

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
30th March 2017, 7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall

**Present:** Hazel Smith (Chairperson); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer); Bill Blackwood (Vice Chair); Margaret Basley; Bob Ingram; Sue Wainman; Kate Rigby; Fran Patrick; David Evans; John Whittall; Gaenor Berkin; Alex Rayne; Cllr Sheena Lonchay

**Apologies:** Cllr P Oddie, Cllr A Grant; Vaila Spencer; Sasha Brydon; Gavin Adam

**Attending:** 3 Members of the public

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed those attending and apologies were given as above.

**2 MINUTES OF AGM 31 MARCH 2016**

Adopted as proposed by Margaret and seconded by Bob

**3 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

The Chair previously circulated a summary the work of the Council over the past year and read out the (following) report for the benefit of members of the public.

Adopted as proposed by Janet and seconded by Margaret

**4 TREASURER REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Financial Statement was previously received from the Treasurer and circulated.

Adopted as proposed by Kate and seconded by Sue

There were no Questions.

**5 AOCB**

Cllr Lonchay advised that CCs will be contacted with any amendments to the SoE after further AC discussion.

**Date of Next AGM: 29th March 2018**

(Or due notice given to the Public for 28 June 2018 depending on finalisation of Draft SoE with all future CC AGM dates of June proposed when the date of the Accounts audit would also have to be changed)

Next General Meeting immediately following this meeting.

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## **Chairperson's Report**

This year has been busier than in the past for all members of the Community Council. The unprecedented weather conditions of January 2016 that caused havoc in certain areas of Kemnay has generated this considerable additional activity.

The workload has been eased somewhat by the welcomed new members to community council who not only bring our Council numbers to its full complement, but also creates a good mix of skills and experience.

The flood water in January resulted in ongoing communication and correspondence to Aberdeenshire Council, and other outside agencies, such as Sepa and Scottish Water, in our attempt to gain comfort and ensure that all were aware of the problems that arose and were discharging their responsibilities. David Evans took the lead, and it was greatly appreciated, as his local knowledge of the drains and watercourses in the affected areas were invaluable. The outcome thus far has not been satisfactory, and very frustrating at times with the Council not meeting its own targets with their replies. Until a full risk assessment of the river is conducted, this whole matter will create anxiety within Kemnay for some considerable time, although some reassurance has been forthcoming with temporary solutions by the riverside. But it is still a huge disappointment that the very popular riverside path remains unrepaired.

Two new sub-committees have been formed with members taking on extra responsibilities. The first has a direct link to our 'flood night'. A Community Resilience Plan has been developed to accommodate any eventuality. Irene Ferguson, new member and secretary of the community council, has compiled an impressive document that has been formally adopted, grants applied for and received, and equipment is in the process of being purchased, by Fran Patrick, the sub-group co-ordinator. This has been a piece of work that has taken Irene several months to complete, and she has to be applauded not just by us but by Kemnay as a whole for her efforts.

The second sub-committee is equally impressive with its achievements, and deserving of the same praise. The need for Defibrillators at various points in and around the boundary of Kemnay was identified. Robert Ingram and Gaenor Berkin, took on the mammoth task of fundraising for what at the time seemed an unachievable sum of money. Not just relying on available grants, they have involved the whole community to reach their goal. But this project has not just been about the finances, but identifying suitable locations, permissions, and the key element of training in first aid. Ongoing maintenance means both these sub-committees will be long term projects, and will make Kemnay a safer place to live in.

Guest speakers were invited to our meetings to assist both these sub-groups, and their advice has proved invaluable.

Changes continue to happen in Kemnay, and as usual the most time consuming is Development. David Evans has spent considerable time composing justifiable objections to planning applications for townhouses at Bennachie Lodge and the caravan pitches at Quarry Wood, as well as passing on complaints and offering advice for matters received via the Kemnay website that he also maintains.

Again the Bogbeth area is causing upset with the unreasonable behaviours of lorry drivers, lighting and late night working, making life difficult for residents in the area. But it's not all doom and gloom there has been some success, with Barratt agreeing to the Bogbeth Road widening and footpath provision, as well as the extended footpath to the proposed 3 house development at Milton Farm. Other new paths and parking area have been completed within Kemnay, but unfortunately the development of allotments and a suitable site for local composting is still much awaited.

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Our Christmas lights continue to bring cheer, with more lights appearing each winter. From the generosity of landowners for the trees and donations and fundraising efforts from businesses and individuals, demonstrate how much people appreciate the efforts of Gavin Adam and his small team of volunteers.

All these activities have of course an impact on the KCC bank account, and Janet Newberry has seen her workload increase this last year.

The Police have now found an acceptable means to report local crime to our meetings as we accept their presence is not always possible. However, there have been a number of serious incidents over this last year that have required their personal attendance at meetings for full verbal reports so we can assist in making residents aware of the problems and outcomes of investigations.

Sasha Brydon, our student representative has been a valuable link to the Academy passing on the public's concerns on a range of matters including litter and bus waiting, and in turn keeping us apprised of school activities.

I extend my sincere thanks to all.

Members of the public are of course welcome to our community council meetings, and feedback from individuals who have attended is that they feel welcome and listened to. We have heard a variety of complaints ranging from the usual dog fouling (that we considered spray painting bright pink), blocked drains, unusual tree pruning and irresponsible parking to name a few.

Through all this year's activities our elected member Cllr Sheena Lonchay has made very regular attendance which is appreciated, single handily supporting us in the absence of her colleagues.

On a lighter note and looking forward KCC are in the process of developing its own official letterhead logo, a matter that has been considered many times, and now appears to be near fruition.

I will finish my report by extending a special thank you to each member, for your regular attendance, for presenting reports on your extra responsibilities and representing KCC on outside bodies. I extend my sincere thanks to Bill, who conducted a number of meetings in my absence as it was very much appreciated.

Hazel Smith

Chairperson 2017

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**Kemnay Community Council      01.03.16 to 28.02.17**

		General	Christmas Lights	Defibrillators	Community Resilience	Total
<b>Expenditure</b>						
02-03-16	D Evans re Web Expenses	86.25				
19-03-16 Nov	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
04-04-16 Mch	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
09-05-16 Apr	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-06-16	Photocopying re Community Council nominations	15.50				
13-06-16 May	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-07-16 June	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-07-16	Defibrillator group			1000.00		
01-07-16	Defibrillator group			250.00		
04-07-16 Sept	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
01-11-17 Oct	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
13-11-17	D Evans re Web Expenses	86.25				
30-11-17 Nov	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
30-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
06-01-17	Data protection Insurance	35.00				
31-01-17 Jan	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
31-01-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
24-02-17 Feb	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
24-02-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>748.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1998.00</b>

<b>Income</b>						
23-03-16	Donation re defibs			1000.00		
22-04-16	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	911.63				
26-05-16	D Downie donation for defibrillators			250.00		
19-01-17	G&NM Safety Group re CR				1000.00	
08-02-17	Breedon re Website sponsorship	150.00				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1061.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>3311.63</b>

**Balance Sheet**

Income	1061.63	0.00	1250.00	1000.00	3311.63
less expenditure	748.00	0.00	1250.00	0.00	1998.00
<b>Current Year</b>	<b>313.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1313.63</b>
Balance Carried Forward	2490.15	2805.58	0.00	0.00	5295.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>2803.78</b>	<b>2805.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>6609.36</b>

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance of Bank Account as at 28.02.17	3,886.86
Plus Reversal Payment Due	2,750.00
Less Amended Rental Payment	-27.50
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>6,609.36</b>

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2016 to 28/02/2017

Janet Newberry  Treasurer

Examined and found to be correct from Books and Vouchers supplied to me

Ian T Rigby  Hon. Auditor