

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2012**

**Present:** Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Sheila Simpson, Mavis Wainman.

**Attending:** Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, PC Dave Calvert.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Bill Blackwood, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby.
- 3. Police matters:** Crime figures for Kemnay remained low, but two frauds relating to e-bay purchases had been reported. The public was reminded that crime prevention material was available online. Two breaches of the peace had been detected and three vandalisms reported. Three road traffic offences had been dealt with, two of them involving “boy racers”. Patrols were to be increased, in liaison with Traffic Police, to deal with these. Speed checks had been carried out, but no offences had been detected.
- 4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to speak:** None was present.
- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2012 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by David Evans, and unanimously approved.
- 6. Matters Arising from Minutes:**
  - a) Bremner Way Traffic:** There had been no reply from the Roads Department. It was agreed to e-mail Alan Burns, reminding him of the problem.
  - b) Wind Turbine:** The wind turbine proposed for Kirkstyle Farm had been refused planning permission.
  - c) Community Council Flyers:** Arrangements were made for inserting these in the Kemnay Newsletter for May 2012.
  - d) Disused Toilets on Aquithie Road:** The state of these had been raised with the Area Manager but there had been no response so far. Cllr Al-Kowarri reported that re-opening was not an option.
  - e) Design Awards:** The Community Council’s submission for an award for the Mill Farm project and for the “Welcome to Kemnay” granite sign had not been successful.
- 7. Planning matters and applications:**
  - a) New applications:** There was nothing controversial.
  - b) Local Development Plan:** A notice had been placed on the Village Hall notice board, urging people to support Kintore’s campaign for a new retail and leisure development at the Broomhill roundabout. This development was not in the LDP, but Kintore Community Council had requested Kemnay to support it.
  - c) City and Shire Development Plan Scheme 2012/2013:** This was an updated timetable. The Plan was to be published in November for consultation.
  - d) Aberdeen Airport Master Plan:** Two hard copies of this had been requested, but had not yet arrived. The closing date for consultation was 30 June 2012. It was hoped, therefore, that there might be some discussion of the Plan at the May meeting.
- 8. Reports:**
  - a) Safety Group:** There appeared to have been no significant changes. There had been some discussion of the lowered take-up of Pass Plus, and the failure of insurance companies to reduce rates for those who had undertaken it. Some insurance companies were willing to reduce insurance premiums for young people who were willing to install a smart box in their vehicles.
  - b) Community Learning and Development:** There had been no meeting, and consequently no report. Possible development of the Kendal Road and Aquithie Road corner site was raised, with the aim of providing facilities for Community Learning and Development. Cllr Al-Kowarri pointed out, however, that provision for CLD was included in the plans for the expanded Academy, and that, in any case, this site belonged to the Police, not the Council.
  - c) Community Planning:**
    - i) The Garioch Area aims were to be based on Aberdeenshire Priorities, which were Alcohol and Drugs, “Children Have the Best Start in Life”, Older People & Community Care, Supporting Communities & Volunteering, and Transport.
    - ii) Newmachar had been identified as an area that had been poorly served by the latest Local Plan. The amount of development that had been proposed had been cut by half by the Reporters, with a consequent reduction in the planning gain which, it had been anticipated, would have greatly enhanced the village facilities.

iii) It had been agreed to donate the balance of the previous year's grant to the Inverurie Youth Café.

**d) Christmas Lights:** Thanks were expressed for a most generous donation from Duncan Downie.

**e) Litter In Kemnay – Kemnay Academy PTA Meeting (January):** This had been a most successful meeting, chaired by the Head Boy, which had discussed various innovative tactics, including designing litter bins and photographing pupils dropping litter, for raising awareness of the litter problem among the younger children and tackling the problem.

**9. LEADER Funding:** £600,000 was available for rural Aberdeenshire for LEADER funding. The first submission deadline for new applications was 30 April 2012, but it was likely that the available budget would also enable two further application rounds later in the year. Contact details were available for anyone interested.

**10. Community Council Initiatives:** The meeting was asked to consider possible projects which might be undertaken by the Community Council. It was agreed to join the Automobile Association's country-wide litter-pick project, and to encourage everyone in the village to spend half an hour picking up litter between 12th and 22nd May 2012.

#### **11. Aberdeenshire news:**

i) Landscape Services were undertaking several improvements in Bogbeth Park and Alehousewells Park, and planting wild flowers in the wet area in Kembhill Park.

ii) Cllr Al-Kowarri extolled the virtues of the church youth club. It was agreed to add the youth club to the circulation list of voluntary groups informing them of possible funding.

iii) There seemed little prospect of resurfacing the tennis court in the near future, as others across Aberdeenshire also required resurfacing, and the capital plan did not allow for this expenditure at present.

**12. Cartie Rally:** Following last year's successful event, Kemnay Primary School again intended to run a Cartie Rally on Sunday 24 June 2012, using Grove Road rather than High Street.

**13. Lowered kerbs for wheelchair users:** Margaret Basley pointed out that there were several places in Kemnay where wheelchair users were unable to access pavements. Cllr Al-Kowarri stated that the Council was aware of these, but that kerb lowering was planned in phases, and once the financial allocation had been used up, nothing could be done until the following year.

#### **14. Correspondence:**

**a) Local Policing Update:** This had been received and circulated.

#### **15. AOCB:**

i) There was some discussion about the dangers of the junction between the B933 and the Quarry Road. It was agreed to write to the Roads Department to enquire if some warning of the road junction could be placed on the B933.

ii) A query was raised about access to the facilities which had been created at Mill Farm. It was agreed to write to Glyn Jones to enquire when this might be available.

iii) Following a previous concern about the wall at the corner of High Street and Victoria Terrace, a builder had been approached by the Church authorities to give an estimate for repair.

iv) A query was raised about lights at Craigearn, which appeared to be permanently lit. It was pointed out that street lighting faults could be reported via the Aberdeenshire website.

**16. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be on 31 May 2012.