

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
26th March 2015

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chair), David Evans, Douglas Laing, Vaila Spencer, Margaret Basley, Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Bill Blackwood, Janet Newberry, Gavin Adam, Gaenor Berkin, Rob Mackay, Hazel Smith, Graeme Wood, Cllr. Patricia Oddie, Cllr. Sheena Lonchay

Apologies: Cllr. A. Grant, Kate Rigby, John Hern

In Attendance: Elizabeth Milne, Moira Gerrard

1. Minutes of last A.G.M. Meeting

These are not available due to the extreme circumstances of Mrs M. Christie's death. Dr Simpson suggested that in the event the Minutes are located then these will be presented at the next Ordinary meeting of the Community Council. This suggestion was accepted by the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

Dr Simpson presented her report that summarised the work of the Council over the past year. There were no questions.

3. Financial Statement

Janet Newberry, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement. She indicated there was one mistake in the statement but was confident that the bottom line figures were correct. There was a question about the level of assets held by the Council; it was pointed out that the annual cost of erecting the Christmas lights was 2,000 gbp. and the cost of the domain name is 100 gbp. per year. Janet Newberry stated she expected the level of grant from Aberdeenshire Council to be at least the same level as the previous year.

On the basis that the Treasurer is going to correct the error the Financial Statement was approved:

Proposed: Bob Ingram

Seconder: Vaila Spencer

4. Any Other Competent Business:

- i) Gavin Adam was appointed as Chair of the Christmas Lights group. Proposed by Sheila Simpson, Seconded by David Evans.
- ii) C.L.D. Representative is Kate Rigby – she is to be asked if she wishes to continue.
- iii) Safety & Environmental issues – Bob Ingram indicated his willingness to continue in that role.
- iv) Garioch Area Community Council Forum – Sheila Simpson indicated her willingness to continue in that role.
- v) Press Liaison – with the retirement of John Hern, Rob Mackay volunteered to take on that role.
- vi) Chair – Sheila Simpson indicated she is willing to continue in this role for one more year and then she will step down.
- vii) Vice-Chair – Bill Blackwood indicated he is willing to continue in this role.

Date of Next Meeting

31st March 2016

Minute of Meeting of Kemnay Community Council

held on Thursday, 31 March, 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Hazel Smith (Chair); David Evans; Margaret Basley; Kate Rigby; Bob Ingram; Bill Blackwood; Janet Newberry; Sasha Bryden; Gaenor Berkin; Sue Wainman

Attending: Alison Cumming, Aberdeenshire Council; Councillor Alison Grant; Councillor Sheena Lonchay

Members of Public attending: Hamish Simpson; Susan MacLean;

1. Welcome

The newly appointed Chair welcomed those present and asked Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of those members of the public present

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gavin Adam and Councillor Patricia Oddie.

3. Police Matters

It was noted that apologies had been received from Police Scotland who were not in a position to be represented at the meeting but that members had been circulated with a written report.

4. Kemnay Academy Pupil Report

Sasha Bryden advised that there had been several staffing changes at the Academy and after the Easter break there will be a total of 7 changes. On discussion with the Head Teacher, there has been agreement that CPR training will be extended to all pupils. There is currently a litter pick being organised involving school pupils. Hazel Smith asked that Sasha raise with the school's management team, the issue around school buses running their engines while they wait at the school at the end of the school day. Sasha agreed to raise this and make the suggestion that engines be turned off while they are waiting for pupils to board. Sue agreed to provide information on Kemnay Futures for Sasha to take to the Academy.

5. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak

Saville Gunn of Craigearn, Leschangie and Monymusk Pylon Action Group made a short presentation, currently being consulted upon, to run a 50 m high pylon route from Blackhillock to Kintor as part of the Beauly to Deny powerline upgrade. He asked that the Community Council support this Group by writing to SSE in order to seek clarification on:

Need; Why was the corridor expanded; and Decision making.

It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council would write accordingly.

Bill Henderson of Leschangie advised that the pylons, if they go ahead, will pass between Kemnay and Castle Fraser and could have a detrimental effect on any walkway being developed in this area.

Hamish Simpson of Stuart Crescent asked if a minute had been produced of the meeting held by the Garioch Area Manager regarding the flooding. Councillor Lonchay advised that Doug Milne had now drawn up an Action Plan which has been agreed by the Garioch Area Committee. No further progress has been made to date with regard to an Aberdeenshire wide Action Plan. Councillor Lonchay referred Mr. Simpson to the Council's website for access to the Garioch Action Plan.

Susan McLean advised that SEPA had advised that Kembhill Park was now considered a high risk area with regard to flooding.

6. Minute of Meeting of 25 February, 2016

The Minute was taken as a true record of proceedings, proposed by Janet Newberry and seconded by Margaret Basely.

7. Matters Arising

- (a) Kemnay Floods** – It was noted that Flood Support will be offered at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings throughout April. Hazel Smith asked those Councillors present if Community Service could be utilised to clear debris from the grass areas along the river pathways so that the grass can be cut by lawn mower. Hazel had been advised by a Council employee that a community group had been given funds to carry out this work. Susan Wainman said that Greener Kemnay had not been given funds for the riverside path. Councillor Lonchay agreed to contact officers to try to take this forward.

- (b) **Car Park Fetternear Estate** – It was noted that work has been started with funding of £3,000 being given to the Estate towards the work. The whole site has now been levelled and hardcore laid. The Estate is looking for further top up funding to complete the work and has asked the Community Council to apply for such funding. It was agreed that although the Community Council is very much in support of the work they could not apply for funding as they cannot take the responsibility for completion of the project. It was agreed that this would be conveyed to the Estate.
- (c) **Path Development in Kemnay** – A report has been received from Greener Kemnay indicating that Aberdeenshire Council have now approved the construction of a path adjacent to Bremnay Way. Funds have been provided and the work is to be undertaken by Allerlei Conservation in the near future. With regard to the path on the Dalmadilly Ponds circuit, an expression of interest to Paths for All had been made and now Greener Kemnay have been invited to submit a full application.
- (d) **Save Bennachie Campaign** – It was noted that there is a consultation event taking place at the Bennachie Centre, Inverurie between 21 and 23 April and members were asked to attend if they had an interest. Further details of the event had been sent out in an email dated 24 February.

8. **SSE Consultation on Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission**

See Item 5 above.

9. **Planning Matters and Applications**

David reported on 5 planning applications submitted between 25 February and 28 March.

APP/2016/0452 – Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of house at South Burnside Croft, Near Burnhervie

APP/2016/0517 – Erection of agricultural building at Boatleys Farmhouse, Kemnay

APP/2016/0651 – Alteration and extension to form 2 sunrooms at 16 and 18 Springfield Road, Kemnay

APP/2016/0792 – Alteration and extension to garage at 28 McCombie Crescent, Kemnay.

APP/2016/0559 – Alteration and extension at Wester Aquhorthies Cottage, Fetternear. Expiry date for public comment 26 March 2016.

It was agreed that there were no concerns with these applications and no representation would be made.

It was noted that the application for 66 houses at Bogbeth was approved on 15 March and the application for 8 townhouses at Bennachie Lodge has not yet been considered.

10. **Reports**

- (a) **Safety Group** – Bob Ingram advised that the proposals for use of the emergency tax discs are currently being designed by Council staff.

With regard to public access to defibrillators, Monymusk is now fully operational and located outside the Village Hall with 18 people having been trained.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is again under threat with sponsors pulling out but the Garioch Area Manager's Office is currently trying to source alternative sponsors.

The Group still supports Pass Plus and is currently looking at resilience plans.

- (b) **PADS** – Bob and Gaenor have held a meeting to look at the Kemnay area for PADS and training in CPR. A public meeting has been arranged for 14 April in the Village Hall and the Sandpiper Trust will provide 2 PADs initially with the Village Hall Committee providing one for outside the Village Hall.
- (c) **GACCF** – Alison Cumming advised that Sheila Simpson had previously been Chair of this Forum. There will be forms being sent requesting nominations for the position of Chair, Vice Chair, etc. Alison gave a brief background to the Forum and advised that the next meeting will be held on 1 June, 2016.
- (d) **Community Planning** – Alison Cumming reported that Sheila Simpson had been the representative on the Community Planning Group so would be happy for someone from the Community Council to be represented. Sue expressed an interest in this position and this was agreed.
- (e) **Press Report** – a press report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

11. **Kemnay Futures**

Sue advised that there had been a very good response at the most recent meeting. The next consultation meeting will be held on 23 May, 2016 6 – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. This will be publicised in the Kemnay Newsletter.

12. **Aberdeenshire News**

Councillor Lonchay advised that there is now a list of impending road maintenance works available.

Alison Cumming advised that training events have been held in Kemnay for Community Councils. There is a meeting scheduled to discuss roads and transportation, developers' responsibilities and resilience either on 24 September or 1 October. This will be a whole day event in Woodhill House. E – Learning for Community Councils is currently being developed and is scheduled to be available in June, 2016. There is also work ongoing to make training which is available to Council employees, available to Community Councillors.

13. Correspondence

It was noted that an email from Bob Smart regarding the building of 66 houses at Bogbeth had been circulated. However, because the planning application has now been approved it was agreed that David would respond advising that the Community Council had made representation and it had made some differences to the finished application.

A letter regarding the rebuilding of Inverurie Academy had been circulated requested that the Community Council be represented at a consultation meeting and it was agreed that anyone with an interest should attend.

14. Chair's Report

Because the retiring Chair was not present at the meeting, there was no report. However, Hazel suggested, and it was agreed, that the four vacancies on the Community Council, would be advertised in the Newsletter and nominations requested. If there are more than four nominations, an election would be held.

15. Opportunity for Community Councillors to speak

Margaret advised that the traffic island on Aquithie Road was missing its keep left bollard and the Councillors present agreed to report this.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 April, 2016.

Kemnay Community Council 01.03.15 to 29.02.16

			General	Mavis	Craig Grant Fund	Christmas Lights	Total
Income							
30.04.1							
5		Downie Family				250.00	
14.05.1							
5		Aberdeenshire Council Grant	862.95				
09.07.1							
5		Craig Grant Fund			500.00		
16.07.1							
6		R Mackay re Mavis		13.98			
		Total	862.95	13.98	500.00	250.00	1626.93

Expenditure

03.03.1							
5	Feb	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	50.00				
23.03.1							
5	Mch	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
07.05.1							
5	M&Apr	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	100.00				
14.05.1							
5	Apr	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
04.06.1							
5	May	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	50.00				
17.06.1							
5	May	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
08.07.1							
5	June	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
13.07.1							
5	June	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	50.00				
23.07.1							
5		Repayment Craig Grant Fund			500.00		
04.08.1							
5		Rosehill Timber - Mavis bench		432.00			
02.09.1							
5		Kemnay Church re photocopies	15.00				
07.10.1							
5	Sept	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
22.10.1							
5		Wreath for Poppy Day	30.80				
02.11.1							
5	Sept	K Rigby Secretarial Expenses S	50.00				
09.11.1							
5	Oct	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
19.11.1							
5		R Ingram re Comm Council flyers	69.00				
14.12.1							
5	O&N	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	100.00				
25.01.1							
6		Data Protection costs	35.00				
03.02.1							
6	Jan	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	50.00				
	Jan	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
15.02.1	Feb	R Mackay Secretarial Exp	50.00				

Feb	Kemnay Hall rental	27.50				
	Totals	869.80	432.00	500.00	0.00	1801.80

Balance Sheet

Income	862.95	13.98	500.00	250.00	1626.93
less expenditure	869.80	432.00	500.00	0.00	1801.80
Current Year	-6.85	-418.02	0.00	250.00	<u>-174.87</u>
Balance Carried Forward	2497.00	418.02	0.00	2555.58	5470.60
Total	2490.15	0.00	0.00	2805.58	<u>5295.73</u>
Outstanding Cheque D Evans					
reWeb hosting Exp	86.25				86.25
Outstanding KVH Rental November	27.50				27.50
True Inc-Exp including O/S	-120.60				

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2015 to 29/02/2016
Janet Newberry, Treasurer, 17/03/16