

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL –

REPORT OF THE MEETING ON 26 JUNE 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby.

Attending: Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Ms Naida Sneddon, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker and 2 members of the public.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present. Introductions were made.
2. Apologies for Absence: Margaret Christie, Douglas Laing, Bob Ingram, Cllr Patricia Oddie
3. Police Matters: There was no police presence and the Chair presented their report.
17 Crimes have been reported since the last report. 5 offences have been reported, 4 of which were detected. 4 Vandalisms occurred over the month. One vehicle was damaged, 2 windows were damaged, believed to be by a pellet gun, and the church noticeboard was also damaged. There is a positive line of enquiry in relation to youths being in possession of a pellet gun around the same time. 2 Persons have been reported for Drugs Offences for a personal amount. There has been one report of theft, with a named suspect and one incident outside Kemnay of a theft by Housebreaking. There are named suspects. There has been one report of racial abuse and 2 people have been issued with fixed penalty tickets following incidents of an antisocial nature. A person has been charged with 2 assaults. Officers continue to deal with issues relating to young drivers on Bogbeth Road and Aquithie Road.
4. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak: Mrs Vaila Spencer thanked the council for their donation of monies to fund a presentation Cup for kemnay Primary School. Mr David Staniforth thanked the Council for acting upon his complaint about litter in the village. He raised the issue of golf balls found on the play areas near Bremner way, and the risk to children playing there. He agreed to raise this with the community via a letter to the Newsletter.
5. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 May 2014 were unanimously agreed.
6. Matters Arising from Minutes:
 7. a) School Cups: An engraved Cup and Shield in memory of Mavis Wainman had been gratefully received by Kemnay and Alehousewells Primary Schools respectively.
 1. b) Litter: This item was deferred until the next meeting since apologies had been received from the pupils and teacher who were to address it.
 2. c) Fetternear View: This area is owned by the developers and it felt that the Residents' association were best able to deal with the issues.
 3. d) Aquythie Junction at B993: Aberdeenshire Council Landscape services are to ensure that there is a clear line of sight at the junction, following the Council's contact.
 4. Kemnay Swimming Pool: In the absence of the speaker to this item, a letter of support will be provided, although it was noted that the Swimming Pool Association had disbanded in earlier years because of lack of support and available funding.
 5. Donation: Mr Stewart Birnie, a former resident of Kemnay has donated £150 toward Christmas decorations in the village.
 9. Naida Sneddon: Senior Community Learning & Development Worker: An overview of the work of CLD was presented with emphasis on Youth work and the short term lease from Police Scotland of the premises for the Youth Café. An offer of a letter of support to extend the lease for a longer period was accepted.
 1. Co-option of New Members: The chair proposed Vaila Spencer, and this was accepted .
 2. Planning Matters and Applications: An application for a Wind farm may be resubmitted, no other controversial applications have been received.

2. Reports
 3. a) Christmas Lights: No report
 4. b) Safety Group: No report.
 5. c) Community Learning and Development: No report.
 6. d) GACCF: Sheila Simpson was appointed Chair for the coming year. Norman Wright, Senior Area Waste Officer, explained the new waste collection service. Collections will continue fortnightly. On the same day of every intervening week, there will be a collection of mixed recyclable rubbish in new blue-topped bins. There will be a container for compostable waste. Glass will not be accepted in the new bins. Information about the new service will be sent to users in August and September, when the service is expected to start. Chris Ormiston, Team Manager for Banff & Buchan and Garioch, set out the new planning structures in Aberdeenshire. Mairi Stewart spoke about the E-Planning service.
 7. e) Community Planning: Anxieties were raised about Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and its targeted support, with the implications for other (adult) groups. Asset transfer was discussed as part of the Community Empowerment Bill.
 8. f) Kemnay Academy: No report
 9. g) Press Report: Advertiser 13.06.14 2nd year Kemnay Academy pupils won the Scottish National final of the Go4SET Challenge held at the Scottish Parliament. Their 10 week project was related to saving water or waste management and how their impact on the environment could be improved. They had previously won the regional event. Advertiser 20.06.14 Douglas Milne, Garioch Area Manager described to Inverurie Community Council alternative arrangements for Secondary Schools in the A96 corridor.
 10. h) Garioch Partnership: No report
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3. Aberdeenshire News: No report since Councillors had to leave the meeting early.
 4. Correspondence: There were 37 items of correspondence.
 5. AOCB: Gavin Adam raised roadside management and Councillor Grant will take this forward. The chair suggested a prize for a School Pupil initiative for the Village.