

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON THE
29th March 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minute of AGM held on 30th March 2011
Adoption Proposed Seconded
5. Chairman's Report
6. Financial Statement
Adoption Proposed Seconded
7. AOCB

Kemnay Community Council

A.G.M. 29th March 2012

Chairman's Report

At the end of this three year term it is good to be able to report that Kemnay Community Council remains in good shape, and in good heart. We started with full complement of fifteen Community Councillors, having had to hold an election, and while three of our number, for good reasons, have had to resign; I think that still to have twelve very active members reflects well on all. In these days when so many Community Councils are struggling to attract candidates it is also good to know that the next Community Council, which will be sitting very shortly, will also be up to complement.

The year has been quieter than usual. With no major planning issues requiring study, consultation and comment, our discussions have centred around less important matters, doing what we can to improve the village and its facilities for the benefit of all our residents and visitors. There was, however, a consultation by Halliday Fraser about bringing forward development of the new Bogbeth site. This was opposed on the grounds that no developments were planned before the period 2017-2023 because of capacity problems at the Academy, and this situation remains the same. This was also pointed out to the Planning Team who were drafting new Supplementary Guidance which would allow development, in some circumstances, in advance of the dates in the Local Plan by way of Housing Land Draw Down Planning Advice.

Our Christmas lighting goes from strength to strength; this year we had two shapely trees and five extra lamp post illuminations. Our particular thanks go to Eric Pashley, who quietly organises the lights with the minimum of fuss, to Gavin Adam, who does likewise for the trees which were kindly donated by Letitia Smith-Burnett, but we should also not forget those who gave up their time to decorate and erect the trees.

Parking and traffic problems continue. Having a clear "No Entry" sign at the Aquithie Road end of the High Street has helped reduce the number of vehicles going the wrong way up the High Street, but thoughtless parking and blatant disregard of parking regulations does cause irritation to the many people who are inconvenienced, particularly the disabled who all too often see their reserved spaces abused. An accident outside Kemnay Primary highlighted the need for more consideration, and there is also irresponsible parking outside the Alehousewells School and the Academy.

With considerable assistance from Aggregate Industries we submitted two applications for Aberdeenshire Design Awards, one for the new village entry stone and one for the Mill Farm restoration.

While we do not welcome developments in our village which give nothing back, we have noticed that the new Kirkstyle development has more architectural interest than most others, and the developer has also involved us in the design of a piece of public art which is to be a centrepiece of the small estate. To represent us we co-opted Alex Thomas, who has been a Community Councillor and is a most accomplished artist.

We thank her for taking this on.

Over the years we have been disappointed that all decisions about the spending of Planning Gain appear to have taken place in great secrecy. This year we submitted an application for some money to go towards the new coffee bar in the Village Hall, and were delighted to be awarded the full £5,500 available for village facilities.

The Community Council was invited to be represented at the meetings to discuss the future of Kemnay Academy, and it was good to hear that plans for the extension and refurbishment were going well. The Academy is already overcrowded and pupil numbers are expected to increase substantially so the extensions should enable Kemnay to match the facilities of other, newer, academies in the Shire.

Toilets, or the lack of them, have been a recurring theme but this year saw the adoption of the Comfort Partnership by Bennachie Lodge. Kemnay at last has a facility open to the public.

We noted the retirement of Ian Fowell with regret as he had been an excellent and very helpful Garioch Area Manager, but we welcome Douglas Milne, appointed as his successor. He is proving to be a most approachable and helpful person, and we look forward to years of good liaison with him.

I thank the police, who have been represented at the majority of our meetings, as I do Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri who also managed to attend most. Our other Councillors, Allison Grant and Sheena Lonchay, have been able to make the occasional appearance despite living some distance away, and this has been appreciated.

Turning to our own Community Council, I thank several of our number who have taken on extra roles. As well as those mentioned earlier, these include Bob Ingram on the Safety Group, Janet Newberry, our Treasurer, and Jim Piggins who has monitored Community Learning and Development. Jim is now retiring from the Community Council after 18 years, over which time he has played a very active role, both as Chairman and as a member, and has kept a succession of Secretaries on their toes. We wish him well in the future.

I would, however, like to make particular mention of two Community Councillors. David Evans has been extraordinarily thorough in his investigation into all planning matters and his presentation of them to the Community Council, and I am sure I speak for all of us when I say we are extremely grateful for the way he has taken the lead in any matters concerning planning applications and policy. Finally, Margaret Christie. I could not have wished for a more helpful, thorough, and co-operative Secretary who has done an enormous amount to make my life easier, and who has administered a most efficient Community Council on your behalf. I only hope that people do appreciate how much she does for us. Margaret and David, thank you very much.

Kemnay Community Council 01.03.11 to 29.02.12

		General	Christmas Lights	Total
Income				
31.03.11	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	815.99		
12.04.11	Downie Family		250.00	
	Total	815.99	250.00	1065.99

Expenditure

	7.03	KVH	27.50		
	6.04	KVH	27.50		
	11.05	KVH	27.50		
	2.06	KVH	27.50		
		retirement donation for Ian			
	7.06	Fowell	10.00		
	29.06	KVH	27.50		
	21.09	Wreath for War Memorial	30.00		
	7.10	KVH	27.50		
	17.11	KVH	27.50		
	15.12	KVH	27.50		
09.01.12		Community Council Leaflets	31.43		
	15.01	KVH	27.50		
	24.02	KVH	27.50		
	29.02	Margaret Christie - Secretary's expenses	25.00		
		Totals	371.43	0.00	371.43

Balance Sheet

Income	815.99	250.00	1065.99
less expenditure	371.43	0.00	371.43
Current Year	444.56	250.00	<u>694.56</u>
Balance Carried Forward	1380.66	902.18	2282.84
Plus O/S chqs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1825.22	1152.18	<u>2977.40</u>
plus outstanding cheque			

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2011 to 29/02/2012

Janet Newberry, Treasurer,
10/03/11

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**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY
COUNCIL ON
29 MARCH 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY ACADEMY**

1. Welcome
2. Election of Officers
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Vice Chairman
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Planning Scrutiniser
 - f) Christmas Tree Sub Committee Chairman and members
 - g) Community Learning and Development Representative
 - h) Safety Group Representative
 - i) GACCF Representative
 - j) Press Liaison
3. Apologies for absence
4. Police matters
5. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak
6. Minute of Meeting held on 23 February 2012
7. Matters Arising from Minutes
8. Planning matters and applications
 - a) Wind Turbine
9. Reports
 - a) Safety Group - Road Safety Issue. Garioch and North Marr: Signage on B994 Road
 - b) Community Learning and Development
 - c) GACCF
 - d) Community Planning
10. Bus Forum
11. Greener Kemnay
12. Planning Democracy Conference 18th April - On Line Registration Now Open
13. Community Council Flyer
14. Aberdeenshire news

15. Correspondence

- a) Grampian Police Youth Survey
- b) February 2012 CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South e-bulletin
- c) ASCC conference
- d) Viewpoint
- e) Aberdeen City and Shire Employability Conference

16. AOCB

17. Date of Next Meeting

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2012

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, PC Sandra Duncan, Louise Longhurst, Hamish McDonald, Jim Piggins, Kenny Thomson.

Apologies: Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Sheila Simpson, Cllr Allison Grant.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present, in particular Kenny Thomson and Hamish McDonald.
2. **Election of Officers:** See schedule at the end of these minutes.
3. **Police matters:** Five crimes had been reported since last month: two incidents of minor vandalism, the theft of diesel from a large commercial vehicle, the theft of a mobile phone from a house, and a minor dog-biting incident. No alcohol-related crimes had been reported; the police had been working closely with local licensed premises and this appeared to have had a positive impact. A motorist had been charged with speeding, and parking tickets had been issued. A new traffic warden for Garioch was to be appointed in the coming weeks. Plans were in hand for events for local youths during the spring and summer. High Street was to be monitored for traffic flow.
4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** The secretary requested that two spelling errors be corrected in the previous minutes. Following this, adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Janet Newberry and unanimously approved.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Glebe Emergency Access:** Cllr Al-Kowarri had spoken to Alan Burns of Aberdeenshire Council who had agreed that this and the emergency access at Bogbeth Road would be marked with double yellow no parking lines at both ends of the emergency access.
 - b) **Bremner Way Traffic:** The Council considers that the traffic calming measures render a crossing at Alehousewells School unnecessary. It was agreed to write to the Council to stress the difficulties which children face when trying to cross the road at the beginning and end of the school day.
 - c) **Keep-left Sign:** The missing keep-left sign on Aquithie Road is to be replaced by the end of April.
6. **Planning matters and applications:**

- a) **Wind Turbine:** It was agreed to object to this. One member of the public and all Community Councillors who spoke agreed that the siting of the turbine was inappropriate on the grounds that it was too close to existing buildings and to a footpath; that its visual impact would be considerable; that it would create flicker; that it would detract from the quality of the landscape; and that it might prove a risk to birds nesting in the area. Anyone who opposed the objection was encouraged to speak.
- b) **Broomhill Roundabout:** The Chairman of Kintore Community Council gave a presentation in support of a proposed commercial development off Broomhill Roundabout. The development was not in the Aberdeenshire Development Plan, but Kintore Community Council considered it would be an asset to Kintore which Kemnay Community Council was asked to publicise and endorse. It agreed to do so, insofar as it could.

7. Reports:

- a) **Safety Group:** It was agreed that the signage on the B994 Road was adequate.
- b) **Community Learning and Development:** There was to be a further meeting seeking “Talent in Kemnay”. Current users of the Community Rooms in Kintore School were to be reimbursed for the cost of hiring other venues as the School was itself now making use of the Community Rooms. The library was to start a service for the housebound. A new app would enable users to scan books and check whether they were available in the library.
- c) **GACCF:** There was a presentation by Jacque Scott, the Contact Centre Manager in Peterhead. The contact centre is a telephone service which offers the public a point of contact with the council. Ward Forums were discussed but no further action would be taken until after the elections. Parking charges were to be introduced by the Forestry Commission, and Aberdeenshire Council was asked to oppose them.
- d) **Community Planning:** The meeting heard a presentation on the Community Kitchen in Inverurie, which could give qualifications in safety and hygiene, and promote “Confidence 2 Cook”. In order to raise money to fund ongoing projects, it was hoped to give paid classes and perhaps invite celebrity chefs to visit. A second presentation was by members of the Inverurie Youth Forum who wanted a youth cafe. A site behind the Community Centre had been identified and £16,857 had been raised towards the estimated cost of £270,000. Further presentations concerned the Garioch Area Partnership, a Driver Education programme which would allow drivers found speeding to opt for a re-training programme in lieu of points on their licences, and Homelessness.

8. **Bus Forum:** There had been complaints about unheated buses, breakdowns and the absence of a raised step at Tesco for disabled users. Stagecoach was due to receive a number of new buses later in the year which would allow all the old single-deckers to be withdrawn. The next reprint of the timetable would make clear which days were school/non school days. A Garioch composite timetable was planned, to include all Inverurie services and connections.

9. **Greener Kemnay:** The Community Council agreed to support this group whose intention was to develop projects that would address energy/sustainability issues in the village.

- 10. Planning Democracy Conference 18th April:** There was no interest in this.
- 11. Community Council Flyers:** There was some discussion as to how these should be promoted. It was agreed to order more flyers and have them printed by Woodhill House and distributed with the newsletter.
- 12. Aberdeenshire news:** There had been a problem with buses collecting children from Alehousewells School. It was thought that a bus bay might be installed which, although it would not be required often, it would extend the clear area in front of the school. The riverside path had been resurfaced. It was not possible to do anything about vehicles parked outwith the yellow lines on Fraser Place. Fyfe Park, and the zebra crossings on it, were still owned by the developer.
- 13. Correspondence:** The following correspondence had been received and circulated: Grampian Police Youth Survey, February 2012 CVS Aberdeenshire - Central & South e-bulletin, ASCC conference intimation, Viewpoint, Aberdeen City and Shire Employability Conference intimation.
- 14. AOCB:** There was concern about the state of the disused toilets in Aquithie Road. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to raise the matter with the Council. It was agreed to raise concerns with Kingdom Hall about the parking on the corner of Bridge Road and Boat Croft.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on Thursday 26 April 2012.

Schedule

Election of Office-Bearers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Office-bearer</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
a) Chairman	Chris Hunneyball	Eric Pashley	Bill Blackwood
b) Vice Chairman	Bill Blackwood	David Evans	Chris Hunneyball
c) Secretary	Margaret Christie	Eric Pashley	Mavis Wainman
d) Treasurer	Janet Newberry	Bill Blackwood	David Evans
e) Planning Scrutiniser	David Evans	Janet Newberry	John Hern
f) Christmas Tree Sub Committee Chairman and members	Eric Pashley (Chair)	Annie Ferries	Bill Blackwood
	Gavin Adam	Margaret Christie	Annie Ferries
	Douglas Laing	Eric Pashley	Chris Hunneyball
g) Community Learning and Development Representative	Kate Rigby	Margaret Christie	Janet Newberry
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