



MINTUES FROM GENERAL MEETING Thursday the 27th of September 2018
7.30pm, the Friendship room, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Claire Stewart (Acting Secretary); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair and Planning); Sue Wainman; Fran Patrick, Margaret Basley; Sasha Brydon, David Carlin, Lewis Mackland (Kemnay Academy Representative); Marie Glendinning (DH KA); Cllr H Smith; Cllr S Leslie

Attending: 3 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr V Harper, John Whittall (Treasurer)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** – The chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies as above.
2. **Declaration of interest/Audio Recordings** – Claire Stewart declared interest in planning application and no audio recordings were declared.
3. **Minutes from meeting June 2018** – full minutes to be circulated and proposed
4. **Police Matters** - full report was read out by Chair; it has not been circulated as email address had not been updated. CS has now informed police constable Shaun Fowler of her contact details. It was noted that littering in Bogbeth Park, drugs in the area and anti-social driving is still a major problem and that if anyone spots anything or hears of anything they should contact the police immediately; if incident is occurring now it is 999 if after the fact contact 101. Kemnay Academy are to do more about drug awareness at school, and support and advice how to report such incidents will also go into the newsletter to encourage the public to act.
5. **Kemnay Academy** – Lewis Mackland replaces Sasha Brydon in representing Kemnay Academy and received a warm welcome from the Chair on behalf of the committee. Lewis and Marie Glendinning will action drug education in school and Marie Glendinning will support Lewis in his new role by attending meetings every so often. Lewis reported about the actions that the Academy has made to combat the litter in the school and village through assembly talks on littering and waste management each month. Prefects also patrol the canteen and school areas cleaning up and encouraging pupils to put litter in the bin. The school provide recycling bins throughout and are investigating using bio degradable cutlery and food containers in the canteen to replace the plastic and polystyrene ones currently. Also mentioned was The school is also involved in Scotland's big clean-up which takes place in May. It was also mentioned that the Academy library would like funds to get new media equipment; the Community Council does not have money to invest in the project but did point the librarian in the right direction in order to get help with funding from other sources.
6. **Kemnay resilience** - Irene Ferguson spoke and shared the report from the Resilience group from Kembhill Park and that at their AGM recently they had guest speakers from SEPA, Scottish flood Forum and Aberdeenshire Council and the action that they will take to avoid flooding in specific areas. There is a water monitor and camera installed at Milton Meadows to keep track of the water level and the camera footage can be seen on the Kemnay website. It is highly likely that Kemnay will be declared a PVA by the Scottish Government in December. It was also mentioned that insurance premiums for flood victims was still going up and this is being addressed. Public meeting is to be held in March 2019. Full report will be obtained by Irene in due course.
7. **Public Speak** – Steven McLeod from the Horner spoke on behalf of the residents of the 7 houses along the track adjoining the B994 and B993. He indicated that when the residents need to exit the track and look for clearance on the right-side that it is actually a blind spot and the volume of traffic travelling at speed is a great concern. Although there is a mirror which is effective it does not prevent the problem and therefore the residents have put forward suggestions to the Council and the police for traffic calming measures such as extending the 30 miles zone, a stop sign at the

B994 road, a speed camera or warning flashing speed limit sign. The residents are still waiting for a response from both the Council and police and Cllr Smith said she would look into this and chase it up.

Another member of the public also spoke; George Paterson. He mentioned the ongoing problem with cars parking on the pavements outside the Co-op on Station Road and people parking in the disabled bays along the High Street. Mr Paterson had contacted the police and road engineers for the Council who offered suggestions including putting flower boxes along the pavements. Also mentioned was that there many cars parked all day. All day parking is the preventing general public from short term parking to access the shops and other businesses t and again this needs to be addressed along with the influx of cars due to the gym. It was suggested that the local businesses be contacted and asked if they could encourage their customers to use the car park provided on Aquithie Road and to also help in providing more parking solutions such as extending the dead space at the side of the Co-op on Station Road for a car parking space.

8. Matters arising -

- a) Permanent Secretary – it was asked if anyone would be willing to become the permanent secretary and nobody came forward so Claire agreed to do it for another month despite extending work commitments.
- b) Margret agreed to be a third signature for the treasurer along with Bill and John.
- c) Sasha has had to step down due to increase in college commitments and has passed the defibrillators and PADS training over to Karen Stewart local resident and professionally qualified Nurse. She will now maintain and check the diffibulators and co-ordinate others in the same task and well as train others in first aid.
- d) Christmas lights – Gavin happy to help this year and show someone how to do it for the coming years. Fran has kindly agreed to take this task on and will look into with help from the committee about raising funds to get a permanent Christmas tree. Look into insurance to make sure we are fully covered and look to the choir at Kemnay academy to sing at Christmas lights switch on as a means of raising funds for a tree.

9. Treasurer report – nothing to declare everything up to date no out-going or in-goings presently.

10. Planning matters –

1 Householder – recent request for 2m fence at front of building. Aberdeenshire council has not raised any objections and no contest from neighbours. Need to respond by 10th October.

2 Barn – outline permission to build house on Fetternear Estate. Query regarding access, is the track to be improved?.

[Female councillor – has KCC reviewed applications against policy?

Response – not yet

Male councillor – has a personal interest and will make no response in process]

Any objections need to link to element of planning law, we cannot object if within planning policy. Responses to Gaenor ASAP.

11. Reports

(A)– Local defibrillators (PADS). Role now passed onto Karen Stewart.

(B)–. Garioch & North Marr Safety Group run the Pass plus for new drivers .Westhill C.C have ring fenced £1000 to fund this course. The course includes driving 6 hours on roads including motorways not familiar to the young driver, but content varies with driving instructor. Lewis will report back as he goes through it soon and thought be given on ways of raising money to fund Kemnay young drivers.

(C) – **Garioch Area Community Council Forum** – Margaret & Sue attended.

Presentation on Planning Enforcement

KLLCP – (Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership.) - Disappointing turn out at the Academy event – agreement not to hold again as a standalone event at Academy. – note, other events with a “welfare” component have had similarly poor turnouts so those inhabitants shown as staying in the target zones of SIMD are not being reached.. Health Service partners have seen an increase in workload from Kemnay

(D) – **Greener Kemnay – Birley Bush Community Garden Open Day** – 170 members of the public on site during 3 hours most stayed and participated in activities and socialising.. It was very enjoyable volunteer event. Soon the Academy

will hold their first class on site and in October the Library Service will have an outdoor book bug session. Greener Kemnay AGM 10th November along with the Pop Up Movie Night.

Aberdeenshire Community Council Network Day Woodhill House – Margaret & Sue attended, with only 38 other CCllrs. Presentations on the Waste Strategy and Sustainability within the Council, and also workshop/question sessions on housing estate planning from a Roads and Transportation perspective and also road safety measures.

12. Councillors news. Awareness of people trafficking has cropped up with Aberdeenshire council and Police Scotland, remain vigilant. Point of Origin maintenance of paths and shrubs has been signed off. Car park potholes not addressed as yet.
13. Correspondence. By e-mail, snow clearance put on v-vest and shuffles to clear paths. No manual resources to deal with paths in street. Volunteers required to help, grit boxes more accessible. November newsletter will have notice asking for help.
14. CCllrs opportunity to speak. Gaenor will donate a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Dog has been dealt with. Anti-social drinking report to Police Scotland. Burns Night no longer held in village – was Community Association then taken on by SWRI which has now disbanded.

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