

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2011**

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

**Attending:** Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, PC Craig Curry, PC Stewart Gibbon, Ian Truscott.

**1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present, particularly the Councillors.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri.

**3. Police matters:** Foot and vehicle patrols had resulted in a number of drivers being dealt with for speeding, predominantly on Grove Road/Victoria Terrace. One driver was reported for road traffic offences, six parking tickets were issued, and one excise offence was dealt with. There had been a case of vandalism and one of fire-raising, for which there were positive lines of enquiry. Attention had been given to the Alehousewells School crossing on Bremner Way, but no-one had been found parking on zig-zag lines. Patrols would continue in the following term. There had been an increase in youth disorder calls, probably caused by a combination of exam/study leave and light nights: a variety of crimes had been dealt with, and a quantity of alcohol recovered. A summer safety campaign would focus on drink/drug driving but other offences would also be targeted. Operation Zenith would continue. There would continue to be a police presence at local events where police looked forward to meeting the public.

**4. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak:** Dissatisfaction was expressed by one member of the public about the noise made by the emptying of the bottle bank in the Aquithie Road car park early in the morning, and by people using the bottle bank and disturbing the residents of the nearby flats. Cllr Lonchay agreed to investigate the possibility of emptying the bottle bank later in the day and to make enquiries as to whether some sound deadening could be put in place. She considered that it might be possible to site the bottle bank elsewhere, if a piece of land which was not adjacent to housing could be identified.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2011 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by Eric Pashley, and unanimously approved.

**6. Matters Arising from Minutes:**

**a) Alehousewells crossing:** A study of numbers crossing beside the school would have to be undertaken, in order to justify the cost of a crossing.

**b) ASCC constitution:** The request for a hard copy of this was to be considered by the ASCC executive.

**c) Fetternear:** The Chairman outlined developments thus far. The planning decision had been deferred by the full Council on the grounds that as that all references to a leisure centre were to be withdrawn, this constituted a new application. The guidance given was that remaining houses should be concentrated on one site. There was some discussion of the rationale behind advocating development on a single site, and whether, if this turned out to be the case, the Community Council should continue to support the application.

**d) Retiral of Ian Fowell:** Ian Fowell had been delighted by his retiral gift, an Amazon voucher for £160.

**e) Trees at Mill Farm:** Glyn Jones had agreed to move the trees back from the road, but was going to wait until the appropriate time to do so.

**f) Roads queries:** In the absence of Cllr Al-Kowarri, there was no information about the Grove Road problems, but Cllr Lonchay agreed to pursue the matter.

**7. Planning matters and applications:** There was nothing controversial.

**8. Reports:**

**a) Safety Group:** In the absence of the representative, there was no report.

**b) Community Learning and Development:** There had been an interesting presentation from a group of Academy S2 pupils who had worked for their John Muir Award: with the rangers, they had cleared rhododendrons in Fetternear woods, and carried out various wildlife activities. A presentation on what they had done formed the next part of their Award scheme, and this was their first attempt at that. The representative considered that this seemed an excellent scheme for pupils who are perhaps less academic. Gary Macbeth, the Leisure Co-ordinator for this area, had volunteered to run the Leisure Suite himself, to get it started. There had been 10 responses to an advertisement in the Kemnay Newsletter for people to form a Gym Club.

There had been a meeting of chairs of Community Development Groups from across Aberdeenshire to compare notes on how they operate. All had complained about the opaque way Aberdeenshire Council handles their finances, and the difficulty of accessing the "pots of money" that apparently exist.

The Friday Coffee Shop in the Village Hall was being “revamped” for the summer, with supervised activities for children from 09.30 to 11.30 in the Friendship Room. There would be space for local groups to take stalls if they wished.

The budget for CDG administration had been particularly severely cut, by 38%. Kemnay’s senior administrative assistant had been downgraded, temporary contracts had been terminated, and staff were now to be available only on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Because of this, the cuts in tutors’ pay and the fact that no new tutors could be taken on as staff (but only on a contract basis), the offering of evening classes had been severely restricted. Moreover, the partnership arrangement with Aberdeen College was no longer available. There would probably be only two or three activities on each of Monday and Wednesday evenings this winter. This was a fraction of the programme that used to be offered.

**c) Community Planning:** Ongoing updates to the Community Plan were now available on the internet. A new Chairman, Cameron Matthew from NHS Grampian Inverurie Hospital, had been appointed following the resignation of Ian Fowell.

**d) GACCF:** The group still lacked a permanent chairman or vice-chairman. Travellers and the logo for the Community Councils leaflet had been discussed at the June meeting. The next meeting would be on 14 September 2011 and would deal with Planning Gain.

**9. Outstanding issues to raise with new MSP:** There appeared to be none at the moment. It was agreed to send the Kemnay Community Council minutes to all new list MSPs.

**10. ASCC Motion:** It was suggested that a motion be submitted when called for by the ASCC prior to its annual conference. After discussion it was agreed that the wording should be as follows. Either “It is moved that the constitution of the Association of Scottish Community Councils be amended to require an Annual General Meeting to be held at which reports of the Office Holders and the full accounts are presented, and at which the annual report and accounts of ASCC Ltd are made available. This amendment should take effect from the end of the current financial year.”

or

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The Chairman was asked to see if he could find two seconders, one needing to be outwith Aberdeenshire. It was suggested that both motions be approved by the Community Council but only one forwarded. A decision as to which one should be submitted would be made by the Chairman and Secretary after discussion with other Community Councils

This was proposed by Jim Piggins, seconded by David Evans and unanimously approved.

**11. Aberdeenshire news:** Cllr Grant reported that there was general concern about cuts in funding for classroom assistants and changes to wardens in sheltered housing. Ian Rendall, of the Roads Department, and Stuart Robertson, the Planning Gain Co-ordinator, were to retire.

## **12. Correspondence:**

**a) Community Councils and Green Deal:** There was no interest in this.

**b) Viewpoint:** A link to the electronic edition had been circulated.

**c) Public Art Feature:** Alex Thomas had agreed to be co-opted onto the Community Council for this issue and be the KCC representative on the relevant panel.

**d) Bank of Scotland’s Foundation Small Grants Programme:** This had been circulated to potentially interested parties.

**e) CVSA Newsletter:** This had been generally circulated.

## **13. AOCB:**

**a)** A Customer Satisfaction Survey from Aberdeenshire Council was completed.

**b)** An Inverurie Traffic Survey had revealed potential massive traffic jams on the A96 at the Port Elphinstone Roundabout after completion of new LDP developments.

**c)** Members were urged to attend the deferred AGM of the Swimming Pool Association on 15 September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. An AGM held a month ago had to be abandoned as it was inquorate.

**14. Holiday Actions:** It was agreed that office bearers would have authority to make decisions during the summer break.

**15. Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 29 September 2011.