

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING - Thursday 23rd February 2017
7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Hazel Smith (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer) p/t; Bill Blackwood (Vice Chair); Margaret Basley; Robert Ingram; Sue Wainman; Kate Rigby; Fran Patrick; David Evans; Sasha Brydon p/t, Cllr Sheena Lonchay

Apologies: Vaila Spencer; Alex Rayne; Gaenor Berkin; John Whittall

Attending: 1 member of the public

- 1 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES.** The Chair welcomed those attending and thanked Bill for chairing the previous meetings during her absence. Apologies were given as above.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES OF MEETING 24TH NOVEMBER 2016.**
Minutes as previously circulated were confirmed as accurate, proposed for acceptance by Kate and seconded by Sue.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS**
Police Report from 27 January to 23 February has been received. The speed calming sign on Aquithie Road continues to be unserviceable and is awaiting repairs. A questionnaire has been received and it was noted that this referred to Aberdeenshire South. It was agreed that local issues ie housebreaking on the rise, could be raised at the time, timeous reports welcome in advance of the meetings and alerts could be given and published in Newsletter. Collective feedback will be made **by Irene** by 28th February.
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT**
A few bus engines still running at the school. Young representatives for KCC - 14-15 year old volunteers requested to be sought by Sasha.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS – None**
Colin Gray of AC Emergency Planning to be invited to the April meeting (**Irene**).
- 7 **FLOOD MITIGATION**
 - a) Dye testing by Scottish Water to take place at Victoria Terrace drain to determine source of pollution to the Don and impact of this line on drainage issues. Storage solutions for sandbags being considered by AC.
 - b) MM-RCG resilience group; Discussions on solutions following AC/SW site visit ongoing. RM Project in progress.
 - c) KPFG resilience group; awaiting delivery advice for temporary Water-Gate barrier and storage facilities. 1st draft CRP completed. Hazel reported that drains have been cleaned.
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
A Resident, Bogbeth; Heavy vehicle access to building site by Barratt builders is a concern to residents and HSE have been contacted. Road widening not complete, therefore outwith Planning consent. A generator is running until 10.25pm, with lights shining into windows. Photographs have been sent to David. Cllr Lonchay advised that planning enforcement are aware and all issues should be referred to the Roads Department. Residents will further pursue and Cllr Lonchay to raise with Director of Infrastructure. A pool of oil was seen on site and this was covered up with rubble.
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) Place of Origin; Possible event in Kemnay via Greener Kemnay / Scottish Geodiversity Forum for an October Festival.
 - b) Electric Car Charging Point for the village. Kate further investigated Energy Saving Trust information for funding – grants of £500 for individuals only are available or OLEV £500, otherwise hub at Inverurie is the closest point.
 - c) Riverside Path; It had been hoped that the path would be tendered and completed, but tight schedules mean this will be looked at early in the 2017-18 year.
 - d) The Chair confirmed Data Protection Insurance payment arrangements.
 - e) Consultation on Scheme of Delegation was not discussed. Scheme of Establishment out for further consultation. Collective KCC comments to be in before GACF 1st March with the deadline for comment being 16th March. All agreed that legacy minutes are not mentioned, therefore not to be kept other than on the website which are recorded back to 2002.
 - f) AGM March; no-one indicated resignation. Groups in village are fragmented with no CC representatives as in the past. Safety Group rep is Bob, Irene for KPFG & MM-RCG. Members were invited to consider officially representing other local groups.

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10 TREASURER REPORT / BANK ACCOUNT (S)

A healthy balance of accounts was previously reported. The Treasurer requested that expenses be submitted within the next five days. **a)** It was unanimously agreed that CRP Banking is to be conducted under the main KCC Account. Defibrillator accounts will be audited prior to the AGM.

11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

6 Planning Applications Submitted from 24/01/2017 – 20/02/2017 (23/02/2017 mtg):
[APP/2017/0093](#) Prior Notification for Erection of General Store at Blindburn, Blairdaff, Kemnay
[APP/2017/0188](#) Raising of Ground Levels at South Keithney. Expiry date for public comment 09 Mar 2017
[APP/2017/0259](#) Alterations and Extension, Birchfield, 28 High Street. Demolish existing conservatory and replace with extension. Expiry date for public comment Thu 09 Mar 2017
[APP/2017/0329](#) Approval of Matters Specified for Condition 1 of Planning Permission in Principle
[APP/2015/1630](#) Erection of 2 No. Dwellinghouses at Boatleys Farm. Expiry date for public comment 02 Mar 2017. Roads have a holding objection pending more detailed information regarding a bin uplift area.
[APP/2017/0309](#) Demolition of Shed and Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage at Bankhead Farm, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Mon 06 Mar 2017. Previous permission in principle application [APP/2015/1220](#) Demolition of Shed and Erection of Dwellinghouse was granted in June 2015.
[APP/2017/0367](#) Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse and Erection of Detached Garage Mill Of Braco Croft, Pitcaple, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Tue 07 Mar 2017

12 REPORTS

- a) **PADS Report;** Report previously circulated. Next units to be at Dalmadilly and Blairdaff. Good response on first training sessions, less 2nd month. Next training on 16/17th March, thereafter to resume at the end of year. Thanks was again expressed to people and businesses in the village. Proposal for funds transfer to KCC main account to be ring-fenced was accepted by the Treasurer.
- b) **Safety Group;** Report previously circulated. Smoke Alarm Tester Sticks initiative discussed. Credit/Debit Card Anti Fraud on the rise - protective sleeves proposed by the group for issue to public libraries.
- c) **GACCF;** Report previously circulated. Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire Revised National Standards for Community Engagement event on Monday 27th Feb. Place Standard AGM - 7th June.
- d) **Community Planning;** Report previously issued. Participatory Budgeting event is via Garioch Partnership.
- e) **Kemnay Futures;** Report previously issued. Going for final approval on 6th March, 1pm.
- f) **Greener Kemnay;** Report previously issued. Dalmadilly path opening on 22nd April. Greener Kemnay/ Postive Steps looking at Core Path to Thainstone and other links for cyclists to Kintore Station and Inverurie. Draft Integrated Travel Town Inverurie Master Plan should be taken to the Council before summer. Birley Bush update promised by 3rd of March. **Public Art Project;** next meeting 6th March 10am. **Kemnay LLCP;** workshops held and three Small events planned by the Library Service.
- g) **Website;** Funding gratefully received from Breedon.
- h) **Training;** Training for CRP Lead Co-ordinators planned before summer. Aldo CC training now available.
- i) **CRP;** A report was previously circulated. The latest CRP revision, link to website and newsletter advert for volunteers issued. CRP documentation was approved, including CC contact details to be included. Irene to re-send the CRP document to Margaret who did not recall reading it.
- j) **Press Reports;** Margaret reported one item - the railway & station at Kintore is delayed until 2019.

13 ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS

Various Budget items discussed - Council Tax increase / access to sports facilities / Roads maintenance savings and other efficiencies to come. Bus forum on 2nd March at Westhill. 21st April - Grand opening of the newly refurbished Bennachie Centre. Press releases are to be forwarded from Cllr Lonchay.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence from the Council;** has been circulated prior to the meeting
- b) **General Correspondence Received;** has been circulated prior to the meeting

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Bob; Attending WeSubsea press event with Irene for container donation to resilience group.
Sue; KCC Logos circulated and CCs to be asked for ideas and Bob to ask at Academy.

Next Meeting & AGM: 7.30pm, Thursday 30th March 2017. All Members of the Public welcome to attend.

Agenda will be available to view on the KCC Website; <http://www.kemnay.info/>