

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 26th April 2018, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair); David Evans (Planning Secretary); Sue Wainman; John Whittall; Bob Ingram; Margaret Basley; Sasha Brydon. **Attending:** Cllr H Smith; Cllr V Harper; Alison Cumming (AC p/t); 2 Members of the Public. **Apologies:** Fran Patrick; Gavin Adam; Alex Rayne

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES - The Chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies as above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS

Prior to the meeting, Gaenor advised a declaration of interest in item 12, **APP/2018/0734**. No audio recordings were declared.

3 GENERAL & SPECIAL MEETINGS 29th March 2018

Minutes of both meetings were previously circulated. The General Meeting minutes were proposed as accurate by Sue and seconded by Janet; Minutes of the Special Meeting were proposed as accurate by David and seconded by Bob.

4 POLICE MATTERS - Police Report for April was received and circulated. Cllrs would like a copy of the Police Reports.

5 GUEST SPEAKER - Agnieszka Walicka, Kemnay Academy Network Librarian, gave a talk on improvements and innovations for the Library and explained that she was originally asking for Partnership from KCC for funding from Scottish Government for library furniture but that type of grant application would not be accepted. There are 6 librarians in the area team and Janet, as a team member, explained her role in dealing with primary school children at Kintore. Agnieszka is open to other ideas on ways of working with the CC. The role includes enthusing students aged 12 to 17, encouraging literacy skills and there is extensive support from the school for improvements in the library environment. A huge increase in attendance in the library has been found so far. Magazines are popular, ie pupils from farming backgrounds read the Farming magazines. The current Accelerated Reader programme also involves quizzes and monthly book talks are being prepared. Also working with RGU and researchers. The cutting-edge aim of the project is for a virtual and augmented reality programme with consoles, the first in Aberdeenshire and the Library. This technology may add digital contact with the KCC website and liaison with local people, such as artists. Programmable lego robots for younger pupils encourages both genders. Dream screen weather forecast, background films for ie websites, is included in the grant application. The project summary was read out, with results expected three weeks after the 14th May deadline.

6 KEMNAY ACADEMY (KA)

a) KA Pupil Report; Sasha apologised that, due to holidays and exams, there was no report this month.

b) KA Parent Committee (KAPC); latest minutes received and circulated.

7 KEMNAY RESILIENCE

a) KPFG; Applying for SEN grant for additional sections of the temporary barrier - no Contractor deployment issues anticipated by AC. SIMD/other factors now being considered for funding/support, Irene looking into. AC attending the next KPFG meeting.

b) MM-RCG - Scottish Water; No update. **c) River Don Pollution** – No known update from SEPA. **d) KCC Community Resilience Plan** (KCC CRP) updates on the website, the Village Hall, the Library, along with SEN Priority Service Leaflets (also available online).

8 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

2 Craigearn Residents; requested a copy of response to the letter promised to the Roads Department. It was explained by Cllr Smith that KCC had been copied on an ongoing exchange of e-mails AC/another Craigearn resident on the subject and that this had superseded the previously planned letter from KCC. A meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss this issue and it was agreed that the residents be kept informed by Cllr Smith. The residents added that plastic bollards recently placed would be no deterrent to a tractor and that there had been a close incident on Sunday afternoon involving a vehicle and a child on the road which could have been fatal had this been a heavy vehicle. Residents requested a meeting with Head of Roads Department. Statistically it takes an extra 30 seconds to go round the road, rather than take this short cut and residents emphasised the need to make this a restricted

access. Residents to be kept informed.

9 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Kemnay Youth Groups; CLD updates (Sue/Sasha) – Sue had correspondence with Karen Hudson regarding an event in the park, meeting to be arranged.
- b) Place of Origin (PoO); Sue awaiting grant before decision to purchase Notice Board / other groups input. The Design Award first stage of consideration is on Friday and ongoing for stage 2 (David). No maintenance thought to have been done. **(Cllr Smith)**.
- c) Craigearn Traffic Issues (Chair) – covered under item 8.
- d) KCC Legacy Documents in VH to be viewed week after next (Margaret/Irene/Sue). David is working on preserving other legacy documents back to 1985 to scan or .pdf. Irene also gave David legacy CDs for uploading from archive box from previous Chairs.

10 TREASURER REPORT

- No report was received this month but no change since last month. Janet asked Alison if a copy of the accounts still need to go to AC. Alison asked and Janet confirmed that these are SoE compliant and it was advised that these should be sent along with a copy of the AGM minutes.
- Payment for KCC meeting room hires potentially being made by AC as detailed in the SoE – this item was carried forward from the March meeting by the Chair - not addressed **(Bill)**

11 SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT (SoE)

- a) **The Constitution;** Revision V09 was sent for formal acceptance - Alison confirmed that this was accepted. 50 printed Nomination Forms were gratefully received. AC Posters/ press releases by Communications Dept are coming out. AC website will be updated for all elections details. 6 x A4 posters to be provided to KCC by AC. David advised that forms are currently in the local shops etc.
- b) **KCC Insurance;** Zurich document (over 100 pages) of general Policy information received (to the Secretary e-mail address) and circulated for information.
- c) **Nominations and Elections 2018;** Notices of Nominations and Election for KCC, coming to the end of its three year term, have been distributed locally and were published in the April Newsletter. Deadline for Nominations is Thursday 7th June. Alison advised that the forms may be scanned and e-mailed – the e-mail address will be on the posted as Garioch@Aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Batches will be accepted.
- d) **Data Protection (GDPR);** The Chair reminded all of the Inch/Kemnay Training dates - 7pm, Wednesday 9th May for Training in Kemnay Village Hall. Sue to send out a Presentation. **Alison advised;** access for CCs to AC training is on Aldo, guidance links on You Tube will be out in due course, a Privacy Statement will be needed from KCC for new requirements under consent and an example of this is in Aldo. Only keep information needed and keep secure, and bcc for e-mail trails. Hard copy notebooks also apply – keep secure. **Westminster are working on new Data Protection Bill which will replace GDPR after leaving Europe.**

12 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS

7 Planning Applications Submitted from 30/03/2018 – 23/04/2018 (26/04/2018 mtg)

- *Gaenor temporarily left the meeting due to interest in APP/2018/0734 and as required under item 2 above.* **APP/2018/0587** Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions for Condition 1 of Planning Permission Ref. APP/2016/0452 for Demolition of Existing Agricultural Buildings and Erection of Dwellinghouse. At south Of Burnside Croft, Near Burnherve, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Thu 03 May. **APP/2018/0672** Alterations & Extension to form bedrooms/living room/kitchen/bathroom/garage, at Greenkirtles, Bogbeth Road. Expiry date for public comment Mon 16 Apr. **APP/2018/0397** Extension at Clova, 23 Kendal Road, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 25 Apr. **APP/2018/0734** Full Planning Permission for Part Change of Use of dwellinghouse to Office/Storage/Alterations/Extension to Driveway/Formation of 2nd Access at 10 Loch Way. Convert for use by Cumming Fire & Security Ltd. Application by Mr J Cumming & Mrs A Kelman, who are the current owners/occupiers of the dwelling as well as being the sole full time office based employees of the company. Expiry date for public comment Wed 25 Apr 2018.
- *Gaenor returned to the meeting.*

APP/2018/0754 Prior Notification for Erection of Farm Machinery Store at Cairnton Farm. Approval not required. **APP/2018/0727** Prior Notification for Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Building at West Aquhorthies, Inverurie. Application WITHDRAWN, see new application below. **APP/2018/0875** Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Shed (Retrospective/Full Permission) at West Aquhorthies, Fetternear, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Tue 08 May. No objections proposed to any of the above applications.

13 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) - Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021 - Development Plan Scheme 2021

- Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report response drafted and out for CC comment with deadline for submission being 12pm

Monday 21st May.

14 REPORTS (reports previously circulated)

a) Public Access Defibrillators (PADs); 4 PADs units are currently operational at the Village Hall/Fyfe Park Health Clinic/Alehousewells Primary School Entrance/at the junction of the Dalmadilly /Aquhythie Road. The location for a fifth unit in the village has now been agreed and estimates for fitting being progressed in the next 2 weeks. Groups wishing to borrow CPR training equipment, contact Bob Ingram. Consideration is being given to recommence CPR training classes, a minimum of six persons desirable. For any Kemnay group training session, please contact Bob 01467 641255 or Gaenor 01467 641630.

b) Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS); No meeting

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF); meeting replaced by joint CCF Main Issues Report meeting which Sue attended. Next one is Community Planning & Engagement 1st June. Alison advised that 12 or 13th June at Gordon House are the dates for CCs to attend informal 'sites' discussions - to be confirmed by Planning Department.

d) Community Planning; no meeting, the next joint meeting is on 22nd May – there is a paper on a revision on the number of different partnership meetings that have many of the same members and looking at the same issues. Discussion document circulated.

e) Greener Kemnay (GK); Birley Bush Water supply promised many times. Drainage into the site from the lane run off has not been actioned. 'Planings' spread on the centre of the lane - some potholes are already reappearing. Thanks to Murdo Adam for his machinery and skills on the site. Donations of pallets through Paddy Hart and Iain Ferguson are appreciated. Pots of bulbs being watered with rain water from Blythewood. Greggs & Co-op funding applied for.

- *Alison left the meeting.*

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - low attendance at the Mental Wellbeing event though the SPARKS workshop (<https://www.thespark.org.uk/>) was appreciated and evaluation feedback will be at 3 months. Event probable for Saturday 18th August at the Academy, aiming for partners to provide attractions to try and boost numbers.

g) Press Reports; No updates.

15 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cllrs Smith & Harper attended the GAC meeting where the **2018/19 budget** for hiring of a contractor for deployment of the Kembhill Park temporary flood barrier, floodlights and pumps was approved. Irene asked if **AC budgets for CCs** as issued in previous years are available on the website – Cllrs agreed that this paper would be available. CC grants levels to remain the same. Meeting held with Dawn Brown/TGP on future of **Police Station** – will probably look for full market value but up for debate, pending interested bodies. Scouts finding another solution. Full Council meeting today decided Office Space Strategy; Gordon House and land at Harlaw Road will be disposed of. Woodhill House to be partly retained, Inverurie Town Hall to be extended. Infrastructure in the town centre to be changed. Cllr Smith has been lobbied to keep Market Street School building for community groups. Cllr Harper asked that any issues regarding the **Aberdeenshire Outdoor Access Forum** be passed on and the Chair spoke of network of off road tracks needed. **PoO**; a letter has been sent to Greenbelt and item is on Agenda for a Ward meeting tomorrow. Outcome to be sent to Irene.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence from the Council; was circulated prior to the meeting.

b) General Correspondence Received; was circulated prior to the meeting.

17 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Irene; attended British Red Cross Community Resilience Event in Ballater. speakers were AC/SEPA/SSEN/SFF. Attended 'Have your voice Heard in Parliament' event, along with Bob. **Sue;** asked Cllrs for update Bogbeth wall – none as yet. Cllr Smith asked about CRP for snow clearance and advise that funding would be available for this. Irene explained that CRPs cover all emergencies.

Chair; Festive Lights question asked to AC regarding charges for electricity - Cllrs advised that this had not been approved. Cllrs advised that the AC endorsed CC insurance issued by Zurich would cover liability insurance. CCs were encouraged to read the Main Issues Report as issued by David and provide comments by the 21st May. Network Rail brochure discussed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 31 May 2018, 7.30 pm, The Friendship Room, Kemnay Village Hall. All members of the public Welcome. Agenda and full copies of past Minutes are available on the KCC website <http://www.kemnay.info/>