

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING - Thursday 26th January 2017**  
7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall

**Present:** Bill Blackwood (Acting Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Margaret Basley; Robert Ingram; Sue Wainman; Gaenor Berkin; Kate Rigby; Fran Patrick; Gavin Adam; John Whittall; Janet Newberry; David Evans, Vaila Spencer; Alex Rayne; Cllr Sheena Lonchay

**Apologies:** Hazel Smith; Sasha Brydon, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Patricia Oddie

**Attending:** 2 members of the public

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Acting Chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies as above. Cllr Lonchay gave apologies on behalf of Cllrs Allison Grant and Patricia Oddie

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST -** There were no declarations of interest.

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING 24TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Minutes as previously circulated were confirmed as accurate, with addition of John Whittall attendance to be made, proposed for acceptance by Sue and seconded by Bob.

**4 POLICE MATTERS**

Police Report from 27 November 2016 to 18 January 2017 has been received. The speed calming sign on Aquithie Road continues to be unserviceable and is awaiting repairs.

**5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT**

Due to apologies from Sasha, no report this month.

**6 GUEST SPEAKERS - None**

**7 FLOOD MITIGATION**

- a) No further update to KCC from Scottish Water (SW) regarding Victoria Terrace
- b) MM-RCG resilience group; flat valves on concrete outflow to the River Don fitted by SW yesterday. Discussions on additional solutions ongoing.
- c) KPFG resilience group; temporary Water-Gate barrier ordered by AC, with ongoing discussions on permanent solution.
- d) KPFG training/insurance for volunteers to erect Water-Gate being discussed with AC
- e) Roads Department asked by AC to contact Irene regarding sandbags & storage of sandbags for the village

**8 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Jim Buchan, Kembhill Park (p/t); Dirty water pumps, donated by the Rotary Club to both resilience groups, tested and operational. Resilience Plan is now the main agenda item. Working to get Council to clear drains on foot path surrounding Kembhill Park. Request for Council to consider partial earth bund with shorter Water-Gate rejected. KPFG start-up grant received from Garioch Partnership.

Coleen Pirie, Alehousewells (p/t); Bremner Way - pavements marked for roads repairs since August but work not done and speed of traffic still an issue. During repairs to houses, skips put on top of flowers at Minto Circle. Paths and street lights repairs awaited and trees by the river felled, with ruts left on grass making it difficult to walk there. Sue advised that mature trees are sometimes cut down because of their condition. Cllr Lonchay advised that speeding is a perpetual issue throughout Aberdeenshire, that the best way for residents to report is via the AC website and that she would report the tree felling.

**9 MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Place of Origin; Awaiting response from Garioch Area Manager - Cllr Lonchay will raise the matter.
- b) Electric Car Charging Point for the village. Hubs are now being planned at 45 mile points, therefore not likely to be installed by AC for Kemnay. Kate further investigating Energy Saving Trust information.
- d) Data Protection Insurance payment request was passed on by the former Chair. The 1<sup>st</sup> premium has been paid by the Treasurer and will now be automatically paid each year.
- e) KCC mailboxes; A new mailbox for the Chair has been set up to make items such as d) above easier to administrate in future. A KCC Mailbox has been set up.

**10 TREASURER REPORT / BANK ACCOUNT (S)**

A healthy balance of accounts was previously reported by the Treasurer. Kate enquired about the lack of accounts spreadsheet and the Treasurer advised that this, after independent audit, will be issued by the end of March. CRP sub-group bank account was discussed in some detail and Kate queried how this would

work for auditing. Bob added that other CCs have sub-group accounts and David queried this. After lengthy discussion and, provided that the accounting procedures adhered to those of KCC, the account was agreed by the Treasurer. The CRP sub-group Treasurer was proposed and accepted as Fran Patrick.

## 11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

3 Planning Applications Submitted from 22/11/2016 – 23/01/2017

[APP/2016/2973](#) Erection Boundary Fence at Creig Na Coille, Craigearn, Kemnay. **GRANTED**

[APP/2016/3161](#) Installation of Ground Mounted Solar PV Array on land at Ridgeways Parkhill, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 12 Jan 2017

[APP/2016/3387](#) Erection of 2 Holiday Lodges on land adjacent To Fairview, Blairdaff, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Mon 09 Jan 2017. KCC objection submitted on 16/01/17.

Previous applications; 3 houses at Milton Farm were recommended for approval and are going to GAC for approval. Quarry Wood Application refused by Full Council today, no further details available at this time.

## 12 REPORTS

- a) **PADS Report**; A Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Defibrillator Training under way. \*See also item 15 below.
- b) **Safety Report**; No December meeting.
- c) **GACCF**; A Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Attendance was poor with only 4 CCs. Community Empowerment was discussed.
- d) **Community Planning**; Report previously circulated. Good emphasis on Kemnay such as CLLD 1st Aid training and suicide intervention.
- e) **CRP**; Report previously circulated. Sub-group meetings continue, with documentation nearing completion. Storage to be further discussed with VH Committee. Initial grant received and insurance issue resolved. Fran asked for KCC Volunteers for the plan – the group asked for more information on what they were volunteering for. David agreed that more explanation was needed and that he would happily volunteer for his area. Irene passed a copy of the organigram to help explain, however this was also thought to be unclear and that roles and responsibilities should be explained.
- f) **Training**; 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training on 16<sup>th</sup> March – 15 places funded by CLL. Defibrillator training continues, taking place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs and Friday for next three months.
- g) **Kemnay Futures**; . A Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Plan gone to designer.
- h) **Greener Kemnay**; A Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Dalmadilly; Completion estimated end of February and opening date set as Saturday 22 April. Possible public art project involving Kemnay Primary and Greener Kemnay at the school and Birley Bush site. Birley Bush – no further update.
- i) **Press Reports**; Various articles previously reported by Irene; November donation of Pumps to Resilience Groups by Kemnay & Kintore Rotary Club. 26 Jan P&J; KP temporary barrier confirmed. A number of paper cuttings starting from 30<sup>th</sup> November were read out by Margaret.
- j) **Website** – New page being run by Sue for Events & Fran for CRP. Old Kemnay photographs page being created. David welcomed any other volunteers. Funding still awaited, with other sources to be looked at.

## 13 ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS

Updates from Cllr Lonchay unavailable at this time.

## 14 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence from the Council**; has been circulated prior to the meeting
- b) **General Correspondence Received**; nothing outstanding

## 15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Gavin – Christmas Trees; two new lights & tree lights needed. Thanks to the Sweeney family for donating tree and Alan Mearns Electrical for the lighting. It was agreed that lights seem to have been well received.

Vaila – reported that borders at Bennachie Lodge have been removed and the area now looks untidy

\*Bob – suggested that, due to the large amount of information, the January PADS minutes be circulated around the village – Margaret agreed to check for space in the Newsletter.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm, Thursday 23rd February 2017

KCC Website; <http://www.kemnay.info/>