

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2012**

**Present:** Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Fraser Lamb, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Sheila Simpson, Mavis Wainman.

**Attending:** Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Patricia Oddie, Sergeant Jamie Harrison, Sergeant Andy Sawers.

**1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present, particularly Sammy and Fraser, the representatives from Kemnay Academy.

**2. Apologies for absence:** David Evans, Douglas Laing, Bob Ingram, Cllr Allison Grant.

**3. Police matters:** An assault involving two juveniles had resulted in a formal juvenile warning being issued and recorded. Four vandalisms had been reported: on a company vehicle where enquiries were proceeding relating to a rival company, on the roof of Alehousewells school, on a poly tunnel in Paradise road, and on a staff car at the Academy where enquiries were ongoing to identify suspects via CCTV footage. One adult had received a formal warning in relation to damage to a fence. There had been one theft of wheel arches from a vehicle in Fyfe Park. One driver had been charged in relation to “wheel-spinning” and one with driving without a licence or insurance. Seven parking tickets had been issued. There was some discussion of the space at the top of High Street which is used as a parking area; the Chairman agreed to address this [see 5c) below].

**4. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2012 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by Janet Newberry, and unanimously approved.

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes:**

a) **Community Council Initiatives:** No-one suggested anything new, but members were encouraged to continue to investigate this.

b) **Aggregate Industries Projects:** Communication about this was ongoing.

c) **Roads queries:** The Chairman was to have a site meeting with Bob Gray of the Roads Department on the following Wednesday.

d) **Consultation on public health and social integration:** Members were again urged to participate; the deadline having been extended to 11 September. Aberdeenshire Council’s draft response was now on the website.

e) **Youth Council Awards:** Sheila Simpson informed the meeting that Corinne Bunton, a young leader in Kemnay Parish Church, had won an award for volunteering.

**6. Community Engagement Strategy:** It was agreed to write to point out that this was extremely obscure.

**7. Planning matters and applications:** There was nothing controversial.

**8. Reports:**

a) **Christmas Lights:** Coloured lights for the Christmas trees and three new lamp-post lights were to be considered.

b) **Safety Group:** There was no representative present and therefore no report.

c) **Community Learning and Development:** There was no representative present and therefore no report.

d) **GACCF:** Kenny Thomson had been elected chair, and Audrey Findlay vice-chair. The next meeting would be on 12 September 2012.

e) **Community Planning:** The previous meeting had been a joint one with the Area Committee. Lottery Funding had been obtained for the Wyness Hall (Inverurie) kitchen project.

f) **School Representative:** The School felt that it had been detached from the community, and wanted to build bridges. The litter question had not improved the reputation of the school, but the school’s pupil council, which was entirely pupil-run, was attempting to address the problem, and had had some success. The pupil council’s priority was to benefit the school and the community. Already they had prompted a change in the school uniform, and their input to the plans for the school extension had been appreciated and accepted.

g) **News Items:** The extension to the Academy had been agreed. Reuben Gedge, a pupil at the Academy, had been one of those elected to carry the Olympic torch.

**9. Aberdeenshire news:** A £13m under-spend from last year had been allocated to one-off community projects. There had been a number of complaints about toilet facilities at Kemnay Primary School; these

would be resolved, but probably not before the beginning of the new term. It was suggested that part of the under-spend could be used to increase the Top-up budget, and Cllr Lonchay agreed to put this forward.

**10. Correspondence:** The following had been received:

- a) Garioch Community Planning Update (previously circulated)
- b) Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2012-13 (previously circulated)
- c) Learning Community Planning Event (previously circulated)
- d) Invitation to Magpie Inverurie Open Day (previously circulated)
- e) Letter offering potential support for Community projects (previously circulated)
- f) Flyer from Road Safety Grampian (previously circulated)
- g) Letter from Kemnay Primary School.

It was agreed that the Chairman should write in reply to the last of these.

**11. AOCB:**

- a) **Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill:** The secretary agreed to send round the link to this consultation, and to receive responses.
- b) **The Cartie Race:** This had been a huge success, despite the weather.
- c) **Roadside Verges:** The meeting was assured that Aberdeenshire Council would continue to cut roadside verges.
- d) **Holiday Arrangements:** It was agreed that the Office-bearers could make urgent decisions during the break.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be on 27 September 2012.