

MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, 25th April 2019 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood(Chair); Gaenor Berkin(Vice Chair); Fran Patrick(Secretary); John Whittall(Treasurer); Margaret Basley; Sue Wainman;

Attending: 1 member of the public; Sandra Buchan(PT Science Kemnay Academy) along with two pupils from Kemnay Academy; Cllr Leslie

Apologies: Claire Stewart; Marie Glendinning; Claire Stewart; Cllr Smith

- 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 28th February 2019** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate. Proposed by S Wainman and seconded by J Whittall.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS** – PC Jenna Smith attended and discussed the previously circulated report. There are regular patrols taking place in the village, particularly at lunchtimes; an officer has been allocated to pursue the pavement parking incident on Station Road reported by a member of the public; Inspector Bruce has been in touch with another resident who also has expressed concerns re parking. Cllr Leslie is to make enquiries about the possibility of getting some sort of barrier erected. (**Action:** Cllr Leslie to pursue this at Aberdeenshire Council.)
At this point the member of the public present was invited to speak as the issue he wanted to raise was also about inconsiderate parking, this time the misuse of the disabled parking bays on the High Street and the abusive, threatening attitude he met with when he challenged the young, able-bodied person who had parked there. The police were informed via the 101 phone-line, but the response received was very disappointing. PC Smith apologised for the poor response and acknowledged this was not a helpful response to such an incident. She took details of the incident from the member of the public present. (**Action:** PC Smith is to pursue both the incident and the police call centre’s response to it.)
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** – Sandra Buchan, PT Science, and two pupil Sustainability Leaders, Kenzi Hutchison and Josh Allan, spoke about what was happening in the Academy re the issue of litter and waste management. The two pupils are taking on an interactive project on how to reduce litter in the school – under ‘Eco Schools’ the school needs to be kept as litter free and sustainable as possible. The pupil Sustainability Leaders have been taking assemblies and talking to younger pupils; they have prepared lesson plans and gone into classes; litter picks have been organised around the village. Re lunchtime littering, some initial work has been done with local businesses and the school canteen on packaging. The week of 20th May is to be a week on the environment and sustainability at the Academy.
KCC is being asked to support this campaign and maybe help with a few ideas/suggestions. A survey on the number and location of bins was suggested and also a feature in the Newsletter. (**Action:** KCC members to give some thought on how to support this initiative.)
- 6 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – No representative present, but a request was received from Milton Meadows-RCG for information on KCC’s response to the Main Issues Report and also that planning application reference numbers be included in the minutes. (**Action:** F Patrick to action this in future minutes.) Cllr Leslie has met with representatives of both MM-RCG and Kembhill Park Flood Group.
- 7 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – See Item 4 above.
- 8 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) KCC links with other groups – it was agreed to draw up a list of the various groups operating in the village with a view to making links between them and KCC. The aim is to be more connected with what’s happening in the village and to offer support wherever possible. (**Action:** F Patrick & M Basley to draw up list.)

- b) 'Frog' web-based community platform – it was felt that Kemnay had a very well run website, so perhaps it might be duplication of time and effort to get involved with this initiative. Many of the local groups also have their own Facebook pages. KCC's Facebook page is not being updated at the moment. **(Action:** B Blackwood to contact C Stewart about this.)
- c) KCC interim election – Everything in place for this: posters will be put up in various shops and a notice has gone into the Newsletter, but KCC members were also asked to spread the word so that all the vacancies can be filled.
- d) Council Scheme of Establishment Light Touch Review – Some concern expressed that Aberdeenshire Council didn't work more collaboratively with KCC with regard to the forthcoming interim elections. The Chair of KCC should have been contacted before the plans/timetable for an election were imposed on the council. A question of who is in control of the procedure – AC or KCC? **(Action:** F Patrick to collate views on the SoE. It will also appear again as an item on next month's agenda.)
- e) Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Strategic Plan - It was considered too difficult to go through the survey with the whole Community Council, but everyone was encouraged to complete it on their own, as the more responses AHSP receive, the better they can tailor their future planning.
- f) Community Councils Networking Event – Additional possible issues for discussion suggested were participatory budgeting and participation requests. **(Action:** F Patrick to pass these suggestions on.)

9 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED – The funding has been received for the Christmas Event from the Community Planning Partnership, otherwise regular outgoings only. The accounts are all ready to be audited and then sent off to the Area Officer.

10 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS –

Erection of houses: Land At Dalmadilly Kemnay Aberdeenshire **(Ref. No: APP/2019/0731)** and Site Adjacent To Philton, Dalmadilly Kemnay, Aberdeenshire AB51 5PB **(Ref. No: APP/2019/0713)**. Neither of these applications was considered to be contentious, so no comment to be sent from KCC.

Erection of 20 Dwellinghouses, Formation of Vehicular Access and Suds Basin : Site At Milton, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire **(Ref. No: APP/2019/0490)**. Serious concerns were expressed about this proposed development, particularly with regard to flooding. It was noted that there is no SEPA report attached to the application as a full assessment is to be carried out. A lack of adequate bin spaces and no turning access for bin lorries was also pointed out, as was the fact that the recently published layout for the development differs from the previous one as there is no longer access on to the main road – vehicular access is now shown to be through the existing development at Milton Meadows. **(Action:** G Berkin to write a letter of objection.)

There was some related discussion of 'developer obligation'. Any group/project seeking funding should apply to the Developer Obligations Team developerobligations@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

11 REPORTS –

a) Defibrillators (PADs) - Glenn Ross from Kemnay Football Club has been in touch asking for an update on getting a defibrillator unit for the pavilion. The Pavilion Committee has agreed to house a unit and F Patrick has passed on the request to the PADs Co-ordinator who is in the process of trying to source a unit. Abrbras Ltd, Ellon supplied the previous units & related equipment. **(Action:** F Patrick to pass the name of this supplier to K Stewart.)

b) Safety Group - No report

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - No report

d) Community Planning – Comments are being sought by the Planning Officer for Garioch on the Community Planning Joint Exercise held in January. This has been circulated to both KCC councillors and AC councillors, although very little pertains to Kemnay, as there were few residents and no councillors from Ward 10 present at the meeting.

e) Greener Kemnay – Birley Bush Community Garden has some active gardeners, has hosted Bookbug and Yoga sessions and is giving a group of young people the opportunity to participate in their own BB project, in conjunction with Community Learning & Development Youth Team. There is still no solution to the problem of getting clean plant material from Homebase to Birley Bush.

It is hoped that the disused Rocket composter at the Academy will go to Pitscurry.

The Kemnay Art Project has been successful in a Big Lottery bid to double the money allocated by the historic public art fund. The focus for the project is installations on the paths around Kemnay.

The sign for the Dalmadilly Ponds path was ordered last June and the position for the post was marked ready for AC Landscape Services to erect, but there seems to be an issue in getting the job done. **(Action:** Cllr Leslie to pursue this.)

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - No meeting.

g) KAPC – No meeting, but there was a police presence at the academy to help dampen poor behaviour on

“Muck Up Day”. KPPA - The only issues from Kemnay Primary are the problems associated with the lighter nights: anti-social behaviour around the school and vandalism.

h) Press Reports – Kemnay Academy was runner-up in the regional Rock Challenge; the Geek Bothy has won awards (as has Café 83, although no report was spotted in the press).

12 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS - Cllr Leslie – Budget cuts are continuing to create challenges, the cuts to some bus routes have been particularly contentious. Health & Social Care has taken up some of the slack for those who need transport for medical appointments, etc. Aberdeenshire Council is, however, doing its best, especially with its efforts on integrated social care. There are also ongoing concerns re teacher numbers and recruitment. There has also been some discussion on the possible consequences on jobs due to increased use of technology.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

-Information on the Celebrate Community Councils in April on the Scottish CCs’ website

-Notification of the retirement of Linda Papiransky, Administration Assistant, from the Garioch Area Office

-Changes to kerbside waste collection are to be re-visited due to withdrawal of funding for new bins

-Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants

-Garden Waste collection points (Sat. morning at Birley Bush for Kemnay)

-Changes to Aberdeenshire Council Administration Support for Planning, Building Standards, Environment and Enforcement Teams

-Notification of a Variation of Premises Licence for the Laird’s Throat, now known as Café 83 . (KCC to make no comment about this to the Licensing Board.)

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

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK - a suggestion has been made to AC Roads Dept about a possible physical solution to the parking issue on Station Road; a lack of Modern Languages teachers in particular is an issue at Kemnay Academy; laminated signs are to be put up publicising the green waste collection at Birley Bush on Saturdays; the need for a free lunch scheme for children during the school holidays was raised, but is an issue that needs wider discussion; the meeting with Ian Mitchell from AC Landscape Services has been re-arranged for this week.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 30th May 2019, 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/>