

Kemnay Community Council

Minute of the Meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm in

Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Hazel Smith (Chair) Margaret Basley, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Vaila Spencer, Sue Wainman, David Evans, Fran Patrick, Irene Ferguson, Kate Rigby.

Attending: Cllr. Sheena Lonchay and 8 members of the public.

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed those present including the new members of the Council to the forum.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Bill Blackwood, Sasha Brydon, Gavin Adam, John Whittall, Alex Rayne, Cllr Grant and Cllr Oddie.
3. **Police Matters:** Police Scotland have advised that it will no longer be possible to send a representative to the Community Council meetings; this is particularly unfortunate given the recent spate of burglaries and thefts in the village.
4. **Kemnay Academy Pupil Report:** None available.
5. **Opportunity for Members of the public to speak:** There were no issues raised by members of the public.
6. **Community Resilience Planning:** Emergency Planning Officer Colin Gray gave a presentation on how to create a Community Resilience Plan, not just for emergencies such as flooding, but also severe weather, fires, loss of utilities etc. His role is to help communities become more prepared for such eventualities. Plans should create risk assessments and potential actions that would include communications, contact details, emergency services, safe refuges etc. Colin also advised that advice on PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) can be given and that this can be supplied. KCC believe that the creation of such a plan would be of benefit to the village and are looking to form a sub-committee to create one. Any volunteers from local groups who would like to be involved should contact KCC for further details.
7. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2016**
The minutes were taken as a true record. Proposed by Sue Wainman and seconded by Robert Ingram.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- **Kemnay Floods:** The Flood meeting held on the 7th of May between Aberdeenshire council and local residents discussed that measures could be installed upstream of Kemnay to reduce impact of flood waters locally. It is also thought likely that SEPA would now consider Kemnay to be at greater risk of flooding than previously thought and that we would be similarly categorised with Port Elphinstone and Inverurie in the future. Gavin Penman and Philip McKay are to be invited to the next KCC meeting to discuss further.
- **Path development in Kemnay** - Council have a machine that can be used to clear stone from the paths that were damaged in the floods. They are also to look at other options for repairing the riverside path.
- **Save Bennachie** – no update since last meeting.
- **Pink Dog Poo Paint** Cllr Lonchay spoke to the introduction of this paint in Inch at their recently held Dog Show. This paint needs to be privately purchased; details will be made available in due course.
- **KCC Members nomination and election** – Following the resignation of two members of the KCC at the AGM, we are delighted to announce the nomination and acceptance of 4 new members. The Chair expressed her sincere thanks to both David Evans and Margaret Basley for their help with the preparations.

9. SSE's Consultation on Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission - the deadline for comments /objections has now passed, we are now awaiting feedback.

10. Planning Matters and Applications:

[APP/2016/1207](#) Erection of Dwellinghouse (Permission in Principle) on site of former chicken shed at Glenhead Croft Kemnay. No objections raised.

[APP/2016/1315](#) Dormer Extension and Alterations - 69 Kembhill Park Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 01 Jun 2016. No objections raised

[APP/2016/1316](#) Dormer Extension and Alterations - 71 Kembhill Park Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 01 Jun 2016. No objections raised

[APP/2016/1317](#) Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse - 73 Kembhill Park Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 01 Jun 2016. No objections raised

[APP/2016/1310](#) Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse - Helendale Croft Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 02 Jun 2016. No objections raised

[APP/2016/1277](#) Prior Notification for Extension to Forestry Building at Dalfling, Blairdaff, Kemnay. Applicant: JB & JA Hudson. No objections raised

[APP/2016/1061](#) Part Retrospective Formation of 7 Pitch Caravan Park for Gypsies/Travellers. Expiry date for public comment Thu 16 Jun 2016. There was a discussion about the history of the site and the previous planning applications made, as well as the felling of trees and notices placed on the development by the council. KCC will object to this application on the grounds of having an adverse effect on the area and the work starting prior to planning permission having been given to the applicant.

11. Reports:

- **Safety Group report.** An allocation of **Emergency Contact Discs** has been issued and is available at Kemnay library. A **Police Report** was received by email. PC Allen advised that the police were no longer able to send a representative to CC meetings due to staff shortages. **Community Safety Network Budget** will remain the same as last year. The themes for 2016/17 are: Road Safety, Anti Social Behaviour and Violence, Unintentional Injuries (Home, Fire and Water Safety). **Motor Offences Program.** Youngsters caught dangerous driving will be given the chance to complete a Pass Plus course rather than receive points on their license with the Council's Social Work Dept covering the cost.
- **PADS report.**
 - Kemnay Guides held a fund raising Defibrillator Awareness Evening on Wednesday 25th May where the use of defibrillators was demonstrated. The Guides decided to fund raise for Village defibrillators as their project for the Heather Bissett Community Award and they are off to a good start.
 - A fund raising concert will be held in Kemnay Academy on Thursday 23rd June and performing live will be the award winning Grammar School Concert Band. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door.
 - On Saturday 23rd July a Charity Darts Exhibition, featuring Ross "The Boss" Montgomery, at Kemnay Bowling club. Only 80 tickets are available in advance, contact Graham Watson on 0799 921 3599 or Sandy Elrick on 0798 017 3906
 - The Kemnay Hall Committee has agreed to fund a defibrillator on an external wall of the Village Hall and the necessary permissions are being processed with the Local authority.
 - The British Heart Foundation has opened up a new Grant Management System for part funding defibrillators. Grant application for two defibrillators for Kemnay is currently being requested.
 - Target of £15,000 required for 7 Defibrillators and cabinets to provide adequate cover for residents in Kemnay and surrounding areas.

- Current proposals for locating PADS Units being: Village Hall, Bogbeth Park, Alehousewells area, Craigearn and Fyffe Park Clinic.
 - Two local residents are investigating suitable locations for Defibrillator cabinets in the Blairdaff and Dalmadilly communities.
 - **All local groups are requested to participate in fund raising for defibrillators to provide a local response to support heart attack patients.**
- **GACCF** Next meeting on 1st June, all members are invited to attend.
 - **Community Planning** – nothing further to report
 - **Press Report** -
 - Alison Brown has organised the 'Purple Walk' on September 4th to raise funds for CLAN. www.purplewalk.co.uk
 - Kemnay Academy pupils attended a sustainability event designed to raise awareness about human impact on the natural world.
 - Item about Kemnay not being classed as 'at risk' from flooding by SEPA.

12. **Kemnay Futures:** The 2nd session of the group took place and was well attended with lots of interesting ideas being raised. A plan is now being produced and is expected in September. Updates will be via the village newsletter.

13. **Aberdeenshire news:**

- Councillor Lonchay advised that she was still waiting for feedback on the road markings at Boat Croft
- Councillor Lonchay has attended an Army Engagement Event regarding how the British Army are reorganising themselves to face the future
- Councillor Lonchay attended the Garioch Area Committee: the next meeting will be the first with no planning applications on the agenda.
- The contracts to carry out the Nursery extension at KPS and the installation of the all weather pitch at Kemnay Academy are out for tender.
- Councillor Lonchay was requested to investigate the haphazard Council programme for clearing of gullies and drains around the village. She will also investigate the lack of progress on clearing the blocked drains on Victoria Terrace, and enquire if AC has any plans to conduct camera surveys on drains in Kemnay.

14. **Correspondence:** All correspondence had been circulated when received. Invitation has been received to the Aberdeenshire Rural Manifesto meeting on the Kemnay Village Hall, 6.30-9.00pm, Date: Wednesday 8th June 2016 to talk about the issues that really matter in our rural communities. All are welcome to attend.

15. **AOCB**

- **Chair Report.** The Chair gave an overview of her meeting with the Garioch Area Manager, primarily regarding flooding matters and various issues brought to KCC by members of the public.
- **Opportunity for Community Councillors to speak**
Margaret raised the issue of speeding in the village, particularly round Victoria Terrace, Grove Road and Aquithie Road. Councillor Lonchay to raise.
Margaret also raised the issue of the route taken by school buses through the village. It's understood that they should follow normal bus routes and not take short cuts on unsuitable roads. Councillor Lonchay will investigate and report back.
Sue commented on the proposed changes of use to the Birleigh Wood Depot. A plan is to be sent to Landscape Services for comment.

16. **Date of the next meeting: 30th June.**