

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 29th June 2017, 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair); Margaret Basley; David Evans; Sue Wainman; John Whittall; Vaila Spencer; Sasha Brydon; Fran Patrick; Alex Rayne; Bob Ingram; Gavin Adam; Cllr V Harper; Cllr S Leslie; Cllr H Smith; Alison Cumming (AC)

Apologies: Kate Rigby; Janet Newberry

Attending: 2 Members of the public, 1 Police Representative

- 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 25th May 2017**
Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate by Margaret and seconded by John.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS**
Police Report from 25th May to 29 June 2017, was previously received and read out at the meeting. The speed calming sign is now operational. Hare Coursing is still an issue – offenders should not be approached. Various traffic issues, including those reported at the Bogbeth area, discussed. Witnesses should call 999 if incidents are in progress and 101 to report incidents.
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT**
Post holidays Pupil Council under new management and Sasha is taking up the Chair and is also Scottish Youth Parliament representative for Aberdeenshire West. The Chair welcomed Sasha's continued attendance to KCC meetings in either capacity. Buses with idling engines still an issue. Cllr Smith has spoken to head teacher.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS** - No Show. (AC Planning & Policy for October)
- 7 **FLOOD MITIGATION**
Resilience groups to continue to discuss issues with MP/MSPs post recent elections. Another Yellow Alert was issued by SEPA and circulated for information, this was not specifically for Kemnay. Sandbags are now in place for the village – Irene has a key and Ken Ledingham has a key for Water-Gate deployment.
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
Len Ledingham, KPFG; Still talking to MSPs/MP regarding PVA status the matter of EU funding. Wrote to Cllrs regarding cleaning of drains at Kembhill Park, and asked if Cllrs can address fitting of non-return valves and gutter/weeds issues. *A Resident* – Queried the route of school buses on Fyfe Park/Fraser Place causing traffic issues at the junction. Cllr Smith advised that she will pursue the matter through the Transport Unit.
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **KCC Group Representatives**; Kemnay Academy – awaiting further response after AGM.
 - b) **River Don Pollution** – A Bogbeth resident reported pollution at Leschangie Burn. This was thought to be from three tanks at the building site and issues with filters - SEPA/AC have been informed and are investigating.
 - c) **Green Dog Walking Scheme** –The AC dog warden is unable to attend a KCC meeting, however is available to discuss issues on e-mail or telephone. Cllr Leslie is investigating funding for Notices with various Companies.
 - d) **Christmas Lights**; on the Green at Acquithie Road. Gavin enquired who we get permission from to hang lights. Alison advised Street Lighting, but Landscape Services in the first instance. **Gavin** to write to Ian Mitchell.
 - e) **SoE**; Various issues were raised, including time consuming repeated review requests. As CCs are unpaid volunteers, such tasks leave less time for community support. Alison advised that this is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1983, designed to protect CCs, and very few changes are being proposed. KCC should await final proposals after September when Constitutions can be changed to suit within the parameters of the SoE. AC Cllrs will decide on whether this is passed.

10 TREASURER REPORT

A report was previously circulated and a healthy balance of accounts was reported.

11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

1 Planning Applications Submitted from 23/05/2017 – 26/06/2017 (29/06/2017 mtg)

APP/2017/1606 Alterations & Extension to House (Listed Building Consent for Amended Design) at Birchfield, 28 High Street, Kemnay. Previous application **APP/2017/0259**, February this year.

(Cllr Smith advised that the issue of the mast as previously reported last month by a resident, was not an issue as it had been there for many years – closed).

12 REPORTS

- a) **PADS Report;** Report previously circulated. Four Public Access Defibrillator units are currently operational;; Village Hall, Fyfe Park Health Clinic, Alehousewells Primary School Entrance and Dalmadilly/Aquhythie Road. Bogbeth area still being assessed, along with Blairdaff. A training session for Dalmadilly has been arranged. For Training sessions for Kemnay groups, please contact Bob Ingram on T: 01467 641255 or Gaenor Berkin on T: 01467 641630. Continued donations from the business/Kemnay folks are most appreciated.
- b) **Safety Group;** A presentation was received from Fire & Rescue Service. Link has been added to KCC Website regarding various Safety aspects. Further Credit/Debit Card Anti Fraud Protectors ordered, for location in libraries. Donside Defibrillaor Groups publishing a leaflet with locations of all the PADs units.
- c) **GACCF;** The Garioch Area Manager has retired and Alison advised that the position has been internally advertised as a full-time permanent position. KCC should write to Alison in the meantime.
- d) **Community Planning (GACP);** There was a joint meeting with the Garioch Area Committee ie Councillors and the Senior Management Team for Garioch. The next meeting will be 24th August.
- e) **Kemnay Futures;** Last steering group meeting has been held - the plan is on the Garioch Partnership website.
- f) **Greener Kemnay;** Birley Bush; Terms of the license have been agreed, awaiting appendices. Newsletter Bulletin issued. Cllr Smith enquired about community composting/recycling - Sue advised of drainage issues and that there is no suitable site thought to be in the village other than the BB rear depot.
- g) **Kemnay LLCP;** a flyer for the KLLP event on 8th August at Kemnay Academy has been produced.
- h) **Training;** CRP Lead Co-ordinators training date still awaited.
- i) **CRP;** All equipment suitably stored and gas items checked. Church volunteer list has been added to the CRP (Irene). Final revision awaits Zone 8 volunteer details. Bob requested a list of items purchased for Safety Forum. 'Practice run' of the Plan still to be held. **(Fran)**
- j) **Press Reports;** Catriona Hendy, Kemnay student, law degree. Letter re clean living – Scouts. 17th C world map found in Castle Fraser has been restored and back in Castle Fraser for the time being.

13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS

- Additional mini recycling bins are being issued and less is to be recycled in public car park bins.
- Specialist Teachers; This is out for consultation - comments can be made on the Scottish Government website.
- Giant Hogweed; Cllr Leslie continues with the case (the River Don Trust are dealing with this) and trying to obtain licences from AC to treat annually. Gaenor requested additional discussions regarding a solution.
- Alison reminded CCs of 30th Sept Networking Event on Place Standards, to identify gaps in the community. Jill Sowden continues to investigate Place of Origin / Greenbelt paths issues.
- AC Cllrs are now in summer recess.

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

Bob; Advised that Kemnay & Kintore Rotary Club are organising a defibrillator for the Academy. *Gavin;* Raised lack

of grass cutting as opposed to flower planting observed taking place by many workers. Cllr Smith advised that this is an Operational matter but will enquire - the budget will be reviewed after summer recess. *John;* Paid tribute to the

organisers of the Fetternear run/walk event, who kept people advised and collected all rubbish afterwards. John added that Giant Hogweed needs cut now before it seeds. *Sasha;* Requested that KCC Facebook be updated with

new MSP/MP details. *Sue;* Small repairs are required to the Skate Park. If repairs cannot be actioned by AC, can a grant be applied for by KCC? Sue to discuss with Chair/Secretary. *Vaila;* Continued the earlier point regarding

Education and loss of provision of Specialist Teachers and KCC writing to Director of Education – to discuss with the

Chair/Secretary. *Irene*; Garioch Partnership membership renewed – Irene is the KCC contact and attended the AGM.

Bill; **KCC is in summer recess July/August**. E-mail/website communications continue to be monitored.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28th **September** 2017, 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/>.