

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2012 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Sheila Simpson, Mavis Wainman.

**Attending:** Cllr Sheena Lonchay.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Patricia Oddie, Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, David Evans, John Hern, Douglas Laing.
3. **Police matters:** There was no police presence, and no report.
4. **Celebration of Kemnay:** As testified by Janet Newberry and Mavis Wainman, this had been extremely successful.
5. **The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2012 was proposed by Bob Ingram, seconded by Mavis Wainman and unanimously approved.
6. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
  - a) **Garioch partnership:** This was currently a one-year project with a board of six. It had applied for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation Status and hoped that ward forums might be merged into it. It was to be distinguished from the Garioch Area Partnership, which now worked with young people only. Kemnay Community Council had become a member.
  - b) **Response to the consultation on the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill:** Kemnay Community Council's response had been acknowledged. A summary of the findings was to be made available.
  - c) **Crash Live:** This had been successfully held in the Bennachie Leisure Centre in Inch. There had been a presentation inside the centre and then a staged crash, after which one of the cars was covered with a tarpaulin as it would be if there had been fatalities, while an occupant was cut out of the second car.
  - d) **Place of Origin:** John Maine had suggested that the Saltire Society plaque be placed on the granite monolith, above the bronze plaque. He had agreed to organise its installation.
  - e) **Bus Shelter:** There had been no response to the latest enquiry about the missing seat. The Council official in question had currently been on annual leave.
7. **Remembrance Day:** A wreath had been acquired. Sammy Dey was to lay it on behalf of the community at the service at the War Memorial on 11 November 2012. Members of the Community Council were encouraged to attend.
8. **Planning matters and applications:**
  - a) **Bennachie Lodge:** The planning application had been withdrawn.
  - b) **Current Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
  - c) **Tree Preservation Orders:** David Evans had researched the granting of tree preservation orders, and members were asked to consider trees in the village which might benefit from such orders.
  - d) **Alford Community Campus Development:** This was a proposed development by Aberdeenshire Council to replace Alford Academy with a campus which would include a primary school, academy, swimming pool and community facilities. Kemnay appeared to be a statutory consultee on this development although members could see no reason why this should be so.
9. **Reports:**
  - a) **Christmas Lights:** Christmas lights had now to be independently checked for electrical safety before being installed. The Council had to be informed in advance when they were to be lit, and when extinguished. It was agreed that the trees would be erected on the weekend of 1-2 December, and that everything would be lit from 3 December to 12 January. It was decided to buy no new lights as the testing would incur expense, and trees, which had hitherto been donated, might have to be bought. Several members volunteered to assist with the erection of the trees.
  - b) **Safety Group:** Reflectors were to be bought for primary school pupils. Only one Kemnay primary school had given information about numbers required. People were advised to prepare for winter. A consultation process was under way regarding lowering the drink-driving limits. The grant for Pass Plus might be increased following a reduction in numbers applying.
  - c) **Community Planning:** The meeting had been held in Echt and began with presentations on Echt Residents' Forum, Homewatch and Echt Blether by George Glennie and on Community Care, Befriending and the Street Café by Allan Clews of the Westhill Episcopal Church. The Garioch Partnership was

promoted by Anne Simpson. Proposals for Investing in our Towns and Villages had gone before the full Council and money had been allocated to various projects. There was still £10K of the Community Planning Budget unspent for which applications from community organisations were sought.

**d) Kemnay Academy:** A school trip to Berlin organised by Modern Languages had been most successful and had combined exploring the history of the city with a language course. Sammy Dey had arranged a meeting with Aberdeenshire Council representatives regarding litter; she hoped that a programme could be devised which would mean that the issue was tackled on a long-term basis. The Academy was to hold a fair in the Village Hall on 10 November in aid of charity with a range of stalls, home-bakes and refreshments.

**10. Aberdeenshire News:** There had been a site visit to the Electricity Sub Station near Kintore which was to be doubled in size. The design for a new shopping centre at Westhill had been referred to the design committee. The extra space created at Foresterhill by the building of the new Emergency Care Centre meant that Medicine for the Elderly was to move there from Woodend.

#### **11. Correspondence:**

**a) *The Value of Age* (Previously Circulated):** This new arts festival in Inverurie, was to be hosted by, supported by, created by and aimed at older people in Garioch.

**b) *Garioch Community Planning updates September and October* (Previously Circulated).**

**c) *Local Policing Team update* (Previously Circulated).**

**d) *Pupil Council Agenda and Minutes* (Previously Circulated):** The minutes of the current month's meeting would be circulated as soon as they were available.

**e) *Community Payback:*** The Chairman had had no reply to his enquiry about the possibility of Community Service workers clearing paths on the Place of Origin. Cllr Lonchay agreed to pursue this.

**f) *Community Council Short-Life Working Group* (Previously Circulated):** This had some valuable recommendations as to the future of Community Councils.

**g) *Asset Transfer:*** It was agreed that there were no assets in Kemnay which the community might wish to acquire.

**h) *Land Reform Review Group:*** Members were invited to offer submissions.

**i) *ACVO Workshops:*** These were felt not to be appropriate for Kemnay Community Council members.

**j) *Neighbourhood Watch:*** Bob Ingram agreed to investigate this and to report back exactly what was involved in becoming part of the scheme.

#### **12. AOCB:**

Sheila Simpson reported that the lights on the path leading from the High Street to the Church Centre had been so vandalised that they were dangerous, and it had been decided to remove them and not to replace them.

It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be given to Roxburghe House in memory of Jim Piggins who had served for many years on the Community Council.

The Head Girl and deputy Head Girl of the Academy are Christine Robertson and Brogan MacDonald. The Head Boy and deputy Head Boy are Fergus Milne and Peter Mitchell.

Cllr Lonchay agreed to make enquiries about the possibility of repainting Alehousewells School. There was some discussion about a suitable colour.

It was noted that the Waste Aware book sent to every household some years ago was completely out of date. The opening times for the Souterford Road facility were incorrect, and the information generally had not been updated.

The Community Association and Margaret Basley in particular were congratulated on the upkeep of the flower boxes in the High Street.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be on 29 November 2012.