

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING held on 30th OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30pm

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

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, 2 members of the public, Mr George Niblock, PC Pirie + colleague.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present. She thanked Vaila for stepping in to take the Minutes at the last meeting, and introduced Rita Custard doing a two month trial as minute-secretary.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** John Hern, Douglas Laing, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. **Police Matters:**

16 Crimes have been reported within Kemnay since the last report.

12 offences remain undetected with lines of enquiry.

An assault took place on Cairn Road, Kemnay where a resident was assaulted outside their home address. Officers appeal for any information provided. There are still outstanding positive lines of enquiry to be made although any witnesses are asked to get in touch.

A vandalism took place on High Street where it has been reported that a bottle of alcohol was thrown over a wall smashing a Green house window. Officers would appeal for any suspected underage drinking to be called in to the non emergency number on 101.

A situation took place between a bus driver and a driver where the bus driver was abusive towards the driver after a disagreement outside Costcutter where the bus had stopped. Enquiries are on-going.

A hay bale behind Kemnay Primary school was wilfully set on fire. Through prompt emergency services action the fire was extinguished before it could spread and a suspect identified within 10 minutes through local youths.

A theft of caravan from the Heron Road area of Kemnay was reported. Due to prompt accurate information provided by the informant the stolen caravan was recovered with offenders within an hour of being removed unlawfully. Individuals were remanded.

There have been 2 similar Thefts of Fuel from within agricultural motor vehicles. Residents and owners are reminded to secure property and utilise CCTV wherever possible.

A number of offences were identified over the course of one evening where amongst others, a hay bale was left on High Street. During this evening there were also a number of incidents involving Apples/ Eggs being thrown at properties. Enquiries are on-going and offenders have been identified through Local Policing methods.

A shed on Minto Path is also believed to have been wilfully set on fire. Through prompt actions from local residents the fire was extinguished without the use of Scottish Fire and Rescue Services. There is a positive line of enquiry for this offence. (both fires appear unrelated)

Local officers have been successful in clearing a number of offences with vandalisms and threatening and abusive behaviour will be reported.

Issues with young drivers on Bogbeth Road and Aquithie Road – they are continuing to deal with them when possible, both in terms of traffic offences and also noting details of drivers and passengers when they are ‘parked up’.

Regarding the concerns for litter issues predominantly during school term, Kemnay Academy have been made aware of concerns raised at the previous meeting and whilst working with the school, police actively walked around Kemnay during lunch times identifying possible problem areas. During these times Pupils were seen to hold onto rubbish and dispose of in a suitable place. The retail outlets have also been reminded of the issue in relation to prevention.

Police are aware and attending regularly to identify persons who frequent the rear of the Kemnay hall in relation to information passed about a number of items being found to the rear of the hall. To date there has been no person traced.

Police Scotland continues to emphasise the importance of security both in respect of commercial and domestic properties as well as vehicles as the region continues to see instances of theft. Crime prevention advice is available from local officers in an effort to reduce the likelihood of a break in and reduce the 'payoff' should a property be broken into.

Fraud related crimes which have been on the rise over recent months. 'Ringing the Changes' types of offence have decreased dramatically with several persons being reported for the offence.

The public are reminded they should call 101 for any non emergency items and to report any suspicious activity, or 999 for emergencies.

Mr David Staniforth reported vandalism to a light on the bridge, which had been made safe and reported to the Council. The Chair thanked PC Pirie for responding to a report about an abandoned car, and for their attendance at the meeting.

4. **Opportunity for members of the public to speak:** Mr Staniforth reported that he had collected 3 bags of litter, but seen a slight improvement in littering recently.
5. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on the 25th of September were unanimously agreed and accepted.
6. **Matters Arising from the minutes:** None.
7. **Presentation:** from George Niblock, Aberdeenshire Litter Initiative (*Ali*) on how to address litter problems, this being only one part of cleaning roads and streets (the 'street scene'). He recommends the Community Council lobby the Council to do more to maintain the streets in good condition, and also encourage the villagers to become volunteers on *Ali*. Could Kemnay be totally covered by a litter-picking volunteer on each street? The Academy senior pupils showed interest in this and there are some good initiatives at the School. Mr Niblock has not been into the primaries as the EcoSchools are doing a good job there. Vaila suggested the parent councils could encourage working with schools to improve the local areas. Local shops can be approached for use of the carrier bag charge to make improvement. Mr Niblock was thanked for his presentation and he left.
8. **Margaret Christie:** Some of the KCC had attended Margaret's funeral which was acknowledged to have been very sensitively undertaken. There were no flowers, at her husband's request. Personal donations from the KCC will be passed to Janet for forwarding to a renal charity. Sheena will identify some local renal groups at ARI. Margaret had been with the Community Council for some 7 years and her work had been much appreciated.
9. **Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment:** date for this report and therefore contributions, extended by 2 weeks.
1. **The Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice Questionnaire:** this was to identify where funds should be placed. It was discussed and completed.

1. **Play Park Consultation:** All are encouraged to register disquiet at potential playpark closures. Local parents are being urged to respond; Vaila will try to get the Parent Council to write to the Council.
2. **Bogbeth Skate Park:** An email was received from the Ken Regan, Landscape Services Officer, forwarding an expression of concern from the Pavilion Committee about the state of the skatepark at Bogbeth. He suggested it was KCC's responsibility. Enquiries by the Chair found that the skatepark had been adopted by the Council. The Chair had visited the skatepark to speak to the users, and although some of the cement was flaking it seemed in reasonable order generally. The complaints from the users, at that time, were about the broken glass being left on site.
3. **Armistice Day:** Eric will lay the wreath on behalf of KCC and also on behalf of the Council as Cllr Lonchay will not be available. The service will be at 10.55 led by Dr N MacIver. Apologies were submitted from Kemnay Church for late arrival of members in 2013; arrangements will be made for arrival in good time this year.
4. **Planning Applications and their display:** The previous secretary had received a weekly list of planning applications. It was agreed they would now go to David and he would send a copy of pertinent applications to Douglas for the noticeboard.
5. **Planning Matters and Applications:** Seven householder applications were passed without comment. Pre-application Consultation by Deveron Homes for 49 houses development near Place of Origin: Several members had attended the meeting, leaving negative feedback. There are many concerns over this proposal: flooding, traffic increase, pressure on health centre. David will write again to express objections and concerns, which are the same as were expressed when this site was last discussed. An item of news will be put into the Newsletter.
6. **Reports:**
 1. **Christmas lights:** Some lights need replacing, (3 new sets and a second set of tree lights) cost £1600. The faulty lights will be repaired. Funds are available. The lights will be switched on 1 December, and trees 29/30 November. Helpers: Gavin, David plus any other volunteers.
 2. **Safety Group:** No report.
 3. **Community Learning and Development:** No report
 4. **GACCF:** No meeting was held.
 5. **Community Planning:** A questionnaire was filled in re 'How good is our Community Planning, and there is no report as yet. The group have accomplished many tasks in the last 12 months.
 6. **Kemnay Academy:** The Chair will seek two pupils interested in attending meetings.
 7. **g. Press Report:** No report
 8. **Garioch Partnership:** No report.
7. **Aberdeenshire News:** Council has been in recess. The Ward forum was very interesting and well attended.

Correspondence: there were 14 items of correspondence, all previously circulated.

1. 07 September: Scottish Rural Parliament: Aberdeenshire briefing session 29 September at Kemnay. [November 6th – 8th 2014. Oban, Argyll & Bute](#)
2. 24 September: Garioch Community Ward Forums: Ward 10: 6 October, Inch.
3. 24 September: CVS Training Initiative – Training Programme October-December
4. 25 September: Scheme of Assistance. Aberdeenshire Council's Scheme of Assistance at Inverurie Library 29th October
5. 26 September: Stronger Voice – we need your views! Health Questionnaire
6. 9 October: Consultation on Play Park Review
7. 14 October: Aberdeenshire Alerts – 420 – Aberdeen – Kemnay Bus Status Update
8. 15 October: Community council special offer: Defibrillator

9. 16 October: Aberdeenshire Social Enterprise Network Getting the most from your Volunteers, Thursday, 6th November 7.30pm at Banchory Ternan West Church The High Street, Banchory or Tuesday, 18th November 7.30pm at MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Road, Mintlaw.
 10. 16 October: Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action – Aberdeenshire’s Third Sector Interface Amalgamation: New Chair
 11. 21 October: Kemnay Breakfast & After School Club Manager Post
 12. 22 October: from Community Ownership Support Service (COSS). Could owning land or buildings benefit your community? 30th October – Boat of Garten
 13. October 28: Public Sector Newsletter
 14. October 28: WWI Centenary Film. Kemnay Primary School are hosting a film evening on Monday 10th Nov at 7pm.
8. **AOCB:**
9. a) An update was requested regarding the planning submissions for the Harthills Kemnay biomass fuel forestry operations. David will investigate the current position.
 10. b) Fibre optic broadband in Kemnay. Posters are out, trying to raise the profile of the fibre optic facility.
 11. c) The Chair suggested a local organisation should be invited to make a 10-15 minute presentation to the Community Council at each meeting. This was agreed.

**Next meeting to be held 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm.
Members of the public are welcome to attend.**