

## **KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL - REPORT OF THE MEETING ON 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Bill Blackwood (Chair), Margaret Basley, Bob Ingram, Rob Mackay, Hazel Smith, Gavin Adam, Janet Newberry, Cllr. Lonchay, Sue Wainman, Gaenor Berkin, Kate Rigby

**Attending:** No member of the public were in attendance

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Sheila Simpson, David Evans, Vaila Spencer, Doug Laing, Sasha Bryden, Mathew Palin
3. **Community Talk:** Dr Alastair Glennie spoke to the issue of Public Accessed Defibrillators (PADS). The surgery currently has two defibrillators, one is permanently based in the surgery whilst the other is used by himself for call-outs in the instance of a cardiac arrest. There is also a unit based in the Golf Club building but this is only available when that building is open. Dr Glennie said these units are very easy to use and automatically provide instructions. Dr Glennie said that on average there are two cardiac arrests per year in Kemnay and most occur in the Bremner Way area. Research by Edinburgh University indicates there is a 35% chance of survival with the provision of PADS.  
In the subsequent discussion the meeting agreed PADS is a good idea and there is a need for provision of 2 more PADS and at least one of these should be based in the Alehousewells area. There was a brief discussion of how this could be funded and mention was made of other services such as the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance. Rob Mackay informed the meeting that a public meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November when members of the Mid-Deeside PADS project are to be speaking. Gaenor Berkin indicated that the Army Cadet force have defibrillators and might be interested in making these available – she was asked to investigate this possibility.  
Dr Glennie was also asked about the type of telephone system operated by the Surgery as it appears if the Surgery 'phones a patient at home then this call appears on the recipient's telephone caller display as "number withheld". Dr Glennie stated the only way round this is that if a patient makes a specific request then a code can be issued that is attached to their telephone number. The question was asked as to whether the telephone system could be altered and Dr Glennie agreed to investigate this.
4. **Kemnay Academy pupil report** – there was no pupil report.
5. **Police Matters:** There was no Police report for June or Police presence at the meeting.
6. **Approval of Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Approved Bob Ingram, Seconded Sue Wainman
7. **Matters arising from Minutes:**
  - a) We had no presence at the Village Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Hazel Smith was at the last session and picked up on problems with the level of Aberdeenshire Council service in cutting back trees in gardens in the Bremner Way area during July & August. Cllr. Lonchay undertook to follow up on this issue and report back to us. The next session we need to be at is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November
  - b) No further information on the issue of a lack of a public toilet in Kemnay.
  - c) It was noted there has been a further meeting about Factoring issues at which our Chairperson was present. The officials are going to undertake further work and there will be future meetings.
  - d) Mavis Wainman Fund – confirmed that two benches have been bought and arrangements are being made to install them.
  - e) Road traffic issues were discussed and there was uncertainty as to Police Scotland's plans for installing a speed monitoring device in the Grove Road area. It was agreed that the Chairperson be asked to write to an official of sufficient authority within Police Scotland. The ongoing concern about speeding on Aquithie Road was noted.  
The issue of visibility at the Kemnay Autobody junction had been raised by a concerned resident. Cllr. Lonchay stated she had communicated about this issue with Bob Gray, Principal Road Engineer. In an e-mail he stated that the Roads Dept. will survey the site

to see what can be done to alleviate the problem. He also stated he would liaise with the  
liaise with the Planning Dept. to see whether permission has been granted.

- f) The Projects sub-group – no further information.
- g) Access issues relating to St. John's Church – a site visit had been undertaken with Access Officer (Aberdeenshire Council) and discovered that new fence and path has been placed on property belonging to the Roman Catholic Church and not private property as had been previously thought. It was also shown that there is still a route around the barbed wire fence to access the Church. The Access Officer indicated she would contact the Church Authorities to confirm the exact path to the Church and an information post was also mentioned.

**8. Kennay Futures:** Rob spoke to the preparations that have been made for the first meeting of the Kennay Futures project which is planning to consult with the local community as to what it likes about living in Kennay and what changes and improvements it would like to see. This is being supported by Garioch Project and the final report is due in June/July 2016. The first public meeting is to be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This information had been on the Community Council's website and Facebook page but some members stated they were not aware of the date and questioned why this information had not featured in the Village Newsletter.

**9. Planning Matters:**

[APP/2015/3072](#) Erection of 8 No. one bed three storey Townhouses (Full planning permission) - Site adjacent To Bennachie Lodge Victoria Terrace Kennay. The three levels consist of ground floor parking, 1<sup>st</sup>. floor living room / dining room / bathroom / kitchen / balcony and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Master bedroom / ensuite bathroom / family room. Expiry date for public comment Thu 05 Nov 2015. KCC requested to be officially consulted on this application and submitted comment on 16 October 2015.

[APP/2015/3034](#) Change of Use from Agricultural to Dog Minding Facility (Sui Generis). Mrs Sandra Lowson, Hamewith, Blairdaff, Kennay, AB51 5LA. Expiry date for public comment 12 Nov. 2015. Neutral.

[APP/2015/3264](#) Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage (permission in principle) - Site Adjoining Lindward Pines Braco Pitcaple Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Thu 19 Nov 2015. Neutral.

**10. Reports:**

- a) Christmas lights – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November were discussed as possible dates for the installation of the lights. Gavin requested volunteers from the Community Council. He is to contact the relevant officials from the Community Council.
- b) Safety group – no report.
- c) Community Planning – no report.
- d) Press report – no report.

**11. Aberdeenshire News** – Cllr. Lonchay reported on the 'Aberdeen City Region Deal' which has the potential to attract substantial resources from the U.K. Govt. into the area. It is themed around Innovation and Internationalisation & Housing and Connectivity. More information to be found on <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=66604&sID=26262> Cllr. Lonchay spoke about the expected cuts to the Council's budget and changes to the Bus service that will affect the X20 and the 421 buses.

**12. Correspondence** – no additional information.

**13. AOCB** – No Chair's Report, Bob reported that 1,240 Community Council brochures have been printed and there are being distributed. Suggestion was made that the brochures to be inserted into the Newsletters. Gavin talked about problem of wind blown trees by Burnhervie and was advised to 'phone the Council and Sue reported on an excellent conference she had attended on Community Asset Transfer. Cllr. Lonchay brought with her the official wreath from Aberdeenshire Council for the Remembrance Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November – this was passed to Bob as he will be present. A wreath is also being laid from Kennay Community Council.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.**