

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING 30th April 2015

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chair), David Evans, Douglas Laing, Vaila Spencer, Margaret Basley, Bob Ingram, Gaenor Berkin, Rob Mackay, Kate Rigby, Cllr. Patricia Oddie, Cllr. Sasha Bryden,

Attending: Sue Wainman, Sally Wilkinson, Bob Jones, Emma Philip

ACTION

1. The Chair welcomed those present.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr. A. Grant, Hazel Smith, Mathew Palin, Graeme Wood, Gavin Adam, Bill Blackwood, Cllr. S. Lonchay
3. Community Talk – Jenny Spratt, Chair, Greener Kemnay spoke about the work of this group. Highlighted was how the group used the Assessment of Needs to focus on three areas: Paths development, Garden Sharing & Community Composting. Referred also to siting a bench on the Point of Origin in memory of Mavis Wainman. Possibility of allotments being created on the Birley Bush site was mentioned.
4. Kemnay Academy pupil report – confirmation that the fundraising for RSV School, Rwanda is ongoing.
5. Police Matters: there was no discussion as no Police report.
6. Members of the Public: Issues related to Bogbeth Park were raised – litter, parking on the road, & lack of toilet in the park. Acknowledged there is toilet provision within Bennachie Lodge but it was considered the signage is inadequate. Cllr. Oddie is to take latter point up with officials and the **Chair** is to liaise with the Pavilion Cttee. Kemnay Academy PTA were expressing an interest in how the Craig Grant fund might be disbursed through an award to pupils – agreed this should reflect achievement within the wider community. The question was raised as to whether this would relate only to pupils residing in Kemnay?
7. Approval of Minutes of 26th March – Approved Vaila Spencer, Seconded Bob Ingram
8. Matters arising from Minutes:
 - a) The future of the Community Minibus is looking more assured and that it will be retained within Kemnay. Another meeting is to take place shortly.
 - b) Future speakers were suggested – Anne Simpson (Garioch Partnership); Dr Glennie (Kemnay Practice); Mr M. Auld, Chair of the Pavilion Cttee. Family Resource Centre to be invited for May meeting.
 - c) Community Council presence at the Village Hall Coffee Shop – this to start on 22nd May. Leaflets to be sourced & comments to be sought. **Rob to action.**
 - d) Potential community projects: the sub-group reported back on 5 potential projects that had been identified and now require to be evaluated with regard to feasibility and funding sources. These include Toilet provision in Bogbeth Park, surface for learner cyclists, paths developments, Viewfinder for Point of Origin, provision of defibrillators. In addition our Facebook page has already attracted comments on diverse subjects including

- pedestrian access, paths, the toilet at Bogbeth, allotments and play equipment. **Vaila** agreed to e-mail Cllr. Oddie about play equipment.
- e) Shannoch Path issue – David Evans had visited the lane and taken photographs. There were reservations about closing the lane and a suggestion was made that the situation be closely monitored and that contact be made with Kemnay Academy about the litter issue. **Cllr. Oddie** to take this issue up with the relevant officials.
9. Proposed Local Development Plan: concern expressed about proposed development on the Bogbeth site because of increased traffic and implications for pedestrian safety. If the proposed development goes ahead adjacent to the Milton Meadows, access rights to the ex-railway line need to be preserved, as well as the opportunity for the creation of allotments. The implications for primary school capacity and additional traffic were noted if both these housing developments proceed.
10. Road Traffic issues: A complaint had been received regarding people using motorised trail bikes in the Leschangie Woods; excessive noise & potential risks to pedestrians and horse riders were noted. The legal position was clear that such bike riders require the permission of the landowner to undertake these activities. Efforts are to be made to contact the landowner. – **Rob**. Complaints had been received about excessive speeding and vehicle noise at night in the Bogbeth area, and there are problems with cars parked on side of roads during football matches. it was noted that there are no double yellow lines on key points and there is no signage to the two small car parks. **The Chair** is to liaise with Police Scotland, **Cllr. Oddie** is to speak with officials at the Roads Dept., and contact is to be made with K.F.C. There was a suggestion that on the day of the football tournament that possibly the car parking at the Primary School could be used – **Vaila** to contact K.F.C.
11. Planning Matters: the events surrounding the John Martin Group's engineering works on the site on the corner of Bremner Way and Aquithie Road. David Evans was congratulated for his prompt and energetic actions. Members were also very complimentary as to the efficient actions of Aberdeenshire Council officials. The future use of the field was deemed to be unclear but the view expressed was that its present designation for Amenity use is unlikely to be changed. Planning applications: the only current one concerns the demolition of a shed at Bankhead Farm and the erection of a dwelling house – Neutral.
12. Reports:
- a) Xmas lights – ongoing discussion with Cttee. Members from the Mason's Lodge.
 - b) Safety Report – no new developments.
 - c) CLD – Learning Partnerships to be developed following the abolition of Community Development Groups.
 - d) Press News: John Adam Trust has disbursed its funds to local groups; the AGM of Kemnay Reminiscence Group has taken place and Tuesday Centre members handed over 100 woolly hats to Aberdeen Seafarers Centre
 - e) GACF – the next meeting is in June and the AGM is coming up. **The Chair** is to email members with details of these.
 - f) Community Planning – the 'PESTELO' questionnaire is being used and **The Chair** will circulate this to members.

13. Community Council Initiatives:
- a) Discussions took place on the possible disbursements of funds from the *Craig Grant Fund* – agreed that the terms of this bequest be interpreted broadly (community contribution) and that the Council wish to fund up to 2 projects. **Vaila** to liaise with K.F.C. Agreed that the money (£418) left in the *Mavis Wainman Fund* can be used to fund a bench that is to be erected on the Point of Origin in collaboration with Greener Kemnay – **Rob**.
14. Aberdeenshire News: Aberdeenshire Council are to lay a new surface on existing paths in Kemnay.
15. Correspondence:.
- Agreed with The Chair's recommendation that the item 'Uncirculated Correspondence' is removed from future Agendas.
- a) There is an open invitation to an event on Friday 15th May at Gordon House to review Factoring arrangements in various private housing estates.
16. AOCB
- Chair's Report –
- i) Boat Croft parking problem resolved through helpful liaison with Police;
 - ii) Liaison with Secretary of Mason's Lodge re storage of Xmas lights
 - iii) Questionnaire re support for Community Councils
 - iv) Questionnaire re future operations of Community Councils.
- Members – Margaret highlighted a Press report in which Kintore Community Council are to explore community benefit through engagement with renewable projects – **The Chair** is to contact the Chair of Kintore C.C. about this; Gaenor attended a briefing on situation facing ex-Service personnel and the challenges faced on trying to source the help they need; Cllr. Oddie indicated Aberdeenshire Council have just released two leaflets – *Pictish Stone Trail & Stone Circle Trail*; Vaila asked if an electronic version of the Newsletter could be posted on the Facebook page, Margaret was doubtful this would be possible due to format it is presently produced in; Rob referred to a fundraising ceilidh for Nepal to be held on Friday 5th June; Vaila raised the issue of representation on the Community Council from all parts of the community (e.g. Alehousewells) was raised & it was agreed to put this on Agenda for next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 28th May 2015