

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 28th September 2017, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer) (p/t); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair); David Evans; Margaret Basley; Sue Wainman; John Whittall; Fran Patrick; Bob Ingram; Sasha Brydon; Cllr S Leslie (p/t); Cllr H Smith

Apologies: Alex Rayne; Gavin Adam; Kate Rigby; Cllr V Harper

Attending: 1 Member of the public

- 1 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** - The Chair welcomed those attending, and apologies were given as above.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES OF MEETING 29th June 2017**
Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by Bob and seconded by John.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS**
No Police Report was received before the meeting. Parking issues at both primary schools continue and are being addressed (see also item 12b).
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT**
A brief meeting of the new Pupil Council was held today, no updates available.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS** - None
(AC Planning & Policy – LDP Presentation for October)
- 7 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE**
 - a) Flood & Resilience groups continue to pursue issues, including permanent flood defence, through MP/MSPs. AC agreed to supply additional sandbags to KP in the event of emergency. Presentations were given by SFF/AC/SEPA at the KPFG AGM. SEPA again confirmed and apologised that Kemnay was missed in the 2011 Survey and was therefore omitted from the National Register of PVAs. Permanent flood defence works can be done by AC, however, cannot interfere with the current LFRMP schedule. Cllr Smith advised that Crisis Funds are available - KCC may enquire to Alison Cumming at AC. (**Irene**)
 - b) KCC CRP; Review of contact details to take place (**Irene**). Bob received an updated list of items from Fran and forwarded to the Safety group (GNMSF). Fran confirmed that the work of the sub-group is complete, with funds in place for consumables. Bill/Irene checked insurance for emergency items – amendment to be arranged (**Irene**). Practice run of the plan still to be held (**Fran**).
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
Ken Ledingham, KPFG; Gave a further account of recent KPFG activities and presentations from AC/SEPA. Following a KPFG survey of the current planned temporary barrier route, a meeting with AC was held. AC agreed with the KPFG calculations, which showed that, in the current planned position, some sections would be lower than the height of the floodwaters, and to move the route to the 'wild flower garden' which is at greater height and allows a larger floodplain area. Ken requested Cllrs to lobby for priority for Kemnay and Cllr Leslie indicated full support. Cllr Smith gave some details of a seminar attended with SEPA/AC on 2nd October.
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **Scheme of Establishment (SoE);** Cllr Smith advised that the SoE was approved by full Council today and the Chair stated that KCC received notice of this in writing from AC. It was also stated that; Cllr numbers for CCs can be discussed with the Area Manager upon review of The Constitution; sub-groups can be formed; Insurer will contact CC upon renewal date and AC will pay. Cllr Leslie added, if Insurance cost should rise, AC Cllrs should be informed, and that LDP decisions may be taken in Edinburgh in future. **Fran** volunteered to review the Constitution to merge with the new version and Cllr Smith agreed to assist with this task.
 - b) **KCC Members Status / Proposal to Co-opt Sasha Brydon;** As previously notified to KCC, the Chair confirmed that 1 Cllr resigned during summer recess (Vaila Spencer). To fill this vacancy, which would allow full voting rights, **Sasha was proposed to be co-opted** by the Chair and seconded by Bob. The motion was carried by a unanimous 'Aye' and show of hands.
 - Sue remains to be a co-optee and any members planning not to stand for re-election will be discussed at a later date. The Chair requested a recruitment drive and encouraged CCs to talk to any likely future candidates.

- c) **Communications;** The matter of current overload of e-mail from various sources was discussed and AC Cllrs agreed to enquire within AC if a better way of communicating with CCs, with perhaps use of the AC website and links, could be achieved.
- d) **Donation Requests;** Donations are not permitted from the KCC AC Administration grant. Cllr Smith suggested that any KCC Cllr expenses claimed could be donated back to KCC for donations.
- e) **Kemnay Youth Groups;** there is a lack of facilities for youth groups and a cabin is to be donated to Kemnay – make an official request from KCC for a Unit. Cllr Smith is looking for options - work afoot.
- f) **Place Standards;** Forms issued. CCs were asked to return forms by 5th October.
- g) Additional **Christmas Lights** – pending update from **Gavin**.

10 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED

A report was previously circulated and a healthy balance of accounts was reported. A letter was sent thanking Kemnay Golf Club Social Committee for their kind donation towards additional Christmas Lights.

11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

5 Planning Applications and 1 PoAN Submitted from 26/06/2017 – 25/09/2017 (28/09/2017 mtg)

APP/2017/1684 Advertisement Consent for Erection of Signboard at Victoria Terrace/Bogbeth Road, Kemnay. Barratt North Scotland. Expiry date for public comment Tue 25 Jul 2017

APP/2017/1714 Demolition of Redundant Building and Holiday Chalet and Erection of Dwellinghouse (permission in principle) at Boatleys Farm, Kemnay. Mr & Mrs Murdo Adam c/o Norman P. Lawie Ltd. Expiry date for public comment Thu 03 Aug 2017. Withdrawn.

ENQ/2017/1476 Proposal of Application Notice for Erection of Residential Development of 50 Affordable Houses Site adjacent To Aquithie Road, Kemnay. Applicants: Robertson Partnership Homes, Langstane Housing and Kemnay Properties c/o Agent: Halliday Fraser Munro, Carden Church, 6 Carden Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1UR. Planning Officer Bruce Strachan. Further information on Kemnay website www.kemnay.info

APP/2017/2202 Erection of Dwellinghouse (Change of House Type) at Cnocan Donn (Plot 1), Land Adjacent To, Pine Lodge Golf Centre, Brownhill, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 28 Sep 2017

APP/2017/2206 Erection of Greenkeepers Office, Sand/Soil Store and Formation of Car Parking at Kemnay Golf Club, Monymusk Road, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 28 Sep 2017

APP/2017/2266 ECCO (Smart Metering) - Erection of 12 m Monopole with 3 m Omni Antenna, Equipment Cabinet, on Eastbound Grass Verge, B993. Kemnay. Applicant: Arqiva c/o Harlequin Group. Expiry date for public comment Mon 11 Sep 2017. Harlequin consulted KCC on their proposals and a few questions about alternative locations were asked. Details were published in the Newsletter and can be found on KCC webpage here: <http://www.kemnay.info/planning/smart-metering-arqiva/>

12 REPORTS – reports were previously circulated for items a) to f):

- a) **PADS Report;** 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. Location for a unit in Bogbeth still being assessed. For training, any Kemnay group may contact Bob Ingram on 01467 641255 or Gaenor Berkin. 01467 641630. Sincere thanks to business and Kemnay folks continuing to donate generously.
- b) **Safety Group; Smoke alarm Tester Sticks.** A further order is being placed and will be distributed within the Garioch area. **Credit/Debit Card Anti Fraud Protectors:** A follow up batch of 1000 protectors have been delivered to Libraries. **Youth Centre Facility for Kemnay.** A resident enquired regarding a place where Kemnay young people can meet. The Inverurie councilor volunteered to speak with the Education authority regarding locating a portable unit at Kemnay Academy (**Bob**). In general crime rates have been lower these past few months than previous months. **Parking Banners at Primary Schools;** 4 more banners to be sourced - One banner to be used between the two Kemnay Primary schools where there are parking issues.
- c) **GACCF;** Main message was on terrorism - if you see an ad/leaflet/notice, or something odd that makes you think extremist, tell the police.
- d) **Community Planning (GACP);** Margaret-Jane Cardno led a discussion on the remit. No other area has a CC Forum rep on the GACP. The PB exercise had 562 voters, Kiddiwinks did not get enough votes but Jill Sowden facilitated getting the requested changing unit made by Westhill Mens Shed.
- e) **Greener Kemnay (GK): Birley Bush;** work on the tree pits and water still awaited. Site Plan received. **Place of Origin;** Comments on narrowness of the paths through overgrowth are received every week. Jill was writing again to Greenbelt and if no satisfactory reply received by 22nd September, Legal Dept would be advised. Greenbelt advise that path work has been authorised. Some work took place in spring by Contractors but paths still reported to be overgrown. **Fly-Tipping;** such as garden waste, still being observed around Dalmadilly path, the railbed at Milton Farm, the wooded area at the bridge off Riverside Road, the wooded edge to the field on Grove Road and riverside path and at the edge of Place of Origin.

f) **Kemnay LLCP**; the engagement event was well attended by the professionals but with limited numbers of parents and children. Next showcase of LLCP suggested to be at the parent interview pilot evening at Kemnay Primary on Thursday 12th October.

g) **Press Reports**; Kemnay Police Station being sold. Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum launching legal case on Aberdeenshire Council litter clearance.

13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cllr Smith; attended seminars; on Developer Obligations. Funds are available for the Pavillion – legal dept investigating. Police & Fire – 260 days devoted to CCs reports etc. Network Rail works 2017 update was read out; various upgrades including high speed longer trains on many stretches including ABZ-Dyce / Dyce-Kintore. Inverurie Station to be upgraded with new car park. New Station in Forres opening 17 Oct. New stations will have no toilet facilities. Bridges being removed, some being reinforced. Major disruption will occur. A Public Meeting can be arranged.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Some ideas were discussed regarding a recent request for donation and KCC will contact resident to advise possibility of various sources (*Irene*)

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

Sue; was unable to attend Kemnay Academy Parent Council - papers/future dates awaited. Grant Application for repair of skatepark requires match funding - Cllr Smith to enquire. Grove Road speed calming camera showed that speeding was not excessive. Some details of Stagecoach complaints given.

Margaret; A flower trough was stolen from outside the village hall.

John; is reporting a faulty 30 mile/hr limit sign on road from Midmill.

Gaenor; will donate a wreath again this year for Remembrance Sunday. Following research by Gaenor, the grave of Private John Anderson, 4th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders has now been identified. He is named on the Kemnay War Memorial, and until now was listed among the missing on the Menin Gate. A rededication is taking place in Belgium on 17th October 2017. Anyone interested in further details, please contact us through the KCC website.

David; Vaila continues with the Facebook site meantime - Sue can take it over if no other interest.

Bill; encouraged all to complete details on Low Emission Zones Consultation Paper from the Scottish Government.

Next Meeting: Thursday 26th October 2017, **7 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/>.