

## KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2010

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

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, PC David Calvert.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present, in particular Ian Fowell, Aberdeenshire Council's Area Manager for Garioch.

2. Apologies for absence: Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Ian Murray, Eric Pashley, Cllr Allison Grant.

3. Police matters: In the past month, there had been five motoring offences: two of speeding, two road traffic offences with no insurance and out of date road tax, and one careless driving. There had been one youth assault and three instances of reckless conduct. There had also been a vehicle damaged by another that failed to stop. The police wish to reiterate the message about ensuring that property is secured and doors and windows locked. They also wish to remind those going on holiday that it is wise to ask someone to check their house occasionally. The police are participating in Operation Zenith, an exercise designed to reduce the numbers of accidents involving motorcyclists. Currently motorcyclists account for a quarter of all road deaths in Grampian. The police are co-operating with Roads Authorities, Community Partnerships, Motorcycle Dealers and Grampian Fire and Rescue Service. Communities were urged to inform the police of problems in their area – loose grit, spilled diesel or potholes, for example, which might be hazardous for motorcyclists. They were also encouraged to report instances of poor or aggressive motorbike riding to Grampian Police on 0845 600 5 700 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

4. Opportunity for members of the public to speak: No members of the public were present.

5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2010 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Mavis Wainman and unanimously approved.

6. Matters arising from minutes:

a) St Bryde's Road to Station Road Lane: The trees have been trimmed back.

7. Planning matters and applications:

a) New applications: It was agreed to write in support of the planned biomass heating station at Kemnay Golf Club. There were no other controversial applications.

c) Excavations at "The Grove": As was now clear, these were for the foundations for a car park.

8. Reports

a) Safety Group Representative: As the representative was not present, there was no report. Cllr Al-Kowarri, however, reported on a scheme whereby vital information about a vulnerable householder was placed in a container in their fridge, and a sticker affixed to the inside of the front door directing emergency services there, so that there would be no delay in finding such information. The fridge had been chosen as being relatively fireproof and easily identifiable.

b) Community Learning and Development Representative: The equipment in the fitness suite had been repaired, but the person appointed to supervise public sessions had found another job. The crèche workers had appealed successfully against their re-grading in the recent Council re-grading exercise with the result that the cost of staffing the crèche (together with redundancy payments) had used the entire CLD budget.

Enrolment numbers were high for Community Learning classes for the following year, and the walking groups were already oversubscribed.

c) GACCF: The AGM was to be on Tuesday 29 June 2010.

d) Community Planning

i) Nomination for CC representative on Community Planning Board: Bob Ingram was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by Mavis Wainman and unanimously selected as a nominee.

ii) Garioch Community Plan: Ian Fowell announced the launch of the Community Plan, and urged the Community Council to study it carefully and to make comments. Although Aberdeenshire Council was observing and monitoring the plan, it was for other agencies to take action.

9. Aberdeenshire news: Ian Fowell stated that a “comfort partnership” was being negotiated between Aberdeenshire Council and The Bennachie Lodge, which would allow the public to use their toilets. There would be signage at the park and outside the hotel to indicate this. Suggestions were also made to identify a location for a village centre facility. Cllr Al-Kowarri said that the new launch site for the raft race had worked perfectly: there had been no parking problems, and no traffic jams. She did not know who had decided on this site, but hoped it would be used again in future. TRAK had been wound up, although existing office-bearers would be pleased to assist it to regenerate. She had requested more litter-picking on the football pitch on Bremner way, and it had been agreed that this should be cleared of litter weekly. There was some discussion about litter in the village generally, with the suggestion of more litter bins on Aquithie Road for the benefit of pupils returning to the Academy at lunch time, and a suggestion that the Village Orderly should turn his or her attention to areas outwith the centre of the village. Ian Fowell suggested that evidence be produced of the extent of the litter problem in term time.

10. Correspondence:

a) Community Planning Newsletter – this was welcomed.

b) CVSA Update – this was noted, and the information was to be passed to Naida Sneddon.

c) LEADER Seminar – no-one wished to attend.

d) Street Sports update – there would be rugby in Kemnay on 3 July.

e) Sports Council Newsletter – this was noted.

f) Licensing Application for extended hours at the Bowling Club – this was not opposed.

g) Consultation on Health Services for Children with Complex Needs – it was agreed that CC members would study this and e-mail comments to the Chairman before the deadline, as otherwise the Community Council would be unable to respond.

11. AOCB: It was agreed that office-bearers could take decisions on behalf of the CC during the vacation, although members would be consulted by e-mail where possible. Attention was drawn to the Youth Festival – there would be three events in the village in July and August. Members were reminded that the Local Development Plan would be released shortly, and that they should pay particular attention to the underlying policies. The Community Council was urged to respond to the Plan.

12. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on Thursday 30 September 2010.