

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING 28 Mayth 2015

Present: Bill Blackwood (Vice - Chair), David Evans, Douglas Laing, Vaila Spencer, Margaret Basley, Bob Ingram, Gaenor Berkin, Rob Mackay, Kate Rigby, Sasha Bryden, Hazel Smith, Gavin Adam, Janet Newberry, Graeme Wood

Attending: 10 members of the public – Peter Reynolds, Kelly Bowie, Denice Forbes, Sue Wainman, Andy Per, Doug Patrick, Stewart Creely, Chris Press, Raymond Brown, Elaine Mitchell

1. **Welcome:** The Vice- Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. S. Lonchay, Sheila Simpson
3. **Community Talk** – Mr Andy Pirie, Social Worker talked about the work of the Kemnay Family Resource Centre. He said that local people see the Centre as a point of contact and sometimes stigma is a barrier. The Centre is open full-time for five days a week and recently there have been groups for girls and boys; it is likely there will be more groups in the future. Council members suggested that maybe there could be an Open event so that the community could find out more what goes on and even an Open/Closed sign on the front door might be worth considering.
4. **Kemnay Academy pupil report** – Sasha Bryden reported that the fundraising for RSV School, Rwanda is ongoing and brought along raffle tickets.
5. **Police Matters:** the Police report for April was noted. There was no Police report for May or Police presence. It was supposed that this is due to the pressure on Police resources and that a discussion needs to be initiated with the Police about what can be expected. The Chair (Sheila Simpson) to write to Inspector Millar on this topic.
6. **Members of the Public:** Members of the Public contributed to the discussion on Road Traffic issues related to the area around Bogbeth Road and the planned housing development. See Items 11 & 12.
7. **Approval of Minutes** of 30th April – Approved David Evans Seconded Douglas Laing
8. **Matters arising from Minutes:**
 - a) The future of the Community Minibus is now assured and that it will be retained within Kemnay. Another meeting has recently taken place and the Minibus will come under the control of Aberdeenshire Life and a Minibus Forum is to be formed.
 - b) There was a Community Council presence at the Village Hall Coffee Shop on 22nd May. Rob & Bob reported on a successful exercise and that people there had highlighted the lack of public toilets and problems of access for people using wheelchairs. Leaflets are not available at the Library so attempts are to be made to source leaflets. Bob agreed to contact Alison Cumming about a supply of leaflets.
 - c) The issue of a lack of a toilet in Bogbeth Park was highlighted. Recognised that there is a need for improved notices within the Park to indicate that there is toilet provision at the Bennachie Lodge – Cllr. Oddie is speaking with the Council about this. Members were still concerned about lack of provision within the Park itself and agreed that this requires more exploration and discussion. The Chair is to meet with the Chair of the Pavilion Committee to discuss this.
 - d) There had been a meeting on 15th May in Inverurie to discuss Factoring arrangements applied to Housing Estates including service charges, which Hazel Smith had attended. There is to be a further meeting.

- e) Craig Grant fund – Janet Newberry has e-mailed his widow and one possible use of the money is to use it to dispense small grants to S4 and S5 School leavers. Vaila Spencer is liaising with Kemnay Academy P.T.A. as to their idea about the award of a Shield on an annual basis. The meeting decided it needed more time to make an informed decision and that this would be discussed at the next meeting.
 - f) Shannoch Path issue – Cllr. Oddie to be asked about progress with this issue. Hazel Smith said there had been in the past a query as to who owns the land.
 - g) Mavis Wainman Fund – it was agreed the remaining money £418.00 in the fund could be wholly used for the purchase of two benches in association with Greener Kemnay. The designer of the Place of Origin – John Maine – is to be informed about this. The Secretary is to inform John Maine and to organise the benches in association with Greener Kemnay and Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum.
9. **Deer and Traffic Collisions** – a member of the public who had witnessed the death of a deer after a collision with a car contacted the Community Council. The member of the public suggested a deer warning sign be erected on the Castle Fraser road. The meeting did not support such a move as it was pointed out the number of deer is growing and they are crossing many roads at this time of year. Another sign could be a distraction to drivers. The 101 number to contact the Police or 0300999999 to contact the SPCA
10. **Community Engagement** – It was agreed an approach should be made to Alehousewells P.T.A. by the Secretary to enquire if they would be interested to have representation on the Community Council. Feedback was provided on the recent Kemnay Ward Forum which was considered to be a productive meeting and agreed that the Secretary will write to the Area Manager to clarify about Planning Gain.
11. **Road traffic issues** on Bogbeth Road – there was a lively discussion about the existing traffic problems on the Bogbeth estate. The residents expressed the view that already there is insufficient capacity for the amount of cars and that in evenings all the roads are crowded and safety concerns were expressed. This situation is exacerbated by insufficient yellow lines and that the two small car parks are not being fully utilised. There had been a site meeting with the Roads Dept. at which Sheila Simpson and Hazel Smith were present. The residents expressed considerable apprehension about the forthcoming football tournament. The subject of the application by Barratts Homes to develop the adjoining field was discussed and major concerns expressed by the residents and Council members included safety issues and insufficient road capacity for the increased flow of traffic. The meeting agreed that the Community Council will write to the Area Manager requesting that a delegate from the residents' group be invited to address the Garioch Area Committee on this housing application. The Secretary reported he had made contact with the owner of the Leschangie Woods about the illegal use of these woods by people using motorised trail bikes. The suggestion was made that a notice be erected and the Police be contacted for advice. The Landowner agreed to monitor the situation.
12. **Planning Matters:** It was confirmed that Barratts have now submitted their plans for the erection of 66 houses off Bogbeth Road and the deadline for comments is 25 June – this will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting. The following applications were discussed:
APP/2015/1575 Erection of a house Aquithie – Neutral; APP/2015/1630 Erection of 2 houses Boatleys – Neutral; APP/2015/1631 Boatleys – Neutral; APP/2015/1551 Milton Meadows – Approve; APP/2015/1476 Erection of house in garden of Ashley House, St. Bryde's Road – Oppose.
13. **Reports:**

- a) Christmas lights – nothing definite on the storage of the Christmas lights. Gavin is meeting up with Eric and Vaila is to speak with a friend with storage space.
 - b) Safety Report – Bob reported that Kemnay will receive the mobile speeding sign during late June.; there is also the Message in a Bottle Initiative and there is a Police Road Safety Initiative that will eventually cover all primary schools in the Garioch for primaries 1 -7.
 - c) CLD – no report
 - d) GACF – noted the AGM is taking place on June 3rd. Correspondence related to the review of the Scheme of Establishment was noted. Bob Ingram agreed for his name to be put forward to take part in the Working Group.
 - e) Community Planning – no report
 - f) Press reports – noted
 - g) Garioch Partnership – no report
 - h) Janet (Treasurer) sought authority to institute Internet Banking – this was agreed.
13. **Aberdeenshire News:**
- a) Aberdeenshire Council had held a consultation event on the joint Interconnected Travel Town Project that is to run over 3 years and has a budget of £1.5 million pounds. Kemnay will come within the radius of this project.
 - b) Aberdeenshire Council and Grampian Health Board held an “Active Aberdeenshire” event on 26th May 2015 (a summary of the day is on the Village Website).
14. AOCB
- Adam – commented on the accuracy of the road reports on the Aberdeenshire Council website; Hazel – commented on dumping of waste by river; Vaila – questioned the safety of wall by Bowling Club; David – excavation of site by Craigmyle is under investigation; Rob – highlighted the lack of road markings on Grove Road especially on the corner by the Primary School; Rob – suggested the need to update the Constitution, the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 25th June 2015