

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2013**

**Present:** Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Basley, Bill Blackwood, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Douglas Laing, Fraser Lamb, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Sheila Simpson.

**Attending:** Cllr Sheena Lonchay and two members of the public – Lee Willetts and Harry Bygate.

**1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Margaret Christie, Sammy Dey, Bob Ingram, Kate Rigby, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Patricia Oddie.

**3. Police Matters:** There was no police presence. There were queries about boy racers near the skate board park which resulted in a broken lamp post, parking in Station Road, and a request for people not to wear dark clothing on unlit roads. Registration numbers of the boy racers were provided. There had also been some incidents of unpleasant behaviour by youths, both at the village hall and the church centre.

**4. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September 2013:** Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Annie Ferries and approved unanimously.

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes:**

**a) Mavis Wainman Memorial:** The stained glass window design had been agreed and work on it was now in hand. Fraser Lamb was thanked for his very appropriate design.

**b) Public Toilets:** Still under investigation. Reopening these, or providing an alternative, would seem to pose insuperable problems in the present financial climate and it was felt that there was little point in pursuing this further.

**c) Kemnay Website:** A possible contact was to be followed up to renew the site.

**d) Bird Hides:** A meeting with the new Breendon Manager has had to be postponed. Topics to be discussed will include Mill Farm and the Place of Origin.

**e) East Garioch CC:** The GAC had agreed to Kemnay taking over part of the area. We will try to find a co-opted member from this area.

**f) Remembrance Sunday:** A wreath will be laid at 10.55am on Remembrance Sunday.

**g) Dog Mess in Paradise Road:** An article has been submitted and printed in the Newsletter requesting that the minority of irresponsible dog owners pick up their dogs' poo, and stating that they can be fined for not doing so. Aberdeenshire Council are shortly running a campaign on the issue and "Clean Up" reminder stickers have been put on appropriate lamp-posts. Stickers were also distributed to those who requested. It was also pointed out that the Council issue free bags for dog poo.

**h) Litter:** A suggestion was made for a rubbish bin at the start of Paradise Road but it was agreed there wasn't enough room there. It was advised that there is a litter focus group at the school now and that, as it was mainly a school children problem, they should be involved.

**i) Post Office Bench:** Joe Murison, a local painter, has re-varnished this free of charge, a gesture much appreciated. The bench is now drying.

**6. Planning Matters and Applications:** No controversial Applications have been submitted. The Local Development Plan MIR is now on the Aberdeenshire website. A presentation on it, to be held in Kintore School on 6 November, was recommended to all. MIR details will be in the December newsletter, but Kemnay will be little affected by new development not included in the last LDP. It was agreed not to have an open day to discuss the new housing proposals but that David would do an article in the newsletter on the issues involved.

**7. Reports:**

**a) Christmas Lights:** Trees had been identified. Lights will be erected on 1 December subject to insurance details being confirmed. We still awaited a bill from our erector.

**b) Budget Briefing:** The Council Budget was expected to be £520m. It was expected that expenditure would be kept within budget, unlike many other authorities.

**c) GACCF:** A Mission Statement had been proposed, and a list of local organisations given. The next meeting would include transport matters; issues were requested. A suggestion of speed bumps to control traffic speed was raised by a member of the public. However, it was decided not to pursue this meantime.

**d) Kemnay Academy:** Sammy Dey has left the Academy. She was thanked for her contribution to the Community Council while its representative. Cllr Lonchay gave an update on recent matters, including

planning a trip to Costa Rica and raising money for Shelterbox, which provides emergency equipment to distressed regions.

**e) Press Report:** Emma Lawrie, in her 4th year at Edinburgh University, has won a national competition for the design of a woollen jumper. There has been a progress report on building work at Kemnay Academy. A team of volunteer coaches from Kemnay golf club won the Club Golf Ryder Cup Challenge. A Kemnay trio, Stan Anderson, Mary Mitchell and Lee Aitken won the Old Rayne triple bowls competition.

**8. Aberdeenshire News:** The Fraser Road sign should have been replaced, but would appear not to have been. The Keep Left in Aquithie Road had been. There have been a number of changes of senior personnel in the Planning Department. It was understood that the Academy extension was being paid for by the Council, and was not a PFI project.

**9. Correspondence:** 43 items had been received, most having been circulated to members of the Community Council. A full list had been on the notice board. Margaret Basley would attend the Greener Kemnay AGM on 12 November. The next Ward 10 Forum would be in Inch on 21 November. An invitation to re-enter Mill Farm in the Aberdeenshire Design Awards Competition would be accepted. Sheila and Chris agreed to be interviewed for the James Hutton Community Council study.

**10. AOCB:** The Saltire Award plaque had still not been put up in the POO car park. John Maine had reminded the masons about this and had been promised it would be done. A plea was made for younger blood to join the Community Council, although this could not be done immediately. The issue of parking on Station Road was also raised.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013