

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

**Present:** Bill Blackwood (Chair); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair), Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Sue Wainman; Margaret Basley; Lee Aitken; David Carlin ; Marie Glendinning; Richard Lamplugh

**Apologies:** Claire Stewart; William Irvine; Suzanne Bunton; Cllr H Smith

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES** - The Chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies as above.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS** - None

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019** - Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by J Whittall, seconded by S Wainman.

**4 POLICE MATTERS** – Police Report for October was received and circulated. Query that recent paint incident outside McColls does not seem to appear on report.

**5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** – No pupil rep present, but report given by M Glendinning: Litter continues to be an issue, M Glendinning has been to see David Hawson at Monymusk and has attended Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) to try to get more community involvement as litter would seem to be a wider issue in the village, with fly tipping and dog mess, etc. A Kemnay Community Action Plan has been proposed. In Monymusk, there is an annual litter pick and residents are encouraged to ‘adopt’ a street/area to keep litter free. A communication is to be sent out to everyone across the community who has expressed an interest. However, no-one is willing to lead the initiative. (**Action:** M Glendinning to send round communication.)

The academy is involved in a couple of Christmas events – the forthcoming KCC-led community Christmas event, and carols at the school on 18<sup>th</sup> December and at Littlewood Court.

VE Day – LLCP does not appear to be planning anything for this, apart from the primary schools who will be looking at this part of the war. Materials used in the primaries have been passed on to the academy and G Berkin is also hoping to work with with the academy on this. The academy is keen is keen to collaborate in any way.

The Movie Nights group based in the Village Hall may well be organising something – the showing of a wartime film, for example, and afternoon tea. (**Action:** M Basley to liaise with J Newberry and M Glendinning.)

**6 KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – There has been a communication from Milton Meadows-Resilient Community Group (MM-RCG) re the pollution of Milton Burn. It seems it is not coming from the leaking heating oil tank at Littlewood Court and the SEPA investigation has now halted. However, any further instances of pollution should be reported – the greater the number of reports, the more likely it is that action will be taken. MM-RCG asks for KCC support with this issue. (**Action:** F Patrick to write to Aberdeenshire councillors about this, asking them to give SEPA a ‘nudge’.)

A trial run of the water barrier at Kembhill Park has taken place and a few problems ironed out – eg where to drain pumped out water. It was noted that it does seem to take quite a team of people and a lot of equipment to deploy the barrier. It was also noted that the proposed flood defences for Inch and Inverurie have passed planning and will now go ahead. Kemnay’s turn should come in the next round of flood defence spending.

**7 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – none.

**8 MATTERS ARISING:**

a) **Transport review** – Everyone was urged to look at this and complete it as it could have far-reaching consequences for rural transport. An issue was reported with an inappropriate bus being used on the 5.15pm Aberdeen-Kemnay route. Small buses are often used, contrary to the contract this supported service has with Aberdeenshire Council and this can lead to overcrowding, a situation exacerbated on one trip recently by the fact the driver would not allow anybody to get off at pick-up only stops in the city.

It was noted that Kemnay is one of only two communities to still have their own community bus, and that it is becoming more difficult to book it.

b) **Birley Bush update** – None

c) **Place of Origin** – The views of John Maine, one of the artists, have been sought and additional research has been carried out into the history of the site and the original design and also the intentions with regard to its upkeep. This information is now being pulled together. (**Action:** S.Wainman & F Patrick to continue their collaboration on this and to write to Aberdeenshire Council and the Greenbelt Company informing them of the Artist's vision.)

d) **Parking Issues** – It was thought there had been some improvement, but that seems just to have been a brief respite. The ice-cream sign on the pavement is also causing an obstruction. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact the Gym and Café 83.)

e) **National Lottery Community Fund** – A meeting is to be held with Lorna Forsyth, CLD, Aberdeenshire Council, about this. Ideas suggested include a community solar farm or wind turbine, grants for putting solar panels on all houses in Kemnay, a free check on double glazing to see that it is efficient with grants to replace, if necessary. The application process will take a lot of energy and commitment. (**Action:** S Wainman to meet with L Forsyth.)

f) **Christmas Event** – It's been a little stressful, but the organising committee seems to have everything in place. The tree from Aberdeenshire Council was finally planted on Wednesday, leaving only Thursday to get the lights on (thanks to Doug Patrick for doing this). There have also been a few issues with the Council's requirements re the street decorations and the walk down to the Green. The KCC Christmas fund has been much reduced by the outlay for this event and the repair bill for our current street decorations. Although many of the purchases are one-off and will be used again in the future, the fund will need to be built up again. SSE grants were mentioned as one possible source of funding.

**9 TREASURER REPORT** – All bills thus far for the Christmas event have been paid, as has the additional insurance premium for the Christmas event. Replacement defibrillator pads have been purchased. The annual cost of KCC's data protection will be paid by direct debit in January.

#### **10 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –**

a) **Current planning applications** - 3 applications submitted - Ref. No: APP/2019/2370; Ref. No: APP/2019/2462; Ref. No: APP/2019/250. No comment was submitted on any of them.

b) **Local Development Plan** – No further update.

#### **11 REPORTS**

a) **Public Access Defibrillators (PADs)** - New pads have been purchased and are to be delivered directly to K Stewart. It was noted that the unit outside the Village Hall has a 'Police Notice' on it – the box has evidently been opened, but the alarm is evidently still not working. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact K Stewart about this and also to ask for updated monthly reports showing that all units have been checked.)

b) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – New KCC representative needed for this group now that the meetings are to be held on a Friday, 10am-12pm. (**Action:** This will be put on January's agenda.)

c) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – Meeting date changed. The police will be there to talk about speeding. (**Action:** M Basley is to attend on behalf of KCC.)

d) **Community Planning** – No update.

e) **Greener Kemnay** – Open Day at Birley Bush Community Garden is now likely to be in May rather than September. This is to encourage people to plant things for the summer.

f) **Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP)** - Litter (See also Item 5): the car parks at Dalmadilly Ponds are also suffering from litter being thrown out of cars. Also discussed was the cost of the school day for a family and there is going to be some awareness-raising work done on this. There was also a conversation on 'family learning' – ie learning together as a family, but also targeting learning at family members who maybe need help with literacy and numeracy. Greener Kemnay is looking at some sort of outdoor learning experience. A sub-group has been formed to discuss having a 'volunteer award' as another village community event.

g) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** - **KAPC:** Meeting next Tuesday. Discussion on the school roll and how Kemnay Academy will be impacted by the fact that Kinellar P7 pupils will get the option to go to Inverurie Academy. **KPPC:** meeting next Wednesday.

**h) Press Reports** – Two scouts from Kemnay have been chosen to represent Scotland to recreate Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic. They have to raise a substantial sum of money before they go.

**12 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS** – No AC Councillors present.

### **13 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- 'Clean sheet' review of local bus and dial-a-bus services, deadline 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Press released re New recycling and waste leaflet
- VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

### **14 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK**

RL has sent a note to Google to have the Village Green named on its maps and asked for any other places in Kemnay that could be named – Birley Bush Community Garden; Dalmadilly Ponds were suggested.

SW attended the Homely Setting Focus Group because of the lack of inclusion of the points KCC raised in relation to the social housing application for Aquithie Road. When that proposed development was presented to KCC, many suggestions were given re accessibility, energy efficiency, etc

LA noted that the Bonfire Night was a very good display and was well attended and well received. Also, the flu jab campaign run by Kemnay Medical Centre was very well organised and efficiently run.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall**