

**MINUTES OF MEETING**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

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

**Attending:** 4 members of the public; Irene Ferguson (Milton Meadows Resilient Community Group); Cllr Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr Leslie

- 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate. Proposed by J Whittall and seconded by S Wainman.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS** – No representative from the police attended, but a report had been received prior to the meeting. (**Action:** F Patrick to add the Aberdeenshire Councillors to the circulation list for the Police Report.)
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** – M Glendinning reported on an outreach session with Aberdeenshire Council Planning Department. Maps of Kemnay were brought in and discussed with S3 Geography classes who were then asked for their suggestions. Pupils came up with a few key ideas – eg. where all weather pitches might be located; the installation of timed floodlights. The pupils were very engaged with this and the academy is going to carry out a similar exercise for Kintore and Blackburn. Kemnay Academy is also part of an Aberdeenshire Council pilot looking at how academies recycle, reduce and re-use and where this fits in with job remits at the school. It is hoped that the scheme will eventually be rolled out across the shire. There is a pupils’ conference proposed for the 10<sup>th</sup> June when about 50 pupils will be hosted at Kemnay Church Centre, catered by the Loaves and Fishes, looking at the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.  
L Mackland added that quite a lot of work is going on with pupils’ voice – ie. finding out and feeding back pupils’ opinions on issues such as improving the match-up with health and well-being policies and the menus provided by the canteen, hoping to introduce new menus with different options.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS** – Steve Young, Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Kemnay Scouts: The current Scout Hut is very old and is no longer fit for purpose. The Scouts Association does own the land the hut is on, but over the years the surrounding area has been developed and this has restricted access and the ability to do outdoor activities. The Executive Committee has researched what sort of location is needed – ie. one that is within safe walking distance, well-lit with services close by and with an area where outdoor activities can be done. Several locations around the village have been considered, including a site at Bogbeth Park, which was ultimately dismissed as the park gets very busy, especially in the summer. Consequently, the area of ground next to the BT exchange has been identified as the most suitable. At the moment this area does not have planning permission and is designated a P3 site on the Local Development Plan (‘an amenity contributing to the green network’), but the hut would be a facility used by many groups in the village including the Beavers, Scouts, Kemnay Rifle Club - a long time, valued tenant of the Scout Hut - and, very possibly, the Guides. The hut would also be made available to other local groups looking for a more robust indoor space, perhaps for sports, etc. The Scouts are asking KCC for advice and support in their search for new premises.  
It was suggested that Aberdeenshire Council planning policies be carefully consulted to see if the location proposed could, in fact, be used for this purpose, perhaps by considering how the development could contribute in some way to the ‘green amenity’ (**Action:** G Berkin to liaise with Steve Young re planning policies.)  
Cllr Smith advised contacting the area officer at Aberdeenshire Council who would be able to give them guidance and who would put them in touch with key people. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to give Steve Young details of who best to contact at AC and undertook also to bring this up at an Area meeting.)  
KCC agreed to support this initiative in any way it can.

**7 KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – Irene Ferguson from MM-RCG was present and reported back on the Inverurie and Port Elphinstone Flood Consultation, which two representatives from the group attended. It was an excellent opportunity to see how a flood study worked. Representatives from both Kemnay flood resilience groups attended a SEPA workshop where the new SEPA Flood Forecasting System was discussed. As Kemnay is now a PVA (Potential Vulnerable Area), discussions are ongoing between AC and SEPA on priorities for work and levels of risk as denoted on NFRA maps, on which Kembhill Park is noted as at medium risk and Milton Meadows at high risk. The groups have requested further information on this. NFRA maps are now available on the SEPA website (<https://www.sepa.org.uk/data-visualisation/nfra2018/>) (**Action:** I Ferguson to send information to F Patrick for circulation to KCC.) There have also been discussions with Cllr Leslie re promoting the situation in Kemnay at Aberdeenshire Council (Cllr Smith stated that her involvement is restricted due to her membership of Kembhill Park Flood Group); K Ledingham of KPFG is to meet with Cllr Leslie next week.

An update was also given by I Ferguson on the pollution of the River Don: two new booms are now in position at the burn and the bridge, which filter out the oil; the AC camera surveys are ongoing. People are strongly encouraged to report any pollution to SEPA – the more individuals who report an issue, the greater priority SEPA will give it. (<https://www.sepa.org.uk/contact/>)

**8 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – None.

**9 MATTERS ARISING**

a) Community Participation Request Workshop – S Wainman and F Patrick to attend this.

b) Statutory Consultation: Proposed Off-Street Parking Order 2019 – No objection voiced to the proposed changes. It was felt that the new car parking charges was a case of swings and roundabouts, with some people gaining a little and some losing out a little. Current free parking areas would still be available.

c) Annual CC Networking Event & forthcoming Garioch CC Forum meetings – ‘Developer contribution’ was considered a topic that could usefully be discussed at both forums. However, all KCC members were asked to continue considering what else might be relevant topics for discussion and to bring these suggestions to next month’s KCC meeting. (**Action:** KC councillors to think of other possible topics for both these CC forums.)

d) Inverurie and surrounding area Transport Project – this is an open invitation to a focus group being held on 8<sup>th</sup> March. (**Action:** F Patrick to find out the venue for this event and circulate to KCC members.)

**10 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED** – It was proposed that the Treasurer’s Report be published quarterly rather than monthly and this was agreed unanimously. The end of the financial year is now the end of March and the accounts have to be independently audited before the AGM in June. Consequently, any outstanding expenses need to be sent to the Treasurer before the end of March. (**Action:** J Whittall to arrange the independent auditing of the accounts.)

An e-mail has been received from Zurich, the insurance underwriters, re payment of the premium. However, Aberdeenshire Council has since confirmed that it is still responsible for the payment of the premium. However, when the renewal comes through, KCC will need to check that the cover is adequate.

**11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS** – After some discussion, it was agreed that KCC would not object to either of the two planning applications (Alma Cottage, Paradise Road and a house at Dalmadilly) before it this month.

**12 REPORTS –**

a) Defibrillators (PADs) - No report available.

b) Safety Group - Minutes have been circulated

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - No meeting held.

d) Community Planning – No meeting held, but the group has been asked to consider applications for funding for two projects, one of which is for Kemnay.

e) Greener Kemnay – A variety of seed potatoes has arrived from One Seed Forward, a community growing initiative based in Aberdeen. Thanks to the generous monthly contribution from a monthly payroll donor, GK can plan for events, etc. This is a very helpful – and tax effective - way to give a donation and GK is very grateful for this support.

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

g) Press Reports – None.

**13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS** - Cllr Smith – Community Councils are encouraged to apply to the Garioch Area top-up grant fund, which will match funds raised by a group for a community project; official feedback is requested on the proposed cycle rack in the car park opposite the village hall, for which KCC has previously stated its support. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to send details to F Patrick.) The poor state of the Place of Origin car park has been reported and Cllr Smith is awaiting an update; KCC's Secretary now has a copy of the Greenbelt lease agreement. The zip-wire on Bremner Way has been replaced with new equipment and reports of poor disability access on Kendal Road are being looked into. The suggestion that permanent trees could be planted at either end of the village and then decorated for Christmas was raised at a recent ward meeting.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Update requested re membership status of Kemnay Community Councillors
- Scottish Flood Forum Community Event on 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Reminder re end of financial year
- Rural Network News
- Clarification re Zurich Insurance

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

**15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK** - Garden waste collection will be every Saturday, starting from 4<sup>th</sup> April, but the location of the collection lorry is still to be finalised; Aberdeenshire Council landscaping department has been contacted about the possibility of making the village's Christmas display more sustainable and an application for related funds has been made to Community Planning; David Evans has been scanning and archiving all the KCC minutes from the very first meeting – this promises to be a valuable and informative resource; W Blackwood will be unable to attend next month's meeting due to a family bereavement, G Berkin to chair in his place.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 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/>