

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 28 March 2013 AT 7.30 PM

IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Fraser Lamb, Janet Newberry, Sheila Simpson.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, PC Brian Pirie, Steve Clarke, Roddy Yarr.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies: Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2012:

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by David Evans and unanimously approved.

4. Chairman's Report:

The attached report was tabled by the Chairman, who thanked various members of the committee, and reported with sadness the deaths of Jim Piggins, who had been a valuable member of the Community Council for many years, and of Mavis Wainman, who had been a member of the Community Council since its inception. Both would be sorely missed.

5. Financial Statement:

Janet Newberry, treasurer, presented the accounts. The adoption of the financial statement was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Annie Ferries and unanimously approved.

6. AOCB: Sheila Simpson proposed that the secretary be awarded an honorarium of £100 per annum. This was seconded by Janet Newberry and agreed unanimously.

7. Date of Next Annual General Meeting:

Next year's meeting would be held on Thursday 27 March 2014.

Kemnay Community Council

A.G.M. 28th March 2013

Chairman's Report

It was good to see that, once again, Kemnay Community Council started with a full complement of fifteen Community Councillors for the first meeting of the new Council last March. The new members were very welcome, as a Community Council does need to have infusions of new blood, but equally it was good to see so many long serving members continue to stand, as continuity and experience are also essential.

We welcomed Sammy Dey and Fraser Lamb as our representatives from the Academy. In the past we have had some Academy members, but sadly they did seem to not maintain their interest, but this time I have been delighted to see that Sammy and Fraser have not only continued with us, but they contribute enormously to our discussion.

On a sadder note, we lost Mavis Wainman in December. Her contribution to the Community Council, to the Village Hall, to the Newsletter and to Kemnay in general over the past forty years has been absolutely incredible, and she remained a fount of knowledge even when her physical state limited her participation in village affairs. Her award of an MBE was well deserved, and moves are in hand to create a permanent memorial to her in the village. We were also saddened to hear of the death of Jim Piggins who was obliged to stand down from the Community Council last year due to ill health, but who had been a stalwart and active supporter of the village and the Community Council for some twenty years.

Our routine activities have followed the usual pattern. There were only two significant planning applications which we decided to oppose, one was for a wind turbine which, not only was it much too close to the village boundary, would have been a very prominent feature as one approached the village, and would have spoilt the view from the Place of Origin. The other application was for a three story block of flats in the grounds of Bennachie Lodge. We felt that this would have been overbearing, particularly as a blank gable end would have faced anyone approaching from the east. We were pleased that both these applications were rejected by the Garioch Councillors.

While investigating this last development research was conducted into the implementation of tree preservation orders. Our initiative was followed up by the Council, which has now nominated a large number of trees along Victoria Terrace for preservation orders. All the research for this, and for our planning objections, was done by David Evans whom we cannot thank enough for all his work on these and other matters. It was also he who noted that our status as a statutory consultee on planning matters was not being taken as seriously as it should be, and he brought this to the attention of the Planning Department.

There have been a number of roads issues, including access for emergency vehicles from the Glebe to the new Bogbeth estate, parking on Bremner Way, a dangerous junction exiting from the quarry road on to the B993,

broken signs, and the need for lowered kerbs for wheel chair users. All these matters have been investigated, and we do appreciate the helpful response we invariably get from the Roads Department.

We were offered the opportunity to purchase a number of local forests which may be on the Forestry Commission disposal list. One that did concern us was Leschangie Forest, but we were given assurances that, even though we were not in a position to take ownership, access rights for leisure use would be preserved. On the subject of open spaces, we did try and use the Community Payback scheme to have some work done on the Place of Origin, but it would seem that, because of the nature of the lease from the Council, that this was not possible.

The Garioch Partnership formed this year. It certainly has the potential to link different associations and groups, but the only Ward Forum so far attended was too parochial to be truly called a Ward Form.

Our submission for a Design Award for the Mill Farm Restoration, and the Welcome to Kemnay stone was unsuccessful, but it does look as though Mill Farm is now open to the public.

The Christmas lighting and trees were put up in early December. Eric Pashley again made the operation look easy, and he deserves great credit for the successful display. We are also grateful to the Downie family for another generous donation to our lights fund, although we are a little bit constrained with the ordering of new light fittings at present as we have some outstanding bills to pay, and have no idea as to how big they will be. We should, however, be able to order some new ones ready for next Christmas.

We have continued to support the Garioch Area Community Council Forum, and I would like to thank Bob Ingram for looking after our interests on the Garioch and North Marr Safety Group, to Kate Rigby for doing the same on the Community Learning and Development Group, to Sammy Dey and Fraser Lamb for their interesting and enlightening reports from Kemnay Academy and to Janet Newbury for taking care of the accounts.

Thanks also go to our Councillors, Sheena Lonchay, Allison Grant and Patricia Oddie for their support and help in resolving countless problems, great and small.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support, but I would make particular reference to Margaret Christie, whose help and work as our Secretary has made my job so very much easier. She could not have done more for me and the Community Council, and she really does deserve our warmest thanks, particularly as her health has not been of the best recently.

Total		790.85	250.00	1040.85
Expenditure				
8.05	KVH	27.50		
9.05	printing etc of Community Council leaflets	86.28		
19.06	KVH	27.50		
6.07	KVH	27.50		
11.09	casting of Architecture Awards plaque	100.00		
17.10	Wreath for War Memorial	30.00		
23.10	KVH	27.50		
14.11	KVH	27.50		
9.11	Donation re life of Jim Piggins	50.00		
3.12	KVH	27.50		
26.02	KVH	55.00		
Totals		486.28	0.00	486.28
Balance Sheet				
Income		790.85	250.00	1040.85
less expenditure		486.28	0.00	486.28
Current Year		304.57	250.00	554.57
Balance Carried Forward		1825.22	1152.18	2977.40
Plus O/S chqs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		2129.79	1402.18	3531.97
plus outstanding cheque				
I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2012 to 28/02/2013				
Janet Newberry, Treasurer, 10/03/13				

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2013

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Douglas Laing, Fraser Lamb, Janet Newberry, Sheila Simpson.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, PC Brian Pirie. Steve Clarke, Roddy Yarr.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for Absence: Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

3. Police Matters: Seven crimes had been reported in Kemnay in March: two minor anti-social behaviour incidents involving suspects who were to be traced, one shoplifting (which had been captured on CCTV), and four vandalisms with no lines of enquiry. One motorist had been reported for a tax disc offence. Parking issues continued to be monitored. Two new probationers were due to start shortly, bringing the Kemnay office to five. A new 101 number had replaced the non-emergency Police numbers throughout Scotland.

4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak: Steve Clarke proposed erecting three wind turbines in the area of Monymusk. In order to be eligible for a government grant, he is obliged to share the profits with the community. As a native of Kemnay, he would like Kemnay to participate, and sought a member of KCC to be a member of the appropriate trust, stressing that membership did not oblige the Community Council to approve of the plans. Sheila Simpson agreed to join the trust.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2013 was proposed by John Hern, seconded by David Evans and approved unanimously.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes:

a) **Public Loo at Bogbeth:** There has been no real progress on this. Sammy Dey was thanked for conducting a survey. It was agreed that re-opening of the existing toilets was unviable, as the cricket club have use of the building for storage, and re-furbishing of the toilets in Aquithie Road was undesirable as they would be prone to vandalism. Cllr Lonchay agreed to liaise with Cllr Oddie on the matter.

b) **Graffiti Removal:** This matter is on-going. Aberdeenshire Council had asked that the graffiti be reported to the police before they removed it. This had now been done

c) **Victoria Terrace (by Fyfe Park) Lay By:** There had been no progress on this. Cllr Lonchay agreed to make enquiries.

d) **Aquithie Road Traffic Island Lighting:** Aberdeenshire Council had been informed of this but one bollard remained unlit.

7. Planning Matters:

a) **New Applications:** There was nothing controversial.

b) **Status of Community Councils as Statutory Consultees:** There had been some confusion over the difference between technical consultees and statutory consultees. KCC had objected to one planning application, and the minute of the planning meeting had stated that all statutory consultees had approved. The official line was that this referred to technical rather than statutory consultees and KCC were assured that their views would continue to be considered as those of statutory consultees.

c) **Fyfe Park Flooding:** The developer had been asked to do a camera survey of the roads drain. Houses are now being built where the field was flooded. Blocked drains were also mentioned in Aquithie Road and in Grove Road opposite the Golf Club. Cllr Lonchay agreed to make enquiries.

d) **City and Shire Strategic Development Plan:** No comments were submitted.

e) **Local Development Plan:** Members were asked to submit ideas for the Main Issues Report within the next fortnight. David Evans was to supply members with the appropriate web address.

8. Memorial to Mavis Wainman: It was agreed to commission a stained glass plaque for the Village Hall with an accompanying brass plate dedicating the artwork to Mavis.

9. HGV Parking at the Place of Origin: A disagreement exists between the Council and Greenbelt over who is responsible for the land. It was hoped that the organisation responsible would do something to prevent HGVs and overnight caravans parking there. Cllr Lonchay agreed to pursue this.

10. Reports:

a) **Safety Group:** There had been 119 accidental dwelling-house fires in Aberdeenshire from March 2012 to February 2013, 11 being in Garioch and North Marr. This last total was a 50% reduction on the previous year's figures. Resilience Planning aims to help communities plan how to assist their residents during

emergencies and disasters. Young drivers could now receive a contribution of £100 towards the cost of Pass Plus. It was hoped that a Road Safety Advert featuring David Coulter would be uploaded onto U Tube with a link to the CS website.

b) Kemnay Academy: Kemnay had had considerable success in the Rock Challenge heats. Although they came fourth in the Aberdeen area final, they had received higher marks than many finalists in other areas, and were to go to the final in Dundee where they will be sponsored by Arcadia. The extension to the Academy was scheduled to be started on 1 April 2013 and completed by 14 August 2014. A charity quiz night was to be held on 7 April 2013 and a charity golf event on 19 June 2013.

c) Press Report: A poll of Kintore residents had showed that of the 46% who responded, 97% were in favour of reopening Kintore Station. The Inverurie Advertiser had reported at length on Kemnay Academy's success in Rock Challenge.

d) Garioch Area Community Council Forum: Piers Blaxter had given a presentation explaining the reason for and the value of the Local Development Plan. The Council was to issue its Main Issues Report by November 2013 as a step towards the LDP. It was to be sent out for consultation, with responses being required by the start of February 2014. Lesley Tierny explained the process for considering and determining wind turbine applications; criteria for approval include visual impact, amenity, ecology and elevation. Darren Ross gave information about the planning process and how and when communities could become involved as statutory consultees. Discussion of future CCF and Forum meetings was deferred to the meeting on 12th June 2013 and Community Councils were asked to give thought to the matter before that meeting.

e) Garioch Bus Forum: Problems were aired about the unreliability of the 07.17 service from Kemnay to Aberdeen. Commuters were asked to complain about particular incidents as they occurred, as it was not possible to investigate general complaints such as "The bus is often late". Stagecoach are to install a traffic light system, visible only to drivers, which will indicate how smoothly they are driving. There is an intention to provide in the future a real-time information system showing the proximity of buses. There has been no action taken about a later bus from Inverurie other than on Fridays and Saturdays, largely as the existing Friday/Saturday service is little used. There was a complaint about the Kemnay High Street shelter having no sides, and a narrower roof so it offers only limited protection from the weather. This will be investigated. There were complaints about Stagecoach querying the use of tickets issued by Central Coaches. There is an agreement in place for each company to honour the other's tickets, and if there is a problem this should be reported. A new timetable will be introduced on 15 April 2013. Fares will increase by around 4% on 31 March 2013 and commuter cards will be withdrawn from that date.

11. Aberdeenshire news: Details of the roads and bridges to be repaired in the coming year are now available on the website. The tree preservation orders around Victoria Terrace have been approved.

12. Correspondence: Correspondence was received as follows: Garioch Community Planning Group updates; Broadband Survey; Men's Shed Conference; Citizens' Panel – Viewpoint Newsletter; Presentations from GACC Forum meeting; The Garioch Partnership Spring Fayre and AGM; Feedback from Joint Meeting of Garioch Community Planning Group, Garioch Area Committee and the Council's Garioch Area Management Team; Temporary change of Garioch Police Inspector; Ward 13 Forum – Westhill.

13. AOCB: David Evans proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work throughout the year. This was seconded by Annie Ferries and approved unanimously. A question was raised about the village website. It was agreed that it should be put on the agenda for the next meeting, and that the webmaster should be invited to the meeting.