

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chair), Vaila Spencer (Secretary), Bill Blackwood, David Evans, Margaret Basley, Janet Newberry, Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Allison Grant, PC Brodie, 1 member of the public.

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed those present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Margaret Christie, Kate Rigby, John Hern, Cllr Patricia Oddie,
 1. **Addendum:** . The Chair reported that Margaret Christie (Secretary) has resigned from the Council, effective immediately. The Council would like to express their thanks to Margaret for doing such a sterling service for her tenure as Secretary and wish her all the best for the future.

1. **Police Matters:**
 1. 6 Crimes have been reported within Kemnay since the last report. 5 offences remain undetected with lines of enquiry.
 2. Positive lines of enquiry have been identified for a suspect for a minor assault within Bogbeth Park involving children playing football. This is to be progressed in due course.
 3. An individual has been reported carrying an offensive weapon in public. The male meant no harm and did not brandish the knife in anyway.
 4. Vandalism- Letters 'LOL' were sprayed on a wall near to Kemnay Primary school within Bogbeth Park. The enquiry continues in relation to this crime.
 5. Theft from Motor vehicle in Minto Path area. A number of machines and tools amongst other items were stolen from within a vehicle. The tools have been circulated on stolen property lists and await recovery.
 6. A Vandalism took place on the front Vestibule window of a property on Paradise Road, Kemnay. Enquiries are ongoing.
 7. Police are aware and attending regularly to identify persons who frequent the rear of the Kemnay hall in relation to information passed about a number of items being found to the rear of the hall.
 8. The Public are reminded that there are no fixed opening times for the station in Kemnay, but they should call 101 for any non emergency items, or 999 for emergencies.

1. **Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak:** Mr David Staniforth reported that whilst several of the items previously raised regarding the standard of public areas had been addressed, there are still some outstanding concerns particularly with littering. Councillor Grant has raised this issue with Landscape Services.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2014 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Janet Newberry and approved unanimously.

1. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 2. The Council were delighted to receive photos and thanks from Alehousewells Primary for the Wainman Cup.

8. **Planning Matters and Applications**
 1. The Safety Forum are currently processing the purchase of a Mobile Road Speed System. This will be operated by the Police and available on demand throughout the area to quantify traffic speed. If members of the public have a specific concern about speeding then please let the Council know and they will advise the Police.

2. Following on from the success of providing Primary 1 pupils with reflectors for dark nights a further distribution will take place shortly.
1. **New Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
2. **Licensing Application:** there was some discussion over both the changes the licensing hours at the Burnet Arms and the changes to the seating arrangements at the front of the establishment. There were concerns raised over increased noise in the area as well as reduced parking for customers. It was not clear from the application how the new terrace would be contained, Bob Ingram agreed to visit the premises, discuss the changes with the owners and feedback to the council before a formal decision was made.
2. **Reports:**
 1. **Christmas lights:** no report
 2. **Safety group:**
 - A further batch of Pass Plus Flyers are on order and will be available shortly
1. community learning and development: no report
2. The first an update on plans for Health and Social care integration. The shire community base is to be in Inverurie; site not yet confirmed. Acute services in ARI and Woodend. Person centred care is proposed, and training and supervision for carers provided. There are to be pilot programmes for rehabilitation and enablement in Inverurie, Turriff and Peterhead. The essence is collocation, and one budget.
3. The second presentation gave an introduction to the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. There are three phases, the first of which ends on 24 October. All three to be complete by end may 2015. The first phase focuses on boundaries and composition (of Councils) which is the essence of the whole consultation. Phases 1 and 2 are creation and amendment of draft schemes until new scheme comes into effect in August 2015. Whilst the Community Council has no Statutory powers it does important links to the local Council which has proved effective at dealing with local issues. All CC members are to review the document and revert with comments before the next meeting.
 1. **GACCF:** There were two presentations:
 - Also discussed briefly was Play park provision in Aberdeenshire and its rationalization. Some settlements have more than enough, others too little. Meetings to be held, but dates and venues not yet available. Questionnaires are available in the Library and on the Aberdeenshire website. Item to be highlight on Social Media to bring to attention of wider community.
 1. **Community Planning:**
 1. A ward 10 Forum will take place at the Bennachie Centre in Inch.
 2. An Aberdeenshire event to allow issues to be voiced for the Scottish Rural Parliament will be held in Kemnay Village Hall from 7pm on Monday 29th September. The Rural Parliament will take place in Oban in November.
 - Drugs Action are going into Schools to raise awareness of harm from so called legal highs and suppliers have been targeted by police.
 1. **Kemnay Academy:** The Community Council are seeking representatives from the Academy to assist the Council in matters pertaining to them. Academy to be approached.
 2. **Press Report:** Local man Ryan Fernando has been named as Tullos Training Apprentice of the Year after his first year of training with a major oil company.
 3. **Garioch Partnership:** No report
 4. **Aberdeenshire News:**
 1. West Garioch has won the Bronze Catering Award for the work being done in its Primary Schools. The Council is keen to roll this programme out across all its facilities.
 2. Gordon Rural Action are doing Outreach in Kemnay Youth Cafe every other Wednesday between 10am and 1pm.
5. **Aberdeenshire Main Issues:**
 1. Supporting Communities Event: 1st November in Kemnay, Training of / for Community Councils.
 2. Amendment regarding the wind generators and the audio / visual impact it may have on residencies. There was some discussion regarding the distance that turbines can be located from a settlements boundary.

1. **Local Housing Strategy:** there is sufficient residential zoning currently in place in Kemnay
2. **Correspondence:** (circulate with date)
 1. Car Seat Safety Checks – Summer Schedule (3/7/14)
 2. ACVO E-Bulletin – Friday 4th July 2014 (7/7/14)
 3. VSA Carers’ Information (7/7/14)
 4. Police Scotland – Aberdeenshire & Moray Division Senior Management Changes (8/7/14)
 5. Gordon Rural Action (9/7/14)
 6. Silver Screen Seniors – Film screenings at Inverurie Library (9/7/14)
 7. FW_ Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill – call for evidence (9/7/14)
 8. TGP Newsletter (9/7/14)
 9. Temporary Road Closure – High Street, Kemnay – 10 August 2014 (11/7/14)
 10. Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action – Retirement of Chair and Board Members (29/7/14)
 11. Aberdeenshire Main Issues Report Addendum 2014 (7/8/14)
 12. Viewpoint Newsletter (11/8/14)
 13. ACVO E-Bulletin (11/8/14)
 14. Supporting Communities Event (11/8/14)
 15. Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment (3/9/14)
 16. Viewpoint Newsletter – August 2014 (6/9/14)
 17. Garioch Community Planning Update – September 2014 (6/9/14)
 18. Scottish Rural Parliament: Aberdeenshire briefing session (7/9/14)
 19. Aberdeenshire Local Housing Strategy: Annual Bulletin Issue 9 (11/9/14)
 20. Supporting Communities Event: cancellation (11/9/14)
 21. Garioch Area Committee: Minutes & Agenda (11/9/14)
 22. Garioch Community Ward Forums (13/09/14)
 23. Wind Band – Formation (13/09/14)

7. *Not Circulated*

1. Garioch Area Committee – 22 July 2014
2. Community Bedding Plants – Orders for 2015
3. Public Access Register
4. Weekly lists
5. Is Community Energy Right for You? (Lanarkshire Conference)
6. Big Cities Should Have Greater Financial Control (Pub.Sect.Exec.)

1. **AOCB:**

1. Increased promotion of CC business through use of Social Media
2. Inviting Greener Kemnay to discuss assisting in verge cutting etc in the village
3. Continuing concerns over speeding along Paradise Road
4. Sand blocking drains in Dalmadilly
5. Can we do more to highlight the village noticeboards?
6. Littering in parks
7. Provision of weapons for police, Chair to correspond with Police Service
8. Green Dog walking Scheme: more information to follow
9. Superfast broadband is coming to Kemnay. more details to follow.
10. Littering in Bogbeth and reflectors for P1 children at KPS to be raised with Parent Council.
11. The Community Council is seeking Secretarial Support for minute taking etc. This is a paid position, please contact Council members if interested.

Next meeting to be held 30th October 2014 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.