

MINUTES OF MEETINGThursday, 22nd February 2018, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer p/t) Gaenor Berkin (Vice-chair); Kate Rigby; Sue Wainman; John Whittall; Fran Patrick; Bob Ingram; Margaret Basley; David Evans; Alex Rayne

Attending: Cllr Harper; Cllr H Smith; 3 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr S Leslie; Sasha Brydon

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES - The Chair welcomed those attending, and apologies were given as above

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS - There were no declarations of interest/audio recordings.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 25th January 2017 - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by Bob and seconded by Kate.

4 POLICE MATTERS - Police Report for February was received and circulated.

5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT – None available.

6 KEMNAY RESILIENCE

a) A site meeting took place 8th February at Kembhill Park with KPFG/Cllr Smith/AC Infrastructure Services to further discuss the temporary barrier position. A report was previously circulated by Irene regarding a further meeting which took place on 15th February with AC/ Cllr Smith and John McNicol (KPFG) / Irene, who also attended by invitation from and as an ex-officio Member of KPFG. The meeting included the wider flooding issues for Kemnay community as well as Kembhill Park and other areas of Alehousewells, including Bremner Way. The barrier positioning was agreed along with floodlights and extra pumps with proposal for budget at the Garioch Area Committee meeting. AC visited Cllrs Smith and others at Bremner Way to survey properties and recommend flood protection products. Kemnay is to be made a PVA this year and be a higher priority in the LFRMP. **b)** Irene met with Alexander Burnett, MSP and Cllr Leslie at the recent Surgery in Kemnay and some outstanding items for MM-RCG will be further pursued with Scottish Water. The Pollution issue was raised and a new oil soaker has since been installed at the MM Burn and investigations are being further pursued.

7 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Craigearn Residents (2) representing 10 houses reported issues with a Road at Craigearn, which is small and narrow, between the bridge and Monymusk. Vehicles are using it as a shortcut and speeding issues are causing safety concerns for children. Heavy and wide vehicles such as tractors are using the road, damaging the verges and cracking main water pipes with frequent use as a shortcut and not just to access the fields. This was previously raised with Cllrs but no response received to date. Cllr Smith advised that she pursued this with Roads department some months ago and will raise again. It was advised that the speeding issue is a Police matter and that reducing the speed limit to 20 from 30 would be a collaboration between AC and Police. It is not possible to make the roads wider. Licenced vehicles are entitled to use the road and to mount the verges. Kate asked if Roads Department can make the road 'access only'. Residents are to e-mail Cllr Smith and discuss with AC direct.

Jim Buchan, KPFG; Nothing further to add to item 6, however, pondered why the position of Water-Gate barrier changed twice since KPFG raised issues (lay observations). Final location has been agreed, however, KPFG still feel that the barrier might overtop in the event of flood. AC say that 2016 Flood levels are covered and pumps will be in place for excess water. Jim added that KPFG will continue to try to have a representative at all KCC meetings.

8 MATTERS ARISING

a) Kemnay Youth Groups; A communication was received from CLD enquiring if two KCC Members can meet with the Youth Group to discuss the skatepark and provide assistance with funding for upgrade. Sasha previously volunteered to attend, and Sue volunteered to accompany him (**Irene** to pass on details to **Sue/Sasha to deal with**). Funding for the summer event was received and trying to get funding for presentation on Birley Bush.

9 TREASURER REPORT - Report previously circulated and a healthy balance of accounts reported. A generous donation has been received in continued support of the KCC the Website from Breedon. The Secretary is to arrange a thank you letter. (**Irene**)

10 SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT (SoE)

- a) The Constitution** – Revision V08.2 has been sent to the Garioch Area Manager, with the items previously agreed by KCC, for approval and some items agreed via Alison Cummings - awaiting further response.
- b) KCC Insurance** – An e-mail of enquiry was sent to the Garioch Area Manager, Alison Cumming and the Legal Department, attaching the new policy document proposals as received from Zurich. Apologies were given for the errors in contact details, however, no direct response was given as to whether this was a like-for-like policy per the current policy held by the Highland Council. There is now some urgency for clarification as Policy expires in March - information to be re-sent to Cllrs. (**Irene**)
- c) Nominations and Elections** - AC have been advised of this years' expiring three year term of KCC and Nominations/Elections will take place as necessary. Aberdeenshire Council (AC), will organise and oversee all nomination submissions and elections. **Amended** Nomination Form has been agreed with AC and dates provisionally agreed with AC are; **i)** Notice of Election to be published between 10th and 17th May 2018 **ii)** Close of nominations - 4pm, 7 June 2018 **iii)** Date for any required Ballot - Wednesday, 20 June 2018. Polling station to be open between 6pm and 8pm (provisionally booked at the Village Hall from 5pm until 10pm) Alison Cumming to return booking form to Janet / confirm as required. **iv)** Count and declaration - immediately following the ballot closing on 20th June **v)** Letters to candidates and public notice of election - Thursday, 21 June 2018 **vi)** AGM - Thursday, 28 June 2018.
- All relevant information / forms for download will be posted on the KCC website and **Kate** volunteered to distribute forms to various locations locally, including the Library.

11 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS

0 Planning Applications Submitted from 23/01/2018 – 19/02/2018 (22/02/2018 mtg). **Late Item added due to recent receipt of Consultation letter received from the Head of Planning; APP/2017/3213** Erection of 49 Residential Units (Affordable Housing), Associated Landscaping, Parking and Open Space (Full Permission) at Aquithie Road, Kemnay. Applicants: Robertson Partnership Homes and Kemnay Properties c/o Agent: Halliday Fraser Munro. Expiry date for public comment Thu 22 Mar 2018. The proposal comprises a mix of 25 No. 1 and 2 bed flats, 23 No. 2, 3 and 4 bed houses and one 3 bed bungalow, with a total of 80 parking spaces on a site of 4.45 acres.

- A full report has been submitted by David for CC consideration and details can be found on the KCC Website. The matter was further discussed and it was questioned whether, as Statutory Consultees, KCC wish to continue to request site protection or have it developed for affordable houses. The motion was carried by general consensus of opinion that this should remain as a protected site.

12 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) - Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021 - Development Plan Scheme 2021

An e-mail was received from the Planning & Policy Team Leader with a copy of this year's development plan scheme. This document sets out the LDP related work to be undertaken over the next twelve months and gives an indication of when consultations might take place with KCC and on what topics. This document is legally required to be published, has been approved by AC Infrastructure Services Committee and submitted to Scottish Ministers. First draft of what the main issues might be is due in March 2018 and will be shared with KCC. Dates have been agreed for Area Committee seminar, to discuss the bids that will have been received for Garioch, as 12 / 13 June 2018. All bids will be posted on the internet before the meetings, probably in April 2018. Looking to the long term, it is still unsure as to what the outcomes might be from the review of the planning system being conducted by the Scottish Government and advice continues to be to follow the existing legislation rather than trying to guess the outcomes from the Planning Bill 2017. Planning should be in a better position to advise of changes that may result to the LDP in the autumn. See KCC Website for further details.

13 REPORTS

- a) PADS Report** (previously circulated); Four PADS Defibrillator units currently operational at the Village Hall, Fyfe Park Health Clinic, Alehousewells Primary School Entrance and the junction of the Dalmadilly/Aquhythie Road. Fifth unit still under negotiation. For training, any Kemnay group may contact Bob Ingram on 01467 641255 or Gaenor Berkin. 01467 641630.
- b) Safety Group (GNMS)** (Report previously circulated); **GoodPoint Smoke alarm Tester Sticks** have proved popular. A further batch of 200 has been received and is being distributed within the Garioch area. **Parking Banners at Primary Schools** have been well received by schools and are being circulated. Another 5 banners are to be purchased. **Alehousewells Primary School** is intending to buy a **Dog Fouling Poster** to attach to their perimeter fence to deter dog fouling on the paths leading to the school. **Pass Plus** (for advanced training for young drivers after they have passed their driving tests) – it is proposed that more information about the grants available for Pass Plus be added to the CSG Facebook page. January was an exceptionally quiet month with no funding enquiries at all across Aberdeenshire. A Police Report is being circulated to all CSGs and Community Councils.
- c) GACCF;** The next meeting is on 7th March at Oldmeldrum on the Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report.
- d) Community Planning (GACP);** No meeting.
- e) Greener Kemnay;** Site still wet, drainage issue ongoing especially since the pits dug by Scottish Water to investigate pollution /drainage issues have been filled in – Irene wondered whether there might still be a connection to the ongoing issues elsewhere. Grow Wild funding application results awaited.

f) **Kemnay LLC**; The next event to show the range of help available in the learning community highlighting mental health on 14th March 6.30-8.30.

g) **Press Reports**; None reported.

14 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS

Various items were read out, including; **Place of Origin** (PoO) workplan agreed between Greenbelt and AC. Cllr Smith asked if reports of any work taking place at PoO could be provided and **David** volunteered to monitor. **Dog bins** requested for Alehouseswells – being actioned by AC. **Riverside Path** work has started, due for completion on 16th March, weather permitting. A Ward tour was conducted with AC CEO, Jim Savage / Cllrs Harper and Smith at various sites in Inch and Kemnay, including Kemnay Police Station. Cllr Smith indicated that it would be desirable to keep this building for the community and the Garioch Area Manager is supportive of Community Transfer Asset. There would be support from AC and the Garioch Area Partnership. Sue requested floorplans to determine feasibility for use by local groups ie; the Scouts.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Correspondence from the Council**; was circulated prior to the meeting.

b) **General Correspondence Received**; was circulated prior to the meeting.

16 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Margaret; 6 boxes of old KCC documents are in the VH – Irene to arrange to check these next week. *Sue*; The Kemnay Stone needs a wash – Sue volunteered to clean and Hazel volunteered to pay for the materials. *Alex*; Need more dog bins not relocation of dog bins as has been observed around Kemnay - Alex to advise details to Cllr Smith. *Irene*; Although it has been confirmed that no additional funds are forthcoming from the Scottish Government, it was queried what funds are available in the current Budget with regards money for flood mitigation – it was confirmed that there are no funds for this in the current budget.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 29th March 2018, 7.30 pm, The Friendship Room, Kemnay Village Hall. All members of the public welcome – Agenda will be available on the KCC website <http://www.kemnay.info/> where full copies of past Minutes can also be read.