

MINUTES OF MEETINGThursday, 26th September 2019 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall**Present:** Gaenor Berkin(Vice Chair); Fran Patrick(Secretary); Sue Wainman; David Carlin; William Irvine; Lee Aitken; Marie Glendinning**Attending:** 3 members of the public; Cllr Leslie; Cllr Smith**Apologies:** Bill Blackwood; John Whittall; Margaret Basley; Claire Stewart

- 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 27th June 2019** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate. Minutes proposed by S Wainman and seconded by W Irvine.
- 4 **CO-OPTION NOMINATION** – It was agreed by a unanimous vote that Suzanne Bunton should be co-opted to the Community Council (**Action:** F Patrick to inform Area Office.)
- 5 **POLICE MATTERS** – Inspector Gareth Hannan is now in charge of the Community Policing Team. No representative present, but report received and circulated prior to meeting which shows that crime remains low in Kemnay, although there have been several instances of anti-social behaviour and road safety incidents. The Police are keen to raise awareness of bogus callers and rogue traders and are asking Community Councils to help with this campaign. (**Action:** F Patrick will put an article in the Newsletter, along with key contact numbers.)
Councillors expressed concern about the reports of youths on the roofs of various buildings in the village and also about the problem of litter being left and graffiti at Kemnay Academy car park by youngsters gathering there.
Comment was also made about some irresponsible driving around Bremner Way during the lighter, summer evenings.
- 6 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** – No representative present.
- 7 **GUEST SPEAKERS** – None
- 8 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – No representative present from the two Kemnay groups, but information has been received from Ken Ledingham, KPFG, and circulated: there is to be a trial deployment of the water barrier on 6th November at 10am and everyone is invited to come and see it in operation; KCC was asked to write to Aberdeenshire Council and SEPA about the lower flood risk grading given to Kembhill Park compared to the one given to Milton Meadows, even though it was probable that Aberdeenshire Council might not be able to do much about this, as flood funding comes from the Scottish Government and they follow the official advice given by SEPA. SEPA has belatedly acknowledged that they have made an error in this case. (**Action:** F Patrick to write to Aberdeenshire Council and SEPA, copying in Cllr Leslie and Peter Argyle, the councillor who chairs the Infrastructure Services Committee, and Steven Archer, Head of infrastructure at AC.)
A question was raised about the cost of storing and maintaining a temporary barrier as opposed to the creation of a permanent, bund. Cllr Smith has passed these concerns on to Peter Argyle.
- 9 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – An elderly resident of Littlewood Court addressed the Council re her – and others’ - anger and frustration at the on-going issue of parked cars blocking the pavement on Station Road, particularly opposite the Gym. She, like many others, maintains her mobility with the use of a walking aid and often finds it impossible to get past cars on the pavement, so is forced on to the road. And when she has tackled inconsiderate drivers, she has been met with abusive language. Contacting the police is not always easy for elderly residents.
Community Councillors also expressed their frustration with this situation and an apparent lack of a solution. It was suggested that local businesses could be asked to display posters about this and/or a survey be carried out to get further evidence of the extent of the problem. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact the Police on the resident’s behalf and also Aberdeenshire Council again, asking if

anything can be done physically to prevent cars parking on the pavement. The Community Safety Partnership is also to be asked for their support with this and a representative of Aberdeenshire Council is to be invited to attend a future KCC meeting.)

(Action: Cllr Smith is to bring it up at the next Area meeting.)

9 MATTERS ARISING

a) Place of origin – the Unpaid Work Team, with the agreement of Infrastructure Services at Aberdeenshire Council, has cleared back the vegetation on the Core Path and will return to do more. The surface of the path still needs to be improved, but the path has been widened. Great progress. Thanks to Alison Sutherland, Garioch Ranger, for her help with this. Pressure still needs to be put on Greenbelt to fulfil the terms of their contract with Aberdeenshire Council.

(Action: F Patrick to contact the artists who designed PoO to see what their views are on how it should develop.)

b) Community Engagement – Aberdeenshire Employability Partnership – there is a Job Club running in the village and also a financial inclusion course is running in Kintore, but it remains difficult to reach those who would perhaps most benefit from these resources. Angie Millett of the Employability Partnership (angie.millett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) can give further information and help. **(Action:** F Patrick is to ask Angie Millett if she wants an information advert placed in the Newsletter.)

c) Climate Action Fund – this is a part of the National Lottery Community Fund and is offering communities the opportunity to ‘take local action on climate change’. **(Action:** S Wainman to put an article in the Newsletter seeking views on this.) It was noted that no reply had been received from AC re KCC’s request for information on electric car chargers in the village. This lack of response from AC can be very frustrating for Community Councils. Managers/Senior officers are to be copied into emailed requests from now on.

d) Crown Estate Scotland Consultation – this document is now live online at www.crownestatescotland.com.

10 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED – J Whittall not present, but a statement has been received and circulated.

11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS –

a) Current planning applications: None requiring KCC response.

b) LDP: Largely positive outcome of the consultative process for Kemnay as many points made during the process seem to have been heeded. The full document is available on the Kemnay website, www.kemnay.info, but some of the recommendations are: the Birley Bush site no longer to be earmarked for housing but for business use, with support for the possible extension of the community garden; priority to be given to the building of bungalows, allotments, cycle routes and a Scout/Guide hut; a recognition of the flood risk to parts of Kemnay and that flood risk assessments will be required for any future development in Kemnay; the current proposed Milton Meadows development is not included in the next plan.

KCC found the Place Standard Tool activity, led by Aisla Anderson from the LDP team, a very useful and helpful exercise in community engagement and felt the discussion it engendered provided valuable information, which could then be fed into the planning process. M Glendinning supported this view as the exercise had also been carried out with some pupils from the Academy, who came up with some very good and practical suggestions.

12 REPORTS –

a) Defibrillators (PADs) - Information received from Karen Stewart re the purchase of replacement pads for the unit at KVH. The British Heart Foundation is taking over the register for defibrillators throughout Scotland and Karen is in the process of transferring the data re the Kemnay defibrillators to the BHF. M Glendinning also reported that BHF, with the support of the Rotary, has been carrying out CPR training with pupils at the Academy.

b) Safety Group - Minutes previously circulated.

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - Meeting cancelled, as was the Community Council Networking Day.

d) Community Planning – Westhill is the Garioch pilot for the Improved Place Plan, so this was the group’s focus.

e) Greener Kemnay – happy with the LDP update. The Birley Bush Open Day went well, even though numbers were down on last year, perhaps due to the poor weather forecast. The Kemnay Youth Voice shed wasn’t ready to be painted as planned during the day, but Dr Bike’s presence was successful, with 5 bikes overhauled on the day, and there were several other stalls, including one from KCC. The public artist, James Winnett, was present and he was a big hit with the children, as was Grace Banks, who ran a felting activity. There were 70 Bees in the Bee Bumble Trail and photos are linked to on the GK page.

Guides, Brownies, Butterfly Nursery, Kemnay Youth Voice, P5/6 Alehousewells have used the site in the last month. The Unpaid Work Team has laid the slabs for the KYV shed.

Litter Pick – a Greener Kemnay member is fronting a Kemnay Litter Pick on Saturday 28th starting from Birley Bush.

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - Updates on the Job Club and financial help sessions.

g) KAPC/KPPC/APPC – *Kemnay Academy* is also taking part in a litter pick after school on 8th October, in collaboration with the Rotary and LLCP, starting from the school. Instead of a traditional S1 parents' evening, there will now be an Open Evening, when classrooms will be open, with displays of work, etc. Eight pupils from the Academy are taking part in an Early Learning course and are doing placements in local nurseries – this is an initiative in response to the increase in demand for nursery assistants following the additional hours entitlement for nursery age children. The Academy has been asked to get involved in planting 4000 purple crocuses at the entrance to the village by the quarry. This is to highlight the Rotary's Working to End Polio campaign. *Kemnay Primary* – has a new Headteacher, Mr David Williams. G Berkin, KCC representative on KPPC, will try to meet with him in order to keep KCC's contact with the school. *Alehousewells* – KCC has no representative at the moment on the Alehousewells Parent Council. The school is to be contacted re this and whether they would be happy to have a KCC member join the APPC. It was noted that the Butterfly Nursery is often engaged in activities out and about around the village, which is good to see. (Action: F Patrick to contact the Headteacher.) h) Press Reports – None

12 **ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS** - Cllr Smith – asking that a member of KCC lay Aberdeenshire Council's wreath in her place at the war memorial this year. (Action: F Patrick to add this as an item to next KCC meeting.) A litterbin has now been set up near the zip wire.

14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- New Admin Support Assistant for Garioch Area Office
- Access to sanitary products
- Information on various Community Councillor training events
- Community Bedding Plants Application
- Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan Consultation
- Budget Engagement
- Service Contacts for Garioch Area

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

15 **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK** - the planning for the Christmas event (Friday, 29th November) is underway, with a group of nine people volunteering to help and the trees promised in the next 2-4 weeks; G Berkin is to donate and lay wreath on behalf of KCC again this year; flooding at Fyfe Park/Victoria Terrace was noted as being very bad after the recent rain – Aberdeenshire Council and SEPA to be informed. (Action: F Patrick to inform AC and SEPA)

Next Meeting: Thursday, 31st October 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/>