

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 7.30 pm, virtually via Zoom

**Present:** Bill Blackwood ( Chair); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair & Planning Secretary); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Sue Wainman; Lee Aitken; Suzanne Bunton; Richard Lamplugh; Sasha Brydon; Cllr Hazel Smith; Cllr Seb Leslie

**Attending:** New members of KCC – Daniel Johnston and Gabby Stevens; one member of the public

**Apologies:** David Carlin; Claire Stewart; John Whittall (Treasurer); Margaret Basley

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone attending virtually. Apologies were given as above.

### **2. Minutes of the AGM held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

These were adopted as proposed by S Wainman and seconded by L Aitken.

### **3. Chair Report (Appended)**

The Chair wished to highlight particularly: the excellent work being done by KCC Secretary, whom he thanked for all her efforts; the excellent community resilience work of Lend a Hand Kemnay – a real volunteer effort; heartfelt thanks to all who have volunteered to be a KCC councillor, KCC is a great team and it reflects what makes Kemnay a great community to live in - local residents can ask for help and advice and KCC will endeavor to assist. With special recognition and thanks to Cllr Hazel Smith for her help and support to the community.

Chair's Report accepted and agreed as an accurate report on the community council's work of the community council over the past year.

A certificate and gavel were presented to W Blackwood, the outgoing Chair, in appreciation of his 18 years' service. This was followed by a few words and thanks and appreciation for his contribution to KCC by G Berkin, Vice Chair.

### **4. Treasurers Report & Financial Statement (Appended)**

The accounts have been officially checked and approved. Thanks were expressed to John Whittall in his absence for the work he does as Treasurer of KCC. Accounts proposed by S Wainman and seconded by R Lamplugh.

### **5 Community Council Elections**

Twelve people put their names forward to become members of KCC, therefore no ballot was necessary. Ten were previous councillors and there are two new members, Daniel Johnston and Gabby Stevens, who were welcomed by the Chair. It was also agreed unanimously to co-opt Richard Lamplugh.

### **6 Election of Office bearers**

		<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
<i>Chair</i>	Gaenor Berkin	F Patrick	R Lamplugh
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Lee Aitken	S Wainman	F Patrick
<i>Secretary</i>	Fran Patrick	P Paterson	S Wainman
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Whittall	F Patrick	R Lamplugh

All voted for unanimously.

**7 AOCB**      None

**Next AGM 30<sup>h</sup> June, 2022, with the monthly meeting immediately following thereafter**

### **KCC Chair report 2021**

In some ways it seems like this year we have been running Kemnay Community Council by remote control because we have had no, as my daughter calls it, IRL, In Real Life meetings. They have all been URL meetings through Zoom, which we have been using since our AGM on 29 October 2020, delayed from June because of the COVID pandemic.

Since October, we have met had virtual meetings via Zoom November 2020 and January, February, March, April, and May of 2021.

We have had good discussion on the various items that Fran has so carefully put together in the agendas. Partly because of the need to connect via zoom, we have only had one member of the public attend the meetings.

Throughout the year the police have been good at sending us monthly updates on crime statistics, and have improved the layout of the report to make it easy to compare this month's stats with last month. The downside is that, while they have narrowed down the range of activity to a few categories, these do not cover all the problems that can occur. Often there is a paragraph or two that highlights anything that was outwith the set categories.

The chair and vice chair represented both KCC and Aberdeenshire Council at the Remembrance Day ceremony this year, presenting poppy wreaths at the War Memorial.

Other highlights of the year included erecting the Christmas lights, thanks to the excellent work of the Christmas Light team including Richard Lamplugh, Lee Aitken and Fran Patrick. This year's efforts included solar powered Christmas tree lights on the tree on the Village Green. Instead of purchasing and erecting a tree for each end of the village, live trees have been purchased and have been planted in the roundels at Bremner Way and by the Water Carrier. We look forward to seeing these lit up during the Christmas Season next year. KCC has approached Kemnay businesses for donations, to "sponsor" motifs. Donating companies will be recognised with a plaque of some sort on or near the motif. We are preparing to store the motifs in one of the containers at Birley Bush.

Organising a Christmas event has been briefly discussed, but this would require a greater number of volunteers than we have at present. It would also depend on COVID restrictions

Gaenor has done an excellent job keeping us apprised of new planning applications. Most of these have been non-controversial and have required no response from us. Gaenor as responded as necessary.

The A96 Dualling consultation has come and gone and not everyone is happy with the final results, but then again, no single plan would please everyone.

The Public Access Defibrillators(PADs) have been maintained, and the one at the Village Hall has been accessed twice and used once. We are glad it was available and is serving its purpose. At the March meeting the public access defibrillators (PADs) were brought under the umbrella of resilience planning.

We have kept tabs with the Local Learning Community Partnership and the parent councils of the schools here in Kemnay through KCC representatives on those groups. Carolyn Harper brought up the subject of KCC being represented on the Kiddiwinks committee, and she will get back to KCC about this.

Kiddiwinks Playgroup has asked for the support of KCC with regard to the unexpected, substantial rent increase (a month's rent now equivalent to a year's rent previously) and KCC has unanimously said we will give what support we can. Councillor Smith is looking into the matter.

Although nobody has been available to represent KCC on the Garioch and North Marr Safety Group, we do get reports from them as and when they have meetings.

We have discussed the perennial problems of speeding, dog poo and problem parking on Station Road and near the schools, and do not seem to be getting any closer to a solution for any of those things. However, the Coop is planning a massive renovation and has included anti-ram bollards in front of the store which may be a little help. The parking problems are mainly between the Coop and the garage where the road narrows and people cannot get between the parked cars and the inner edge of the path. The police do what they can, but people continue to park inconsiderately. This is a particular difficulty for those with push chairs and wheel chairs who are sometimes forced out into the street. The police also come out with speed guns from time to time and as necessary give out warnings and tickets.

School buses continue to be a subject of discussion, as they tend to take inappropriate routes through the village to get to the Academy.

We received complaints about potholes on Leschangie Road. At first it seemed the funding to repair them was not there, but thanks again to Councillor Smith's representations, they have been fixed.

Greener Kemnay continues to delight us with its wide variety of activities which spread far beyond the Birley Bush site, although there are many activities in the works as COVID restrictions start to loosen up. The community has a lot to thank Sue Wainman for as she does so much with that organization.

We have been pushing to get cycle paths between Kemnay and Kintore and Inverurie, and now feasibility work on the cycle path between Kemnay and Kintore is in the AC budgeted for this year. That's progress.

Aberdeenshire Council has made new modifications to the Community Council Scheme of Establishment. Unfortunately this is another lengthy document. AC did tell the kind of changes that had been made, but did not show the changes made directly on the document. This was a repetition of what happened as they were developing the Scheme of Establishment a few years ago. They sent out a document, asked for comments, made changes and sent out a new, longer document. We had to examine the entire document, try to compare it against the previous document to see what changes had been made and comment again on the new document. Now we have yet another new lengthy document to examine and comment on, without the benefit of knowing exactly what changes have been made.

The Phoenix Fund has been a welcome addition to our funds and will be put to good use. New planters have been ordered – the five on the High Street will be replaced and there will be an additional one at the junction with Aquithie Road. It is hoped to get a discount as the order is being placed through Inverurie Environmental Improvement. Plants will be made available from the Council. In addition, we hope to use some of the funds for some sort of "Kemnay Reopening" celebration when all this COVID stuff is more or less past and life can start returning to normal. Other ideas have included a review & possible purchase of benches; the installation of information boards; and a launch event for the various paths and trails.

John Whittall has done excellent work with the KCC finances which have been complicated by the COVID catastrophe. He has managed to keep the finances straight between the normal KCC expenses, the PADS funds, and the LAHK income and expenses. He has cheerfully carried out this task and we are grateful to him for his outstanding job.

Margaret Basley has kept us up to date on anything that the press has published about Kemnay, and Claire Stewart has been a great help publishing things on the Kemnay Facebook pages.

By far the most important work Kemnay Community Council has been involved in this last year has been the Community Resilience work.

During the threatened flood earlier this year the watergate was deployed, but the river never got high enough to cause any property damage. Councillor Smith reports that funding for the Watergate is in the budget for this next year. It was discovered that the Academy is no longer available as a resource for routine village emergencies. Fortunately Fran was able to find alternate arrangements so those setting up the flood barrier could use the loo.

This has resulted in a re-examination of our Community Resilience Plan, and the Resilience Sub-Committee is reworking it.

The Riverside path was badly damaged by this year's flooding, but again, thanks to Councillor Smith's work, the Aberdeenshire Council are going to do some work to repair and possibly improve this popular area of Kemnay. The community will be able to have a say on any changes to be made to the path.

Flooding issues at the Fyfe Park/Victoria Terrace junction have also been discussed at various KCC meetings. There are now ongoing discussions between the residents, Aberdeenshire Council and a neighbouring landowner to seek solutions to the drainage problems there.

Lend A Hand Kemnay, working under the umbrella of the Kemnay Community Council and part of the Community Resilience team has done excellent work to help mitigate the problems caused by the COVID lockdown. This team has arranged for food parcels, prescriptions to be collected, shopping, well-being visits and a host of other things to keep the community ticking over. Highest thanks goes to the two women who organised this—Pauline Patterson and Kayleigh Wallace.

The LAHK team has been trying to work out ideas for the ongoing work of this initiative. LAHK would like to set up a community larder and has been working with the Village Hall Committee for more permanent arrangements that would allow this extremely useful program to continue working for the long term.

Just to give an idea of the kind of help this group of volunteers has been to the community, there has been a 'help yourself wagon' run over the last year and several months by Helen Aitken, a Lend A Hand Kemnay volunteer. Helen has been supervising the food donations from Marks and Spencer in Inverurie, and from a local dairy and one or two other shops. It should be noted that other shops in Kemnay have made food available to those in need during this time (their support was particularly welcome for the Christmas parcels), and both Co-ops have food bank donation points for LaHK. The High Street Co-op has also hosted several food donation drives for the community larder.

Helen regularly posts this comment on the All About Kemnay and on the Lend A Hand Kemnay Facebook pages. "The wagon is open with some M&S goodies and kids toys."

One time she added this: "Please read this next bit it's joyful."

“A year ago today this service to the community was launched by Lend a Hand Kemnay. Kayleigh Wallace the founder of LaHK asked if I'd help her with a few bits she'd received from M&S. As deliveries increased I moved from a box to tables to a tent to 3 tents then eventually to the wagon which has made life easier for all of us. Our community has given a huge variety of donations - tents, books, dvds, toys and so many other things. The greatest surprise was the cash donations which has helped to support the LaHK foodbank totalling £2100.95. Although I run the scheme others have been involved. There's all the people who deliver the M&S to me and collect the donations for the foodbank, wonderful supportive neighbours and others who help put out dvds etc and the wagon builder. This scheme couldn't have worked without the joint effort of our community. We live in such a special place and it's been so satisfying being part of it.”

Finally I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have volunteered to be on Kemnay Community Council, giving your time and energy to make our community one of the best in Aberdeenshire. You have been a wonderful team to work with. Over the last 18 years I have seen changes to the people on this team; there has been a complete turnover from when I first joined.

I use the term “team” on purpose. We are not just a council that holds meetings once a month nine times a year. We work together to keep Kemnay ticking over smoothly. You are people to whom “Kemnayites” can go for help and advice and where people can bring complaints.

Thanks especially to Fran who has done such a great job getting the correspondence out to the rest of us, and who has corresponded with people as needed, and who has been so faithful in getting the minutes of the meetings out to us in a timely basis, and who prepares the agendas in such good time for the meetings.

Thanks especially also to Councillor Hazel Smith for the countless times she has gone to bat for us with the Aberdeenshire Council and pulled strings to get things done for Kemnay.

Thank you, Kemnay Community Council, for working together so well. It's been an honour and a pleasure to work with you over the years. May God bless you in the coming years.

**Kemnay Community Council 01.04.20 to 31.03.2021**

General   Christmas Lights   Community Resilience   PADS   LaHK Resilience   LaHK Christmas   LaHK AVA Fund   Phoenix Fund   Total

**Expenditure**

02.04.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial March	50.00								50.00
15.05.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial April	50.00								50.00
12.06.20	Fran Patrick Bridging Loan							100.00		100.00
	Fran Patrick Foodstuffs							14.64		14.64
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							219.37		219.37
	Fran Patrick Secretarial May	50.00								50.00
18.07.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial June	50.00								50.00
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							100.47		100.47
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							123.34		123.34
31.07.20	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							100.47		100.47
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							126.20		126.20
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							123.34		123.34
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							21.26		21.26
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							112.10		112.10
24.08.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial July	50.00								50.00
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							397.16		397.16
	Fran Patrick overpayment							(100.47)		(100.47)
	Fran Patrick overpayment							(123.34)		(123.34)
	Fran Patrick payment from 02.05							3.99		3.99
12.09.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial August	50.00								50.00
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							417.13		417.13
02.10.20	Fran Patrick Zoom Subscription	143.00								143.00
06.10.20	Fran Patrick Secretarial September	50.00								50.00
09.12.20	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							354.21		354.21
	Fran Patrick LaHK Receipts							254.78		254.78

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Community Resilience</u>	<u>PA DS</u>	<u>LaHK Resilience</u>	<u>LaHK Christmas</u>	<u>LaHK AVA Fund</u>	<u>Phoenix Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
14.12.20	19.19	146.80							146.80
	19.19								19.19
16.12.20	86.26								86.26
	100.00								100.00
01.01.21	50.00				468.48	400.00			50.00
						400.00			468.48
									400.00
04.01.21						400.00			400.00
									400.00
07.01.21	35.00					487.39			35.00
	50.00								50.00
									485.91
22.02.21				502.00					502.00
03.03.21	50.00								50.00
					468.20				468.20
26.03.21	50.00								50.00
									489.54
									489.54
<b>Totals</b>	<b>933.45</b>	<b>146.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>502.00</b>	<b>4,156.78</b>	<b>1,287.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,026.42</b>

**Income**

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07.04.20	Aberdeenshire Council (A.C.)								1,000.00
28.05.20	Admin Grant from A.C.	973.21			1,000.00				973.21
11.06.20	Scottish Southern				1,000.00				1,000.00
08.10.20	A. C. Community Food Fund				1,400.00				1,400.00
10.11.20	Phoenix Fund							2,500.00	2,500.00
12.12.20	Fran Patrick LaHK Christmas Fund					2,770.00			2,770.00
08.01.21	Fran Patrick LaHK Donations				265.00				265.00
24.01.21	Fran Patrick LaHK Donations				155.00				155.00
29.01.21	Fran Patrick LaHK Donations				215.00				215.00
03.02.21	Transfer from LaHK Christmas Fund				1,482.61	(1,482.61)			0.00
	Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action Fund						950.00		950.00
01.03.21	Fran Patrick LaHK Donations				158.69				158.69
30.03.21	Fran Patrick LaHK Donations				202.00				202.00
31.03.21	J G Ross Bakers (Transfer)		50.00						50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>973.21</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,878.30</b>	<b>1,287.39</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>11,638.90</b>

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Community Resilience</u>	<u>PADS</u>	<u>LaHK Resilience</u>	<u>LaHK Christmas</u>	<u>LaHK AVA Fund</u>	<u>Phoenix Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>									
Income	973.21	50.00	0.00	0.00	5,878.30	1,287.39	950.00	2,500.00	11,638.90
less expenditure	933.45	146.80	0.00	502.00	4,156.78	1,287.39		0.00	7,026.42
<b>Current Year</b>	<b>39.76</b>	<b>(96.80)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(502.00)</b>	<b>1,721.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>4,612.48</b>
Balance Carried Forward	3,056.78	1,413.41	1,066.92	1,679.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,216.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,096.54</b>	<b>1,316.61</b>	<b>1,066.92</b>	<b>1,177.12</b>	<b>1,721.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>11,828.71</b>

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

John Whittall Treasurer



8.5.21

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



Janet Newberry

Hon.Auditor

## MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Present:** Gaenor Berkin (Chair); Lee Aitken (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Pauline Paterson; Sue Wainman; Richard Lamplugh; Suzanne Bunton; Daniel Johnston; Gabby Stevens; Sasha Brydon; Cllr Smith; Cllr Leslie

**Apologies:** John Whittall (Treasurer); Margaret Basley

**Attending:** One member of the public

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

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOL** – The Secretary reminded all present that anyone who wished to contribute to the discussion should raise their hand and be invited to speak by the Chair.

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by S Wainman, seconded by R Lamplugh

**4 POLICE MATTERS** – Police Report has not been received yet for this month. Sgt Denham has been informed of the concerns re speeding along Grove Road and information has been requested re the recent fire-raising incidents in the village.

**5 KEMNAY RESILIENCE AND COVID RESPONSE** – a) The Resilience Sub-Committee met and agreed the revised plan for the Community Larder as KCC's response moves from Covid support to community resilience. LaHK has changed its name to *Lend a Hand Kemnay Community Resilience*. Work is ongoing on getting the new rooms ready for the community larder.

b) PADs: No update received, but the PADs Coordinator is to be asked to complete a simple form every month by way of report to KCC. (**Action:** F Patrick to create form and discuss its implementation with K Stewart, PADs Co-ordinator.)

c) Stuart Crescent now has a residents group; an engineer from Aberdeenshire Council is due to visit the group in September.

Both Aberdeenshire Councillors present requested that they be kept informed of progress.

**6 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – Vaila Spencer from the Breakfast and After School Clubs based at Kemnay Primary sought the support of KCC with regard to the unexpected demand for rent from Aberdeenshire Council for the three rooms they use. The Clubs are a non-profit-making charity that provides a service to pupils from both primary schools, and they can't absorb this cost. The financial pressures on Aberdeenshire Council were acknowledged, but to put this additional burden on a childcare charity providing support for parents who will not be able to work otherwise seemed counterproductive and unfair. (**Action:** F Patrick to send V Spencer Cllr Smith's contact details so that she can give her all details of the situation. Cllr Leslie will also fully support any action Cllr Smith will take on this matter.)

*Motion:* that KCC send a letter to the Director of Education and Children's Services expressing KCC's dismay at this situation and asking for a resolution. Proposed by R Lamplugh, Seconded by S Wainman and unanimously agreed. (**Action:** G Berkin is to draw up a letter, which the Secretary will send to the Director of Education and Children's Services.)

There was some discussion of each group concerned (Kiddiwinks, Breakfast & After School Clubs, Football Club) setting up their own petition, but it was suggested that maybe it might be better to wait to see what the Aberdeenshire Councillors are able to find out before launching any petition. However, Cllr Smith did warn that policy can't be changed quickly, there is a process at Aberdeenshire Council and that takes time, although there might be some interim support available.

There is an added pressure that parents really need to know by mid-July about costs for attendance at the Breakfast & After School Clubs.

There is a question over why community groups and local councillors have been unaware of these impending changes to rental charges.

There have also been issues with leases to Aberdeenshire Council owned buildings – the Football Club, for example, had a fight with AC over the lease for the pavilion and in the end handed the lease back to AC. However, they were also told that the rent would not be huge, but in fact the rents have trebled, which is also not sustainable for this youth group.

There was general agreement that this was a ridiculous situation and one that was likely to cause more harm and cost more money in the longer term. This is a direct consequence, it would seem, of the 'full cost recovery' policy that went through full council in 2016.

It was also pointed out that there could be redundancies at the Breakfast & After School Clubs and also that there are currently no spaces available at childminders in Kemnay.

## 7 MATTERS ARISING:

- a) **Phoenix Fund** – The Walking Maps and Fairy Trail were officially launched at an event on the Village green on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Fairy Trail seems to be doing very well and has caught the imagination of children and adults alike. However, the new maps are still not correct – the new core path down to the Dalmadilly Ponds isn't marked properly. This is very disappointing, considering how long it has taken to get the maps printed by Aberdeenshire Council.
- b) **Christmas Lights** – The Men's Shed has been approached about making a storage crate; Rood Signs have been contacted re sponsorship signs, although Cllr Smith urged caution as there are regulations re signs on lampposts. (**Action:** R Lamplugh/L Aitken to find out about this.) A notice has been posted on All About Kemnay FB page about a possible Christmas Event and there have been a couple of extra donations to the Lights Fund. The application for matched funding from the Garioch Area Initiatives Fund has been successful. It was decided to carry the idea of a Christmas Event forward to September.
- c) **Rent increases for local groups:** this was covered as part of Item 6. (**Action:** P Paterson to put a post on FB.)
- d) **Ward 10 Community impact Assessment Forum:** S Wainman attended and filled in the follow-up form. Others are also encouraged to fill in the form (already circulated by the Secretary) as any information gathered will feed into the strategic assessment, which is to be held next year for Kemnay.
- e) **Review of Scheme of Establishment:** Didn't seem to be anything contentious for Kemnay. All amendments seem straightforward.
- f) **The Queen's Canopy Project:** this might be a Greener Kemnay project. It will be discussed by GK at a future meeting.
- g) **Pavement Parking update:** Sgt Denham responded to the email & photos sent showing poor parking. Cllr Smith also shared information she received from the Chair of the Infrastructures Committee re Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and pavement parking enforcement. The issue is '*on the back burner as the service need to consider the business case in light of the changed travel patterns in main towns especially. They are also still working through the guidance, etc on the enabling of the pavement parking legislation as well given the links around enforcement.*'

**8 TREASURER REPORT** – The KCC grant is now in. Query over £83.07 designated for 'additional insurance'. (**Action:** John Whittall to be asked to find out about this.)

KCC had agreed (via email discussion) to support David Fyffe's application to the Garioch Area Initiatives Fund for matched funding to help repair the footpath at Fetternear – this application has also been successful.

A donation request to KCC was received from a local group - KCC is unable to give cash donations, but there may be other potential sources of grants. (**Action:** KCC Secretary to contact the groups with suggestions re possible funding streams, eg the Garioch Area Initiatives Fund, sports funds, etc)

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

a) **Current planning applications** – Action only to be taken on APP/2021/1152, on the grounds of safety; L Aitken had declared an interest re APP/2021/0793 and did not take part in any discussion of this application

### Erection of 1.8m Timber Fence

Ref. No: APP/2021/1152 – Craigeam, Kemnay

### Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage

Ref. No: APP/2021/1129 – Overton of Fetternear

### Formation of Wildlife Pond

Ref. No: APP/2021/0793 – Craigeam, Kemnay

## 10 REPORTS

a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – Although it has now no representative on this, KCC will still get agendas and minutes.

b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – Had a meeting, main topic was resilience and there was a very good presentation from Aberdeenshire Council. Still waiting for the slide show to be circulated, which would be useful re community resilience and updating community resilience plans.

c) **Community Planning** – Meeting next week, when quite a lot of business will be covered

d) **Greener Kemnay** – S Wainman has done some work around the village, in the hope of getting some input from Aberdeenshire Council and/or promised contractor help in return. But this has not happened. Still unable to say if Birley Bush Open Day can be held in September. However, the community garden is looking fantastic – the youth Shed has now been decorated and has gained lots of favourable comment. Many community groups are using the garden (Cubs, Rainbows, Scouts, the primary schools, etc) and all are very pleased with the venue. It's becoming a real asset. Well done to Greener Kemnay for all their efforts.

e) **Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP)** – No update.

**f) KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – *KAPC*: Were supposed to get an update from AC Transport Unit re buses sitting outside on Bremner Way, but no-one turned up to the meeting. The teaching staff are all very tired; there have been instances of Covid, which has added to pressure. Not many P7 pupils have opted to go to Inverurie instead of Kemnay, so the Academy will continue to be at full capacity. *KPPC*: concerns about speeding on Grove Road (already passed on to Sgt Denham) – the wall opposite the school has been damaged again, so speeding may still be an issue.

**g) Press Reports** – Good coverage of the Fairy Trail; reports on court cases.

**11 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS** – Cllr Smith: the police did a study on potential speeding on Aquithie Road, but the average speed was found to be 29 miles per hour, so no further action will happen in the meantime. Concerns have been reported to her by residents at the state of the car parks at Dalmadilly and Fetternear, neither of which is the responsibility of Aberdeenshire Council. (**Action:** F Patrick to send details of Fetternear Estate Manager to G Berkin and S Wainman to send details re the contact person at Breedon's. so that they can be contacted re the upkeep of these car parks.) Cllr Leslie: reiterated his support on the issue of rent increases and acknowledged that volunteers who are willing to do work for their community need support and help from Aberdeenshire Council.

Cllr Smith added that in order for an email to stand out from the many that AC Councillors and Officers get, it is a good idea to give the message a clear title and to include the date of when a reply is needed in the heading.

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Creative Aberdeenshire – Call for artists
- Aberdeenshire grants for Health & Well-being
- Doors open Day 2021
- Garioch Surface Dressing – Temporary Traffic Management
- Electric Charge Point Installation Strategy
- Covid PCR testing – Agricultural sector
- Queen's Green Canopy
- Council/Town Twinning
- CCLO Network Event – recording, Slides, etc
- Covid Vaccination Survey
- Public Service Delivery – Complimentary Webinar Places
- Community Council Grants
- CC Scheme of Establishment Review
- Ward 10 impact Assessment
- Scottish Tech Army – Websites Training

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

- David Fyffe – Re Application for grant for footpath repairs at Fetternear
- Request for information re Reid family history (passed on to D Downie)
- Community Development Fund – AmeyArup, A96 Dualling Scheme
- Aberdeenshire Peer Support Service
- Young Person's Enterprise Programme
- Kintore 132kV Extension PoAn

**13 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK** – *S Wainman*: For Sale sign is back up on the piece of land at the top of Bremner Way, although the plan seems to be exactly the same as before. In the LDP for 2022, that land is again designated green space, so will need to watch that it's not earmarked for building before then. She has spent some time planting up the top of Bremner Way with another resident and the area is now looking good. *L Aitken*: The Newsletter is to be starting up again – this is good news as it's a valuable asset for the village. *G Berkin*: During the summer break, KCC business is carried on by the Officers and circulated via email.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 30th September, 2021, 7.30pm,  
virtually via Zoom, unless in person meetings at Kemnay Village Hall can be resumed**