

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2014

Present: Sheila Simpson (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Douglas Laing, Eric Pashley.

Attending: Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Alison Cumming, a Police Constable, Norman Gall, Michael Roadine, Vaila Spencer, David Staniforth, Louise Thorbin, Susan Wallace.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Kate Rigby.
3. **Police Matters:** Three offences which would not affect the community in general had been reported and detected. Two vandalisms had occurred: a single vehicle had its wheels slashed and paintwork scratched, and a poly-tunnel had been damaged. One person had been reported for drugs offences involving personal possession. Three road traffic incidents had been detected: a vehicle crashing at the T-Junction on the road to Inverurie, a drink driving offence and an incident of careless driving. There had been two reports of theft, one being a theft from a place of work; the second being from the Co-operative in Station Road, Kemnay where cigarettes worth a four-figure sum were stolen and damage caused to the shop. Anyone with information was urged to contact police. Both had lines of enquiry. Police Scotland continued to emphasise the importance of security in respect of commercial and domestic properties as well as vehicles, as the region continued to see instances of theft. Members of the public were encouraged to report any instances of suspicious behaviour or activity.
4. **Kiddiwinks Nursery:** Representatives from the nursery and from the Pavilion Committee were present. Ways of liaising more closely with the nursery were explored.
5. **Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak:** There was a request for sponsorship of a cup for Primary 7 at Kemnay Primary School; it was agreed to support this at a cost of £60 and also to provide similar funds for Alehousewells Primary. There was a complaint about the unreliability of the 07.17 Stagecoach bus from Kemnay; the complainer was advised to contact the Managing Director of Stagecoach. Cllr Lonchay offered to supply the complainer with a contact address for the Managing Director.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A belated apology had been received from Cllr Lonchay. With that amendment, adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2014 was proposed by Eric Pashley, seconded by Margaret Basley, and approved unanimously.
7. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Litter:** There were further complaints about litter. It was agreed to liaise with the Academy over this problem. The complainer made further complaints about the upkeep of various areas within Kemnay. Alison Cumming suggested projects such as a litter-pick or joining “adopt-a-street”.
 - b) **Fetternear View:** Cllr Lonchay offered to contact the Council to establish who owned the street. It was suggested that once this was established, the agent might be persuaded to install an appropriate sign.
 - c) **Design Awards:** Mill Farm had unfortunately not been granted a Design Award.
8. **Planning Matters and Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
9. **Aquythie Junction with B993:** Trees were blocking sightlines. This had proved a particular problem at the time of the diversion which closed the Aquythie Road. Cllr Lonchay agreed to establish what powers Aberdeenshire Council had in this respect.
1. **Cornabo Wind Farm Trust:** The chairman had attended a meeting of the Cornabo Wind Farm Trust. She reported that CARES has been established by the Scottish Government to encourage local

and community ownership of renewable energy across Scotland. They provide support, advice and financial assistance to community groups and rural businesses who wish to generate renewable energy or gain benefit from local commercial renewable energy schemes. Once in receipt of a grant, the grant holders must encourage the formation of a community trust to administer funds generated by the project. Debate had taken place about which communities should have access to the funds. Planning permission had yet to be granted and it would be two years before funds were available after that. It was agreed by the Community Council that Kemnay should not be represented on the trust, since it was not in the area which would be most affected by the proposed wind farm.

1. Reports:

- a) **Christmas Lights – Donations:** A donation of £250 towards the Christmas lights had been received and another of £150 had been promised.
- b) **Safety Group:** Aberdeenshire Council had two Road Safety Advisers stationed at Huntly. Funds were now available for young drivers on the Skills for Life course run by the Institute of Advanced Motorists. A Speed Monitoring & Recording Device would be bought for use by the police and would be set up on roads where residents had raised concerns; if a pattern of speeding was established, speed cameras would be brought into operation. Police bikes were now available in Westhill, Inverurie, Alford and Kemnay but as yet few officers had been trained to use them; there were plans to train more officers. Monymusk was now a pilot village for a resilience plan which could aid residents in the event of a disaster; the village hall would be powered by a portable generator and become the central point of safety. Promoting the Pass Plus scheme (and the £150 grant) had generated an increased level of enquiries.
- c) **Community Learning and Development:** The future of CLD groups in Aberdeenshire remained undecided. The lease for the Youth Cafe at the Old Police Station was likely to continue for at least another two years and The Bothie in Kintore was open and was being used by local groups. Moureen Power, who had now retired from her librarian's post, reported that proposed alterations to the Kemnay Library had been postponed indefinitely.
- d) **GACCF:** The Community Council proposed Sheila Simpson for the position of Chair.
- e) **Community Planning:** Westhill Men's Shed had won a COSLA award – there might be funding for a similar club in Kemnay. There was discussion about the funding of a lunch club for elderly people in Port Elphinstone. The Community Empowerment Bill had been delayed until after the referendum. There was to be a series of Conversation Cafes throughout Garioch to draw out areas of public concern in respect of health and wellbeing.
- f) **Press Report:** ADaffodil tea at St Anne's Church had raised £800 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. There was concern about the proposed 900Kw wind farm at Cornabo, Monymusk. Kemnay Primary School pupils had been awarded £1000 for an advertisement for I&K Motors broadcast on Original FM. The Network Rail plan was for Kintore Railway Station to open in 2019, with some of the track to Aberdeen to be made dual.
- g) **Garioch Partnership – Ward Forum:** The Funders' Fair on 1st October in Kintore was intimated. Whartle Community Association had funds for a Films in Community Project and had been connected with Kemnay's Film Night organisers for further support. A member of the Kemnay Pavilion had asked for KCC support at their meetings. There was discussion led by Jill Sowden on the general lack of volunteers in the community.

2. **Aberdeenshire News:** The consultation on the Local Development Plan had agreed there would be no new development sites in Kemnay.

3. Correspondence:

(Circulated with date)

- a) Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy – February Event (2/5/2014)
- b) Scams Awareness Month (2/5/2014)
- c) Garioch Community Kitchen Classes – Fine Dining and Basic Classes (3/5/2014)
- d) Feeling Good Festival (5/5/2014)
- e) Ward 12 Forums (6/5/2014)
- f) Garioch Community Kitchen – Elementary Cooking Skills course (6/5/2014)
- g) Ward 11 Forum (6/5/2014)

- h)** ACVO Newsletter (6/5/2014)
- i)** Jazz Festival Newsletter (7/5/2014)
- j)** Garioch Community Planning Update (12/5/2014)
- k)** Garioch Partnership AGM (14/5/14)
- l)** Life on the Wild Side (16/5/14)
- m)** Viewpoint (19/5/14)
(Not circulated)
- n)** Aberdeenshire Social Enterprise Network
- o)** Pause in Awards for all Programmes
- p)** DTA Scotland Bulletin
- q)** Local People Leading
- r)** Cashback Funding
- s)** Councils Facing Financial Tipping Point (about English Councils)

4. **AOCB:** There were no volunteers to serve on the stakeholders group considering the provision of Secondary education on the A96 corridor.
5. **Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 26 June 2014.