

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 29th November 2018, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood(Chair); Fran Patrick(Secretary); John Whittall(Treasurer); Margaret Basley; Sue Wainman; David Carlin**Attending:** 3 members of the public**Apologies:** Gaenor Berkin; Claire Stewart; Cllr Harper

- 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 25th October 2018** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by S Wainman and seconded by J Whittall
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS** – No report had been received prior to the meeting, but PC Middleton attended and undertook to see that the report was circulated to KCC. There are still a few instances of anti-social behaviour in the village, with Bogbeth Road continuing to cause issues. The deployment of a CCTV van has been discussed in relation to this. Police Scotland is to publicise winter advice in local newspapers. Parking issues continue to be causing concern, particularly on Station Road and High Street where people ignore the time limits, misuse disabled parking bays and are still obstructing the pavement. Business owners have been made aware of concerns, car drivers have been spoken to and tickets have been issued but, until new law is confirmed, there is little the police can do about cars parking on pavement at the moment. And Aberdeenshire Council is unable to do anything about this until parking is de-criminalised, although any abuse of the disabled parking permit scheme should be reported to the council. A suggestion came from a member of the public present that maybe flower boxes could be placed on the pavement to prevent obstructive parking, but this would need to be put to Aberdeenshire Council. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to find out about the viability of this proposal.) Concerns were also voiced about a dangerous dog in the village. The Dog Warden as well as the police should be informed of any concerns. There was a query about the ‘Bobbies on Bikes’ initiative - Inspector Darren Bruce is the contact for this scheme. PC Middleton is to retire in March, but his role is to be maintained and will be taken on by PC James Stewart
A suggestion has been received by KCC from a Kemnay resident that perhaps a pedestrian walkway could be marked out on Paradise Road. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was probably unworkable.
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** - No representative present at the meeting.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS** - None
- 7 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – KCC resilience equipment has now been checked and useful emergency information is now appearing in the Newsletter, to which will be added links to the Aberdeenshire Council Winter Readiness webpage contained in AC’s Winter Roads Briefing Note (<https://bit.ly/2pbBvli>). (**Action:** F Patrick)
Kemnay Village Hall is now on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Community Asset Register as a designated place of safety.
Ken Ledingham addressed KCC, representing MMFG and KPFG: He described the recent trial of the water barrier carried out by the contractors, Briggs, which went very well. The barrier seems effective and the pumps, which would be used in the event of a failure of the barrier, were powerful and would quickly move a lot of water. Several householders have agreed to allow the hoses to go through their gardens, which reduces the distance for the pumps. Pictures and information on the trial can be viewed on www.kpfg.org.uk . There has also been a run through of the Milton Meadows resilience plan, with one of their pumps also tried out at various locations. KPFG will be trying out their own pump on Saturday, 1st December.
Concern has been expressed by some residents on Bremner Way that potential flooding issues affecting their houses are not being addressed. Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted several times and the deployment of a further barrier has been suggested, but there may be an unwillingness to act until Kemnay is designated a Potentially Vulnerable Area (PVA) by SEPA.
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – A representative from the residents at the Horner asked for an update on his enquiry with regard to improved safety measures at the Horner junction with the B 994. Cllr Smith was able to tell him that the

Strategy Manager at AC has been contacted, who has in turn contacted the Road Safety Team. A full investigation is to take place and Cllr Smith undertook to keep the residents and KCC informed of the outcome. **(Action: Cllr Smith)**

9 MATTERS ARISING

a) Role of KCC secretary – F Patrick is to take over the role as Secretary.

b) Data Sharing & Protection - As a result of the new requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation, the Garioch Area Committee Office requires a form to be completed by KCC office bearers. **(Action: F Patrick will send to GAC)**

c) Christmas Lights – The tree is now up (invoice for tree and installation passed to J Whittall). The lights are on the tree but won't be switched on until 1st December. The bed opposite the war memorial will be planted up and the new illuminated star (invoice passed on to J Whittall) installed the weekend of 1st -2nd December. The motifs will be installed sometime after 1st December – thanks to Gavin Adam for undertaking to do this again this year. A donation to the Christmas Lights Fund has been received from Mrs G A Adam and a thank you letter has been sent to acknowledge this generous contribution to the fund. There was some discussion about forward planning for future Christmas displays. It was suggested that small trees could be planted in each of the beds which could then have lights attached for Christmas – rowan trees, for example. **(Action: Cllr Smith is to pursue this idea with relevant officers at Aberdeenshire Council.)**

d) Community Councils Participation Request—This request for support from Kincardine and Mearns Community Councils Forum on their push for CCs to be more involved in AC spending was discussed but it was felt more information was needed before any decision could be made. This seems to be similar to the Scottish Govt initiative Democracy Matters, as outlined at a recent meeting organised by the Garioch Partnership and attended by B Blackwood and S Wainman. This item is to be deferred to next KCC meeting. **(Action: F Patrick to contact the Mearns and Kincardine Community Councils.)**

10 **TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED** - Internet banking is now up and running; KCC Secretary expenses payments can now be sorted out; the recent donation to the Christmas Lights Fund will be added to the accounts; data protection fee should be collected by direct debit. **(Action: J Whittall)**

11 **PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS** – No issues with recent planning applications.

Main Issues Report (MIR) re Local Development Plan: Details and issues relevant to Kemnay have been posted on the Kemnay website. The consultation period runs from 14th January – 12th April 2019 and this will be on the agenda of next KCC meeting. **(Action: F Patrick will add item to agenda.)**

There was some discussion of the potential change to the Kemnay-Inverurie road lay-out should the Crichton housing development go ahead fully. KCC to monitor the progress of this development and how it might affect Kemnay. **(Action: G Berkin to monitor.)**

12 REPORTS –

a) Defibrillators (PADs) - No report received prior to meeting, but the training equipment has been dropped off at Kemnay Village Hall. This equipment will now form part of Kemnay resilience resources.

b) Safety Group - Minutes have been circulated. The Safe Drive, Stay Alive campaign was seen as worthwhile, but some coucillors felt it could perhaps be even harder hitting.

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - No meeting held, but there was a Garioch & Formartine CCs joint meeting on the Strategic Development plan.

d) Community Planning – Community Safety update from Community Safety Officer – working on water safety.

Garioch Diversionary Project whereby the police are aiming to divert youngsters from being a nuisance to the community.

Discussion re the possible amalgamation of LLCP/Girfec/Early Years meetings. The new meetings would group topics to encourage discussions over the age groups. There is now a Garioch Community Planning FaceBook page.

e) Greener Kemnay – Birley Bush site wet, both from rain and with run off from Birley Bush lane. Seeds can be bought at a discount from Dobbies and then sold on – the idea is to encourage growing and sharing plants. **(Action: S Wainman to publicise this.)** GK is to hold the title to the Historic Arts Fund and can decide how it is to be spent. A meeting is to be held on 10th December to decide what type of community art project could be undertaken.

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - Last meeting on priorities was in Kintore School.

g) Press Reports –mention made of problem with Kintore's Christmas lights which are apparently too heavy for the lamp-posts. **(Action: F Patrick to check that Kemnay's motifs are within the 10kg weight limit.)**

13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS - Cllr Smith – The new Post Office is to be located in McColls on Aquithie Road; a large tree is to be felled on Bremner Way for safety reasons as it is prone to dropping branches; Aberdeenshire Council is looking at the distribution and availability of grit bins, no specific requests have been received by KCC but Cllr Smith is keen to know of any issues (grit bins can be requested via AC website <https://bit.ly/2QuL3ol>); concerns re the junction at the Horner are being investigated. Cllr Smith will look into issues which may still remain unresolved re the upkeep of Place of Origin. **(Action: Cllr Smith)** Residents are strongly encouraged to report issues with blocked drains or flooding to Aberdeenshire Council via the 'Report It' facility on the AC website.

Good to note that the wall on Victoria terrace has now been repaired.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

-Information on consultation procedure re local Development Plan 2021, Main Issues Report

-Request that Community Council Contact Details Form be completed and returned

-Winter Roads Briefing Note

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

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK - Query re Zurich Insurance and how payment is made. The renewal is due on 17th January and should be paid directly by Aberdeenshire Council, which takes the money from each Community Council's annual award. **(Action: J Whittall to check that this is the case.)** The flashing 30MPH sign at the Victoria terrace entrance to the village only seems to work intermittently. **(Action: Cllr Smith to find out if there is a problem with it and if it is due to be upgraded.)** A 'well done' to Aberdeenshire Council for the speedy repair of a lamp-post. The former toilet block in the car park has now been sold and is being advertised as a storage unit. Query about potential loss of car parking space, which would be a real loss to the community as parking space is at a premium in the village. **(Action: Cllr Smith to find out what the situation is with regard to this change of use.)**

Next Meeting: Thursday, 31st January November 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/>