

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2013**

**Present:** Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Eric Pashley, Sheila Simpson.

**Attending:** Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Patricia Oddie, PC Peter Milne, Lee Willets.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Janet Newberry, Kate Rigby.
3. **Police matters:** PC Milne informed the meeting about the new Police structure in Scotland: as from 1 April 2013, the new Chief Constable is Stephen House who is supported by four Deputy Chief Constables, and a force of 17,436 police officers. The focus of the new structure is keeping people safe. There are 14 local policing divisions, each headed by a Local Police Commander. In Kemnay, police have been carrying out speed checks and although no offences have been detected, the checks will continue. A recent crackdown on car theft in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire has resulted in 51 people being charged with the theft of vehicles. 54% of the cars stolen were linked to situations where houses had been left unlocked or keys had been left in the ignition. Four offences had occurred within or outside Kemnay Academy; there are named suspects for all four. Police also have named suspects for six further minor offences committed within the village and these will be followed up.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2013 was proposed by Eric Pashley, seconded by Bill Blackwood and approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
  - a) **Village Website:** There had been no further progress on this.
  - b) **Public Toilets at Bogbeth Park:** Cllr Lonchay was to look at the Council's policy on the provision of public toilets. There was a suggestion that the Burnett Arms Hotel might provide a second comfort partnership; this would be followed up if it were compatible with the Council's policy. The question of using planning gain, so that developers would provide new toilets, was once again raised.
  - c) **HGV parking at the Place of Origin:** Negotiations were still on-going with Greenbelt.
  - d) **Council Skip at Skatepark:** The Council had announced that "Recycling on the Go" containers catering for plastic bottles and cans would replace the skip that is beside the skate park. The Council had confirmed that the skip had been being used for domestic waste.
  - e) **Mavis Wainman Memorial:** An anonymous donation of £500 had been received. Collecting tins for further donations would be located in G & A Collie's, the Chemist's and the Hair Shop. The planned newsletter article had unfortunately missed the deadline for publishing in June so would now appear in the July edition, and there had been no news about the progress of the window design.
6. **Planning matters and applications:** There was nothing controversial.
7. **East Garioch Community Council:** It was agreed that Kemnay Community Council would be willing to adopt the area of East Garioch which lies between the River Don and the road from Redmoss to Burnherve (see attached plan). Aberdeenshire Council would therefore be informed that KCC was willing to enter into discussions on the subject.
8. **Barbecue stands at Bogbeth Park:** It was agreed that these could be removed.
9. **Reports:**
  - a) **Community Learning and Development:** The Community Learning and Development staff would be working with Primary 7s in June 2013 to help them integrate into the Secondary school in the new term. Work was currently on-going with Primary 7 and secondary school pupils who had been identified as requiring social skills development. Kemnay Library had been allocated a generous budget for upgrading. The building of the "Bothie" in Kintore was about to begin.
  - b) **GACCF:** The next meeting would be on 12 June 2013 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.
  - c) **Community Planning and Road Safety Education:** A large part of the CP meeting was concerned with discussing the draft Garioch Community Plan 2013-16. The Aberdeenshire Single Outcome Agreement was to be found at [www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/soa](http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/soa). The reduction of police contact in schools was also discussed; members were assured that schools' liaison officers were still in existence, and that the police would continue to make school visits. A plan for further action was proposed. Community Planning had agreed a grant of £1,000 to the Men's Shed Conference as was £500 to the Inverurie Jazz Festival.

**d) Kemnay Academy:** There would be an achievement ceremony and a sod-cutting for the new extension on 4 July 2013. Kemnay Academy Pupils would be recognised in the Aberdeenshire Achievements awards in Aboyne on 7 June 2013.

**e) Press news:** 26 pupils from the Academy would be going to Ecuador for a trip which would include a trek round a lake in an extinct volcano. The war memorial had been highly commended by the Royal British Legion Scotland. Kemnay Academy pupils had reached the final of the Poppyscotland competition, involving the making of a film to include interviews related to the First World War together with relevant local scenes.

**f) The Garioch Partnership:** It appears that Ward Forums have not yet settled to a secure rationale. Aberdeenshire Council is evolving a strategy on dog-fouling and litter in response to requests from communities. The Garioch Partnership is seeking more directors.

**10. Aberdeenshire News:** SCARF is promoting loans for improving energy efficiency in houses. Aberdeenshire is providing vouchers for new Council tenants to buy furniture from charity shops. Food banks are being set up in Aberdeenshire. Cllr Grant drew attention to [www.bepartofthepicture.com](http://www.bepartofthepicture.com), a website devoted to promoting Aberdeenshire.

**11. Correspondence:** The following correspondence was received:

*Circulated*

Viewpoint, Garioch Community Kitchen, National Planning Framework – Engagement, TGP Summer Forum, CVSA Bulletin, Community Planning Update;

*Not Circulated*

Donation to Christmas Lights Fund (a very generous donation of £250), MOO Conference, Ward 11 Forum, Ward 13 Forum, Rural Network News, All Energy Conference.

**12. AOCB:** Eric Pashley pointed out that there were many dead trees beside the roads around Kemnay; Cllr Lonchay agreed to ask about this. Annie Ferries suggested that a railing be erected at the foot of the pavement on Bogbeth Brae to stop children on skateboards or skates running across Bogbeth Road; Cllr Lonchay agreed to investigate this. It was agreed that the car park on Bogbeth Road should have signage both in Victoria Terrace and at the car park itself. Sheila Simpson agreed to attend to this. Cllr Lonchay agreed to inform the council of the tree (on the verge at the junction of the Ratch Hill road and the Kemnay road) which, as Eric Pashley and Gavin Adam pointed out, was obscuring the sightlines of motorists. Margaret Basley asked that the council be informed of the damage to the Springfield Road bus shelter in Bremner Way; Cllr Oddie agreed to inform her of the name of the appropriate person to contact. The Aquithie Road traffic island was again mentioned. No one was able to attend the Car Parking meeting in Inverurie.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 27 June 2013.