

Kemnay Community Council

Minute of the Meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7.30pm in

Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Hazel Smith (Chair) Margaret Basley, Bob Ingram, Bill Blackwood, Janet Newberry, Gaenor Berkin, Vaila Spencer, Sue Wainman.

Attending: Cllr. Sheena Lonchay and 7 members of the public.

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed those present, and said that as she was also taking the minute, she would appreciate notes being made available from those members of the public wishing to speak.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from David Evans, Sasha Brydon, Kate Rigby, Gavin Adam, Cllr Grant and Cllr Oddie.
3. **Police Matters:** No apologies or report have been received from Police Scotland. Although it was noted that police presence was not always possible, **it was agreed the Chair would write to the senior officer requesting regular reports.**
4. **Kemnay Academy Pupil Report:** None available.

Item 12 Aberdeenshire News was taken at this point: Cllrs Lonchay and Grant had a meeting with Steve Archer and David Aitchenson of Aberdeenshire Council today to reinforce Kemnay's needs and priorities following the January flood. This generated a lengthy discussion as the general opinion locally is that Kemnay is not receiving due attention.

It was noted that KCC Chair has been invited the council's Flood Prevention Working group on 17th May.

Community Payback Cllr Lonchay reported that she has taken forward the request from KCC that the tidy up of the riverside path be included on the Community Payback work list, as hardcore has been swept by river water across the grass and needs to be removed to allow for the seasonal grass cutting, and before reinstatement of the path.

Pink Dog Poo Paint Cllr Lonchay spoke to the introduction of this paint in Inch at their recently held Dog Show. KCC considered this scheme worthy of a trial in Kemnay, and asked Cllr Lonchay to make the necessary arrangements. Hazel and Janet agreed to ask the library and another business to stock the bio paint for members of the public to use to highlight dog fouling.

5. **Opportunity for Members of the public to speak** Ken Ledingham spoke about the petition that members of the Kembhill Park Flood and Resilience Group had sent to all Aberdeenshire Councillors and that had previously been circulated to KCC members.

Ken stressed the need for Kembhill Park to be treated as a special case due to the construction of the houses not being suitable for individual residents to install their own flood defences. The only protection which would work for these houses was an extension to the existing flood barrier as outlined in the petition.

Hazel Smith pointed out that although the petition did not accurately contain mention of the flood water which she had seen coming onto Bremner Way from the river across the football pitch. She would personally still support the petition, as this level of water was exacerbated by the flow from the sewage works side of the scheme.

After a number of questions members of KCC signed the petition individually, but also reiterated the need for expert advice to be sought to give a qualified view on the best approach to be taken for future security of all properties in Kemnay.

Steven Law from the Kemnay Football Club spoke to the annual Football Festival on Saturday 28th May. The Club has applied for and received the necessary permissions to alleviate traffic congestion, between 8am and 4.30pm on the day. Steven provided a map of the designated parking areas, and considerations to residents. Full details for the day will be posted by KCC on the Kemnay website and FaceBook.

David Staniforth tabled 12 points of concern within Kemnay, a number of which have already been presented to KCC by members. These points included conditions of road gutters, paths, litter, and the double yellow lines at the junction of Boat Croft and Bridge Road. A number of photographs were provided to illustrate these. A meeting has been arranged with Kemnay Academy regarding the position of litter bins for the benefit to pupils. It was acknowledged that Mr Staniforth does a great deal for the community and his time and effort is applauded.

6. **Minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2016**

The minutes were taken as a true record. Proposed by Janet Newberry and seconded by Vaila Spencer.

7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- **Car park, Fetternear Estate** – no further information has been received.
- **Path development in Kemnay** – The new path at Bremner Way has been cut, but the weather conditions have prevented the sod being lifted.

Bon Accord Landscapes have suggested a route to Dalmadilly Ponds that should be easier and cheaper as it is not on the verge. The land is out with the field boundary at the bottom of the slope up to Aquithie Road with the entrance at the old railway line at Dalmadilly Road, and following the curve to the roadway to Tom Forrest Quarry. Discussions are ongoing with the farmer who leases the field and the Quarry owners.

- **Save Bennachie** – more support is being sought from other groups and organisations with the proposal to form an Alliance.
- **KCC Members nomination and election** – adverts have been placed and an application form is in this month's Kemnay newsletter.

David Evans has produced a complete application pack for KCC that can be used for any future elections.

8. **SSE's Consultation on Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission**

A letter from Kemnay CC to express opposition to the recent northerly expansion of the preferred corridor to include the settlements of Monymusk, Craigeearn and Leschangie, was sent to SSE. This was also emailed to SSE and copied to Kemnay Golf Course.

It was reported that a public meeting was held on 27th April in Monymusk Public Hall.

9. **Planning Matters and Applications:**

David Evans provided a report for 4 planning application submitted from 29/3/2016 to 28/4/2016

APP/2016/0822 Formation of Playing Field Including Erection of Floodlights, Fencing and Paths at Kemnay Academy, Kemnay.

APP/2016/0877 Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions for Condition 19 Layout, Siting, External Appearance, Landscaping, Tree Protection, Levels Survey, Drainage, Access, parking, Turning and Boundary Treatment of Planning Permission Ref.

APP/20150510

APP/2016/0762 Alteration and Extension at 17 Cairn Road, Kemnay.

APP/2016 Advertisement Consent for Erection of 11 no. Signs Including Illumination at Bogbeth Road, to East of Greystone Road, Kemnay.

It was agreed to comment on this application as concerns were raised with regard to the position of the sales office and access prior to any development on site.

10. **Reports:**

- **Safety Group report.** Bob Ingram reported that there hasn't been another meeting.

- **PADS report.** The Garioch Lions, The Rotary Club and the Round Table have all indicated they would be supporting their fund-raising efforts. The Girl Guides also indicated they would participate.
A further 7 Defibrillator units would likely be required to provide public access coverage for Kemnay village and surrounding area. A funding target is currently £11,900.
A bank account has been set up for donations with Gaenor Berkin as Treasurer and Bob Ingram as second signatory.
A public concert is being arranged for 23rd June at Kemnay Academy.
A funding campaign has been initiated with businesses in Kemnay contacted for donations.
Inverurie Advertiser will be publishing an article regarding PADS for Kemnay. The Sandpiper Trust has confirmed the allocation of 2 Defibrillator units for Kemnay and will seek volunteers to train as first responders.
Kemnay Village Hall Committee will provide funding for one PADS unit. It is hoped other groups in the area will also fundraise.

It was agreed that the £1,000 donation currently in Kemnay CC bank account will be transferred to the Kemnay CC Defibrillator Fund account.

- **GACCF** Next meeting in June.
- **Community Planning** – Nothing further to report but a meeting is being arranged with Jill Sowden.
- **Press Report** – Rather than have one person scanning the newspapers we would all be responsible.

11. **Kemnay Futures:** The next open session is 23rd May, 6-8.30pm in the Village Hall.

12. **This item was taken at Item 4.**

13. **Correspondence:** All correspondence had been circulated when received, and included, Complaints Process, Grant allocation, Garioch Area Committee agenda and minutes. Invitation received from the Sandpiper Trust for 17th May.

14. **AOCB**

- **Chair Report.** Nothing further to report
- **Opportunity for Community Councillors to speak**
Janet spoke about the forthcoming production of Tell the Grandson in the Village Hall.
Vaila referred to the public meeting where it was proposed to create an Emergency Response Plan. Margaret said this has been mentioned at GACCF.

Agreed the Chair to email Doug Milne about taking this forward. The Manager of Loaves and Fishes, Fiona Lister to be invited, to share her experiences, at any arranged meeting.

Vaila also asked if there was anything further KCC could do in relation to the application for 8 new houses on Victoria Terrace, in relation to the drainage overload. Hazel said she would refer this to David Evans but thought KCC had done all it could.

Sue reminded KCC of the official opening of Mavis's benches on POO on Sunday 1st May.

15. Date of the next meeting:

26th May 2016