call 101 for action.

BB suggested if any money was forthcoming from the Windfarm funding it could perhaps be channelled towards toilet facilities at Bogbeth Park.

18. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26th February 2015