

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 25th October 2018, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

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

Attending: Marie Glendinning (Kemnay Academy); 6 members of the public

Apologies: Claire Stewart, Lewis Mackland, Cllr Hazel 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 June and 27th September 2018** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by Margaret Basley and seconded by Sue Wainman.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS** - Police Report for October was received and circulated. There appears to have been a welcome decrease in offending in several areas. Mention was made of 'Operation Bayswater', which is an anti-social behaviour/driving police initiative. Information about the Neighbourhood Alert scheme will be published in next month's Newsletter, as will a warning notification about 'vishing', a telephone scam which attempts to get private information that will be used for identity theft. (**Action:** B Blackwood & M Basley)
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** - Marie Glendinning, Depute Rector, presented an outline of what the Academy does with regard to drugs education. There is an established programme delivered via PSE classes and assemblies by PTs Guidance and the police. There is recognition that this is a wider societal issue and the Academy is therefore making links with other relevant bodies. There is an Information Event planned, which should take place before Christmas.

Information was shared about a project focussing on those named on the war memorial to be carried out by the History Department. Pupils are to visit the war memorial and research those commemorated on it; laminated posters will then be put up on lamp-posts around the village. Kemnay Community Council was very supportive of this project and the Academy was advised to contact Kemnay Primary, which has a lot of information available on the military personnel commemorated on the memorial. (**Action:** F Patrick to check with Cllr Smith that there is no objection to posters being put on lamp-posts.)

The Music Department would be happy to support any Christmas 'lighting up' event organised by KCC, although councillors thought it unlikely to happen this year, but could be organised for next year, if a committee could be set up to share the organisation. (**Action:** F Patrick to investigate this possibility.)

The Academy is also investigating how it, and perhaps Kemnay as a whole, could gain Fairtrade status. This initiative was received positively by the councillors present. (**Action:** S Wainman to investigate the potential for this within the village.)
- 6 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE** - No update from last time, so no representative present from either KPFG or MM-RCG groups. The KCC Community Resilience group has put updated emergency information and details of the Snow Warden Scheme in next month's Newsletter. (**Action:** W Blackwood to see that the Strategic Flood Assessment on the Aberdeenshire Strategic Development consultation pages is amended with the correct date of Storm Frank.)
- 7 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – Residents from Craigearn were present to put their concerns once again with regard to dangerous agricultural traffic using their road effectively as a 'rat run'. They expressed a wish to re-start the process of getting KCC to look at the issue and to make representation to Aberdeenshire Council on their behalf. There have been several serious incidents recently and there are real safety fears as the tractors using this B-road are so wide, making shared use of the road by pedestrians and cyclists, as well as other motorists, often impossible. Damage is being done to the verges and the road itself is in constant need of repair, incurring significant costs to Aberdeenshire Council. The residents were keen to stress that they are not

against farmers accessing their fields along the road, but would like some form of access restriction which would encourage the use of the A-road instead, particularly as this would add less than 2 minutes to the journey time. The residents have already contacted Aberdeenshire Council, but this has so far proved fruitless, and have also been in touch with the police, but they only deal with speeding, not weight or width restrictions. **(Action:** F Patrick to contact Cllr Smith to get an update and also to draft a letter from KCC to Aberdeenshire Council asking for this issue to be looked at as a matter of some urgency, given the safety aspect of the problem.)

A representative from the residents at the Horner asked if there was any update to his enquiry with regard to improved safety measures at the Horner junction with the B 994. As with the previous representation, Cllr Smith has undertaken to take this to the Roads Department, but was not present to give a verbal update. **(Action:** F Patrick to contact Cllr Smith to get an update.)

8 MATTERS ARISING

- a) need for permanent secretary – **(Action:** F Patrick to contact C Stewart to discuss this.)
- b) Christmas Lights - After some discussion, it was agreed that only one tree should be bought (for the top of Bremner Way) and that the space opposite the war memorial should be planted up and illuminated in some way. It was also agreed that a longer-term, more sustainable approach to Christmas trees/lights was required, perhaps some form of permanent planting, for example. A cross-community committee also needs to be set up if any 'lighting up' event is to be organised. **(Action:** F Patrick to pursue this possibility and to contact Zurich Insurance re the installation of the tree and lights.)
- c) KCC Membership roster for AC – Marie Glendinning was voted unanimously by the KCC councillors present to be co-opted on to the council. **(Action:** F Patrick will inform Garioch Area Office of this addition.)
- d) War Memorial Wreath—G Berkin passed round the wreath she has donated and is happy to lay it at the memorial.
- e) Dualling A96 attendees – M Basley and S Wainman have volunteered to attend this meeting and will put forward the views of KCC with regard to our preferred route (purple, pink, red, north of Inverurie)

9 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED - The transition from previous Treasurer to J Whittall is ongoing; there have been one or two issues with the transfer of the bank account access. The grant from Aberdeenshire Council has come through and the hire of the hall for June has been paid. The Secretary's monthly stipend of £50 has still to be issued, pending how the post is to be filled.

10 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS – KCC has no objection to the application for a visibility splay and extension to pavement at development at Milton Farm. Re Local Development Plan: opinions will be sought from CCs in January, but several issues were flagged up for concern – the loss of amenity, landscape and heritage (ancient cairn) at the Bremner Way site and the potential consequences for a residential development so close to industrial sites; confusion about the inclusion of Birley Bush as a possible site for residential development and that there could be issues with contamination on part of the site. **(Action:** F Patrick to ask C Stewart for more information about the SDP Garioch meeting in November.)

11 REPORTS –

- a) Defibrillators (PADs) - the responsibility for these has now been passed on.
- b) Safety Group - No meeting held.
- c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - No meeting held.
- d) Community Planning – No meeting held.
- e) Greener Kemnay - GK is getting funding this year through the Co-Op scheme and have also applied to AmeyArup for funding for bird feeders
- f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - no meeting held, but there is to be a flyer to increase participation.
- g) Press Reports - none

12 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS - No councillors present, Aberdeenshire Council in recess.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

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

i) Resilience Groups Snow clearance – pending details from Aberdeenshire Council

Ms Glendinning is to flag this scheme up with pupils at the Academy who might be available at times to clear snow. She was advised to check in the Newsletter for details on the scheme. Information has been received about post-Hallowe'en pumpkin disposal. S

Wainman said Greener Kemnay would be happy to receive any discarded pumpkins to add to the compost bins at Birley Bush. She will put up posters about this. (**Action:** M Glendinning; S Wainman)

b) General Correspondence Received - was circulated prior to the meeting. Information has been received about a Participation Request being proposed by members of the Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum. This is to be added to the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting. (**Action:** F Patrick)

14 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK - According to a letter for Aberdeenshire Council to Greenbelt dated 23rd February 2018, the potholes in the carpark at Place of Origin were also to have been filled in. (**Action:** M Glendinning will let KCC know state of the POO after a visit there next week.) Query about whether Kemnay Academy pupils lay a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday event. (**Action:** M Glendinning) Concern raised at speeding on Paradise Road, advised to contact police on 101 with details. KCC needs someone to update their FaceBook page. Concern that the 'smiley face' flashing speeding awareness sign has gone from the war memorial entrance to the village. (**Action:** W Blackwood to contact PC Middleton for an update)

Next Meeting: Thursday, 29th November 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/>