

MINUTES OF MEETING (v2)Thursday, 30th January 2020 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair), Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Sue Wainman; Margaret Basley; Lee Aitken; Richard Lamplugh; William Irvine; Suzanne Bunton
Apologies: Claire Stewart; Marie Glendinning; David Carlin; Cllr H Smith

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

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS - None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 28th November 2019 - Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by S Wainman, seconded by R Lamplugh.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Police Report for October was received and circulated. The Christmas period seems to have brought an increase in incidents, although this report does cover two months.

5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT – No pupil rep present. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact M Glendinning about the possibility of getting a pupil representative.)

6 GUEST SPEAKERS - James Davidson, Environment Planner, Aberdeenshire Council - Change to Core Path: It is proposed that the core path at Dalmadilly be re-routed from the road on to the community path and ponds path. J Davidson is looking for feedback/comment on this proposal. KCC expressed its unanimous approval of this amendment to the core path. Maps of the network of core paths are available online. (**Action:** J Davidson is to send this link to F Patrick, who will then share with KCC.) The prospect of a core path link between Kemnay and Inverurie/Kintore was raised again – J Davidson said that this would need to be looked at again, but there remains an issue of the financial pressure Councils are under; there are not the resources to develop new paths or maintain current ones. Developer obligation funding is difficult to access for this purpose, as there are many rules about the use of such funds. However, there is funding from the Scottish Government to connect communities, to encourage active travel.

F Patrick relayed Kemnay Academy's Parent association's frustration at the lack of a cycle route. However, this falls under the remit of another office at Aberdeenshire Council. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact the relevant office about this.)

Place of Origin has a core path, which is not always accessible. J Davidson was made aware that a letter has gone in to Aberdeenshire Council about this and that there is the possibility of volunteer help to clear the broom, etc.

J Davidson's team is trying to support community groups to maintain core paths. (**Action:** F Patrick to send copy of the letter and minutes of meeting to J Davidson.)

Oskar Johansson was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he has met with S Wainman and Lorna Forsyth, Community Planning, to discuss his ideas with regard to the Climate Action Fund. (**Action:** F Patrick to invite him to send in a proposal for KCC to consider.)

7 KEMNAY RESILIENCE – No update received.

8 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK – Lorraine Dack, Library Services: A survey has been issued seeking views with regard to the future of the library service in Aberdeenshire and L Dack urged people to complete it. The deadline is 29th February. There was unanimous KCC support for Kemnay Library, with an acknowledgement that it offered so much more to the village than simply a place to borrow books – it is a safe, social space, good for mental well being, and offers computer access to those who need to access things online (eg benefits applications, etc) but who cannot afford a computer of their own. There are also staff members present who can help with this. It was suggested that the library should be a real 'hub', which is what L Dack said library staff would like to create – but they are open to all proposals/ideas.

Sasha Brydon – has put his name forward for co-option to KCC and was give the relevant form to complete. His co-option will be an item on next month's meeting. (**Action:** F Patrick to add this as an item on the agenda.)

9 MATTERS ARISING:

a) **Place of Origin** – See Item 6 on the agenda. S Wainman has not yet heard whether the Chivas Regal funded volunteers will be coming to Kemnay, and if they do, whether they will be working at Birley Bush or Place of Origin. Whichever were to be the case, Aberdeenshire Council would be expected to help in the disposal of the broom. S Wainman has spoken to Ian Mitchell at Aberdeenshire Council about this. A prompt reply was received from Allan Whyte at Aberdeenshire Council to the letter sent by F Patrick and S Wainman on behalf of KCC about PoO; no reply has been received as yet from Greenbelt.

b) **Fly tipping** – An email had been received from a farmer near Kintore to alert local community councils about this issue and urging people to report any incidents. It's rarely possible to get a number plate or vehicle description, but sometimes fly tippers can be traced through the rubbish they dump and fined. The situation may get worse from 1st February, when a permit will be necessary to take commercial rubbish to a local authority dump. (**Action:** F Patrick to put an article in the Newsletter about this.)

c) **Traffic Issues** – Parking: W Irvine has contacted Inspector Hassan twice, but has received no reply; F Patrick has contacted Station/Café 83 on behalf of KCC re inconsiderate and illegal parking opposite their premises, also offering to supply posters. The ice-cream sign hasn't been obstructing the pavement recently, which is welcome. It was suggested other businesses on Station Road also be contacted. Electric vehicle charging points: More points are to be installed as resources allow, but it seems Kemnay has not been kept in the loop; KCC has been advised perhaps to pursue this through Kintore Councillor, Glen Reid, who is on the Infrastructure & Services Committee, as Ward 10 does not have a representative on this committee. School bus routes: Real concern at the school buses once again charging down the High Street. KCC has previously argued against this route (and others down Fraser Place and Kendall Road) and had been given an assurance from Aberdeenshire Council that school buses would not use these routes. S Wainman has contacted Aberdeenshire Council and Sean Jamieson from the School Transport Unit has now agreed that all school buses should go via the quarry road.

d) **Christmas Event** – It will cost around £300-400 to run a similar event annually. Although not quite enough was raised this year to cover all costs, it is hoped that in future years enough money will be raised through the raffle and donations. The Christmas tree arrived and was planted with one day to spare and seems to have been well received on the whole by residents. The battery operated tree lights worked well – if a little less bright than connected lights - and more will be purchased for the tree for next year. The two trees for either end of the village were, unfortunately, not planted in time for Christmas, however Cllr Smith has contacted KCC to say that she has had confirmation from Landscape Services that these trees are on their way and should be planted shortly.

10 TREASURER REPORT – All bills paid; £155.58 received from F Patrick from the Christmas event. The General Fund stands at £3200; the Christmas Fund at £1300; Resilience Fund at £1000; PADS at £1500

11 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** - 6 applications submitted - Ref. No: APP/2019/2672; Ref. No: APP/2019/2748; Ref. No: APP/2019/2778; Ref. No: APP/2019/2869; Ref. No: APP/2019/2882; Ref. No: APP/2019/2886. No comment was made on any of them. Additional information has been published on Milton APP/2019/0490
- b) **Local Development Plan** – No further update.

12 REPORTS

a) **Public Access Defibrillators (PADs)** – An update has been received from K Stewart, PADS co-ordinator: The alarm on KVH unit has been fixed (although it seems quite a few of the units don't have alarms, something KCC might want to consider?) and the pads unit replaced; still collating information from volunteers to update the new system being run by the British Heart Foundation, which is taking over monitoring from the Scottish Ambulance Service. (**Action:** F Patrick to get further updates from K Stewart.)

b) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – No-one is able to attend these meetings, now being held on Friday mornings (**Action:** F Patrick to ask that KCC still receive the minutes of this meeting.)

c) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – No meeting

d) **Community Planning** – Meeting postponed, but focus still Westhill. New SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) figures have been issued, which may have an impact on Kemnay.

e) **Greener Kemnay** – Allium bulbs received from Landscape Services, being planted at Birley Bush

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - Training on 'family learning' – ie 'people learning together'; a report is to be written and there may be some support for encouraging intergenerational learning.

g) KAPC/KPPC/APPC - *KAPC*: The first part of the meeting was a workshop, led very confidently and well by four senior pupils, on online bullying, part of the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme. This is an initiative, led by senior pupils and supported by Guidance staff, which seems to be receiving a positive response from younger pupils; it is also developing the leadership skills of the senior pupils taking part.

The PTA still has no additional volunteers. Ms Paul gave feedback on a seminar on the Excelerate programme, which is being supported by the Wood Foundation – this programme aims to build links with schools, employers and local communities. An update was given on what else is happening in the school and whether the school should aim to get a minibus, given the difficulty some pupils have getting home if they stay on for after school activities. KCC was asked to support the Academy's request for a cycle route to be established between Kemnay and Kintore (see Item 6). *KPPC*: Therapets are coming in to P2/3; concern about the very muddy and potentially dangerous state of the back park, which is also making a mess to the interior of the school. The school has been asking Aberdeenshire Council for help with this, but is making no progress. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact Cllr Harper, who is on the Education and Children Services Committee.)

h) Press Reports – None.

13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS – No AC Councillors present.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Accessible Transport Forum
- Kemnay Payphone – proposal for it to be removed; comments to garioch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk by 19th February (**Action:** S Wainman to put notice on Facebook)
- Sports Awards nominations
- Democracy Matters Newsletter – 'conversations' to begin in March
- Library service survey – deadline 29th February (See item 8)
- Mobility & Access Committee

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

- Email received from local journalist re KCC plans for VE Day. KCC is not planning to organise any event itself, but is aware of several events happening in the village and could perhaps co-ordinate and publicise these (ie possible film & afternoon tea at KVH; Kemnay House is to open over the weekend; Greener Kemnay to run an event at Birley Bush)

(**Action:** M Basley to put a request in the Newsletter for information on proposed events. **Action:** F Patrick to contact M Glendinning to find out what the schools might be doing. **Action:** S Wainman to contact the Reminiscence Group.)

15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK - MB felt there was still a need for a phone box in the village, the Resilience planning might require access to a landline, for example, and there is a danger in assuming that mobile phones will always be a working alternative. JW gave an update on the proposed repair of the huge pothole at the entrance to the car park at Fetternear, which should be happening shortly. SB gave an update on the fenced off piece of land on the riverside path – this area now belongs to the homeowner, having been asked by Aberdeenshire Council to adopt it as the original developer, whose responsibility it is officially, is apparently no longer around.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 27th February, 2020, 7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall