

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2012

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Douglas Laing, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Kate Rigby, Sheila Simpson, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Patricia Oddie, PC Dave Calvert, PC Stewart Gibbon.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present, particularly our newly elected Councillors, and performed introductions.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Ingram.
3. **Police matters:** Crime figures still remained low for the Kemnay area. Three thefts, one of which was of fuel, one minor assault and one incidence of vandalism had been reported, there being lines of enquiry and suspects for the latter two. One motorist had been charged with careless driving, following a collision. Local officers had increased patrols, following complaints about anti-social driving. Traffic wardens were now patrolling in Kemnay and had issued a number of parking tickets. Police were present at the very successful football tournament on 26 May 2012 in Bogbeth Park.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2012 was proposed by Sheila Simpson, seconded by John Hern, and unanimously approved.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **Church Centre Wall:** This has now been repaired.
 - b) **Community Council Leaflets:** These had been distributed with the May edition of the Newsletter.
 - c) **Road Department Enquiries:** A vehicle count was to be done in Bremner Way. The response to the Quarry Road/B993 junction problem was unsatisfactory as the council official in question appeared to have misunderstood which location had been causing problems, and the matter had been pursued further.
 - d) **Mill Farm:** Glyn Jones of Aggregate Industries had indicated that it was hoped that access to both the site and the hides would be available shortly.
6. **Planning matters and applications:**
 - a) **Planning Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
 - b) **Development Plan Scheme 2012:** This was essentially an update of the previous year's scheme. It was noted that Community Councils were included in the list of statutory consultees to the Development Plan.
7. **Reports:**
 - a) **Safety Group:** There was no representative present and therefore no report.
 - b) **Community Learning and Development:** A report would be issued later.
 - c) **GACCF: Election of Office-bearers:** No-one was nominated.
 - d) **Community Planning – Revision of the Garioch Community Plan 2010/14:** Kemnay Community Council had nothing to add to the plan.
8. **Aberdeen Airport Master Plan:** It was agreed to respond to the consultation document, supporting the plan in principle but expressing concern about transport issues.
9. **Community Council Initiatives:** Various suggestions were made, including: making Kemnay more cycle-friendly, creating a walking/cycle path from Kemnay to Inverurie, twinning with another village of the same size, and on-going liaison with the Academy. These suggestions were to be considered before the next meeting. The Chairman volunteered to liaise with the Rector, and David Evans agreed to check if a twinning arrangement was already extant.
10. **Aberdeenshire news:**
 - a) **Thanks:** Thanks were expressed to Hazel Al-Kowarri, who had been an excellent advocate for Kemnay in her three years as Councillor.
 - b) **Lowered kerbs for wheelchair users and potholes in Paradise Road:** These would be dealt with in the near future, as would lowered kerbs in Bremner Way.
 - c) **The Local Development Plan:** This would be formally adopted the following day.
 - d) **Garioch Area Committee:** Cllr Lonchay had been elected chair of the Garioch Area Committee.
 - e) **The Green Group:** This Kemnay group was commended by Cllr Grant who had attended a meeting which had considered walking routes around Kemnay, and had explored one of these.
11. **Correspondence:**

- a) **Consultation on the review of the Scottish Breast Screening Programme:** Individuals were encouraged to complete this consultation.
- b) **Public Consultation on Health and Social Integration:** Members of the public were encouraged to complete this consultation which could be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/6469/downloads> . Cllrs Lonchay and Grant stressed the importance of the consultation, which was considering the integration of the Health Service in Scotland with social care services to allow a smooth transition between them.
- c) **Dickens Fellowship in Aberdeen:** Sheila Simpson had become involved with this.
- d) **Aberdeenshire Youth Council Awards:** The closing date would be 31 May 2012. There were no nominations.
- e) **Olympic Torch Relay Bulletin 1 May 2012:** It was noted that the relay would effectively close the Haudigan Roundabout during the rush hour on the morning of Tuesday 12 June 2012.
- f) **Insurance Details:** These had been received from Aberdeenshire Council in e-mail form.
- 12. AOCB:** Cllr Lonchay expressed her regret at the death of Alastair Leitch who had been a well-loved representative for Kemnay on Aberdeenshire Council. There had been forwarded to the Community Council a request for projects which might be undertaken by volunteers from Aggregate Industries to mark their hundredth year. Projects suggested included laying an area of hard standing by the ramp at the church hall, tidying up the area around the Village Hall and improving the paths on the Place of Origin. Annie Ferries drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that a local man, Neil McDonald had recently climbed Everest, and rescued another climber on his descent. [Secretarial note: The Inverurie Herald of 7 June 2012 refers]
- 13. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be on Thursday 28 June 2012.