

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, **25th January 2018**, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Gaenor Berkin (Vice-chair); Kate Rigby; Sue Wainman; John Whittall; Fran Patrick; Bob Ingram; Gavin Adam; Sasha Brydon

Apologies: Margaret Basley, David Evans; Janet Newberry (Treasurer)

Attending: Cllr H Smith; 2 Police Representatives; 1 Member of the Public

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES - The Chair welcomed those attending, and apologies were given as above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS - There were no declarations of interest/audio recordings.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 30th November 2017

Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by Bob and seconded by John (with one attendance check made and amended post-meeting as agreed – Alex Rayne no attendance/apologies).

4 POLICE MATTERS

Police Report for January was received and circulated. A Police Probationer was also in attendance and reports were read out. The Chair queried the meaning of “Section 38” which was explained as being Breach of the Peace. It was kindly agreed that more ‘lay terms’ could be used in the reports in general for ease of CC understanding. Various parking issues on roads and pavements around Kemnay were further highlighted and are being addressed.

5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT

No update on any new representatives to replace Sasha and this will now be opened up to the entire school for volunteers. Extracurricular participation in the school is low but Sasha will push for volunteers. There was no update on defibrillator funding.

6 GUEST SPEAKERS – None

7 KEMNAY RESILIENCE

a) A meeting was being arranged for 8th February with Ken Ledingham, KPFG/Cllr Smith/Irene with AC Infrastructure Service to discuss the temporary barrier position at Kembhill Park, however, Cllr Smith advised that Lee Watson cannot attend the 8th February meeting and the new date to be proposed is for 15th February and the meeting will incorporate flooding issues for the entire Kemnay community. Cllr Smith passed on the message that KPFG do not anticipate regular attendance at the KCC meetings going forward.

b) A redacted KCC CRP plan is still to be sent to SFF for passing to a new Inverurie resilience group (**Irene**).

8 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

A resident on behalf of the Alehousewells Parent Council; Was asked to attend the meeting to raise the issue of **Dog fouling** around the school, including ie; Minto Path. Banners are being considered by the school. Can Aberdeenshire Council provide an additional dog litter bin? Cllr Smith advised that there are two bins nearby which can be utilised and has heard many complaints on this subject. The biggest problem is near Alehousewells School Office near the junction. The Chair advised that this is an issue which has been discussed many times and asked if solutions could be offered. It was suggested that an article for Newsletter be submitted to raise awareness of the problem, pink paint was suggested by Irene as it was used successfully in Inch and Bob and Sue volunteered to get some free bags for the school. Cllr Smith will enquire if funds for sign- making might be available and similarly Bob will ask at the Safety Group.

9 MATTERS ARISING

a) **Scheme of Establishment (SoE); The Constitution** – Revision V08.1 of first draft has been issued (David / Irene). Following an e-mail communication from the Garioch Area Manager after the November meeting and as circulated, it has been advised that CCs are not permitted to change the wording, other than items in parenthesis, therefore some items were confirmed and agreed as follows:

- **The permitted numbers of Cllrs** listed as a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10; if Cllrs wish the maximum numbers to be 15, this will require to be justified and investigated by the Garioch Area Manager. Average attendance for the last 6 months is 11.

Unanimous consensus was that 15 Members continue to be required due to various activities of the group, membership within other village groups and cover for various absences/holidays.

- **Future elections** are to be held in May and the AGM will be held in June – **This decision from last meeting was confirmed.**

- **Junior Members** are to have voting rights - **This decision from last meeting was confirmed.**
- **6.1 Term of Office of the Chair** was agreed to be **3 years** by unanimous consensus of opinion.

It was announced at the December CC Forum that the wording in the SoE would be further revised by the AC Legal Department and issued to CCs in January/February 2018. Sue added that these changes had been explained as being for better ease of reading/understanding as requested by some CCs. **Due to this update, it was decided that no further decisions would be taken at the meeting and that the Draft Constitution V08.1 stands as currently issued, pending further SoE changes awaited from AC.**

b) KCC Insurance;

Communication has been received from Zurich with four attachments, one being the Policy document which is over 100 pages long. KCC were requested to read and thus appears to be for Employer Liability rather than Public Liability. Cllr Smith advised that CCs did not need to read the documents but should just accept them as advised by the AC Legal Advisor at the CC Forum, which was attended by and confirmed by Sue. Irene advised that the e-mail has incorrect contact details and is addressed to the former Secretary, R McKay. The Committee further discussed and agreed that confirmation that this is a like-for-like policy to that currently held by the Highland Council would be required. It was agreed that a response be sent to Zurich regarding errors and further advice be sought from AC/ Legal Department representative. **Cllr Smith to provide a Legal Department contact name to the Secretary.**

c) Kemnay Youth Groups; there was no further update from Cllr Smith. Sasha reported that one of the huts at the Academy is up and running again and further funding will be applied for.

d) Place of Origin (PoO); Cllr Smith has discussed the issues with the Garioch Area Manager/AC Legal Dept. A Ward meeting was held with the Garioch Area Manager, Trevor Morgan / Property and Chris de Villiers / Legal joined the meeting. It was agreed that Greenbelt have responsibility and that they have gone through the agreement with Greenbelt. Greenbelt should action this. A site visit has been carried out and a Specification of maintenance is to be drawn up. All groups are advised that AC Heads of Service are dealing with this and that the area will be kept as near to the piece of artwork in the original drawing. No further action is required by local Kemnay groups.

10 TREASURER REPORT

Report previously circulated and a healthy balance of accounts reported.

11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

1 Planning Applications Submitted from 28/11/2017 – 22/01/2018 (25/01/2018 mtg)

APP/2017/3265 Listed Building Consent for Installation of 3 Replacement Windows at West Lodge, Monymusk Road, Kemnay.
Expiry date for public comment Thu 15 Feb 2018

12 REPORTS

a) PADS Report (previously circulated); Four PADS Defibrillator units currently operational at the Village Hall, Fyfe Park Health Clinic, Alehousewells Primary School Entrance and the junction of the Dalmadilly/Aquhythie Road. Fifth unit still under negotiation. For training, any Kemnay group may contact Bob Ingram on 01467 641255 or Gaenor Berkin. 01467 641630. A number of "Thank You" posters were delivered to establishments in Kemnay to show appreciation for the Kemnay folks who continue to donate generously. A website page with a map showing the location of all the defibrillators can be found at; <http://www.kemnay.info/community/health-safety/defibrillators/>

b) Safety Group (GNMS); No Meeting, next meeting in February.

c) GACCF; Sue and Margaret attended the meeting on 6th December 2017 and Sue reported the SoE update per last sentence under item 9 a) above. There was no January meeting. The next meeting is on 7th March at Oldmeldrum on the Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report.

d) Community Planning (GACP); Joint meeting with the Area Committee was held:

- **Insch Level Crossing violations;** 42 people charged in the year to October 2017 plus the lorry crashing into the barrier on 22nd December. More work was done on finding out why drivers and pedestrians were ignoring the warning lights. There are a couple of times a day where trains go through Insch Station from both directions within a short space of time and the barriers are done for 8-10 minutes and people knowing this ignore the warning lights. There is not a problem with speeding in the roads before the crossing but perhaps there is a short burst of speed close to the rails when the lights start flashing. It took three weeks for the barrier to be replaced after 22nd December and as a consequence the crossing had to be manned for this period.
- **Community Safety Day** on 5th May at Bennachie Leisure Centre.

- Retirement Fair on 18.3.2018 at the Holiday Inn, Westhill. This is in response to the Place Standard exercise where the Westhill Community Council would have given a zero to the work and local economy question.
- There will be a Recruitment Fair in Inverurie later in the year.
- The average debt burden of those attending Westhill CAB is £53,000, rest of Scotland £10,000.
- Presentation on Uryside Park; 60 hectares at Ury flood plain Oldmeldrum Road. SCIO, applied for Leader and SRDP funding.
- Amal project – Syrian New Scots – needs people to engage in conversation for language practice. They are very willing to participate in the settlements they reside in, but without fluent English they cannot sit a driving test or achieve paid work. The Amal Project helped in the St.Andrews Day/Christmas Lights switch on. Leslie Berry offered the Scout Huts in Inverie for a daytime meeting place.
- Next meeting 28 January, 2018.

e) Greener Kemnay (Report previously circulated): the site became waterlogged in November and has been frozen since. The sodden ground meant the soil, which was due to arrive in July, came on a wet day and the trucks could not access the main area but had to tip from the hard standing. Greener Kemnay, at no notice, secured Stevie Ross to pile the soil and without him would have had to decline the soil. Funding for a community event on 8th September applied for and decision due by end of February.

f) Kemnay LLC; meeting 18th January. the next event to show the range of help available in the learning community highlighting mental health on 14th March 6.30-8.30. There will be a Grampian Pride event on 26th May in Aberdeen, with a march down Union Street and events at a village community at the old tram lines off the Boulevard.

g) Press Reports; None given

13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS

Various items were read out, including;

Riverside Path – Contract awarded and work should be completed by 16th March. Jim Savage, AC CEO, is visiting the Ward with Councillors next week, commencing at Inch and to view Archaeolink and to look at ie; Kemnay Police Station if there is time. Railings at the cemetery are being painted and making secure any unsafe headstones, no closures anticipated. Double yellow lines at Boatcroft have been noted as a parking issue at the blind corner and will be investigated as a matter of Road Safety. A supervised 'Community Payback' Project is available for various tasks in the village. If anyone has appropriate items requiring attention, contact Joe Walsh via e-mail at; joe.walsh@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. CLD are looking into lack of Youth Café, and this is being further investigated by Cllr Smith. AC Budgets are being looked at with £20M loss this year and all services have been asked to make savings. There will be £2.8M of cuts this year and AC grant has not been confirmed. Council tax could be raised by 3% to cover this. Communities will not be expected to pay for electricity for Christmas lights - Street Lights and Christmas Tree Lights proposal to charge the community will not be given support. Parking charges increases being looked at and Meters will no longer take credit cards – recommendations to be continued. A number of Fee Charges, including burial charges, will be increasing over the next two years, reducing the annual subsidy by £585,000.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Sue; Kemnay Academy Parent Council meeting postponed until 30th January. Jill Sowden requested raw data from the KCC Place Standards consultation. Irene advised that this had already been sent to Ailsa Anderson at AC.

Irene; Further pollution to the River Don has been observed by a resident and this has again been reported to SEPA. Details to be sent to Cllr Smith to follow up with the Garioch Area Manager. **(Irene)**

Bob; Enquired about future of Archaeolink and Cllr Smith Advised that sale will be with specifics for future use.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 22nd February 2018, 7.30 pm, The Friendship Room, Kemnay Village Hall. All members of the public welcome – Agenda will be available on the KCC website <http://www.kemnay.info/>