

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
30th March 2017, 7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall

**Present:** Hazel Smith (Chairperson); Irene Ferguson (Secretary); Janet Newberry (Treasurer); Bill Blackwood (Vice Chair); Margaret Basley; Bob Ingram; Sue Wainman; Kate Rigby; Fran Patrick; David Evans; John Whittall; Gaenor Berkin; Alex Rayne; Cllr Sheena Lonchay

**Apologies:** Cllr P Oddie, Cllr A Grant; Vaila Spencer; Sasha Brydon; Gavin Adam

**Attending:** 3 Members of the public

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed those attending and apologies were given as above.

**2 MINUTES OF AGM 31 MARCH 2016**

Adopted as proposed by Margaret and seconded by Bob

**3 CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**

The Chair previously circulated a summary the work of the Council over the past year and read out the (following) report for the benefit of members of the public.

Adopted as proposed by Janet and seconded by Margaret

**4 TREASURER REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Financial Statement was previously received from the Treasurer and circulated.

Adopted as proposed by Kate and seconded by Sue

There were no Questions.

**5 AOCB**

Cllr Lonchay advised that CCs will be contacted with any amendments to the SoE after further AC discussion.

**Date of Next AGM: 29th March 2018**

(Or due notice given to the Public for 28 June 2018 depending on finalisation of Draft SoE with all future CC AGM dates of June proposed when the date of the Accounts audit would also have to be changed)

Next General Meeting immediately following this meeting.

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## **Chairperson's Report**

This year has been busier than in the past for all members of the Community Council. The unprecedented weather conditions of January 2016 that caused havoc in certain areas of Kemnay has generated this considerable additional activity.

The workload has been eased somewhat by the welcomed new members to community council who not only bring our Council numbers to its full complement, but also creates a good mix of skills and experience.

The flood water in January resulted in ongoing communication and correspondence to Aberdeenshire Council, and other outside agencies, such as Sepa and Scottish Water, in our attempt to gain comfort and ensure that all were aware of the problems that arose and were discharging their responsibilities. David Evans took the lead, and it was greatly appreciated, as his local knowledge of the drains and watercourses in the affected areas were invaluable. The outcome thus far has not been satisfactory, and very frustrating at times with the Council not meeting its own targets with their replies. Until a full risk assessment of the river is conducted, this whole matter will create anxiety within Kemnay for some considerable time, although some reassurance has been forthcoming with temporary solutions by the riverside. But it is still a huge disappointment that the very popular riverside path remains unrepaired.

Two new sub-committees have been formed with members taking on extra responsibilities. The first has a direct link to our 'flood night'. A Community Resilience Plan has been developed to accommodate any eventuality. Irene Ferguson, new member and secretary of the community council, has compiled an impressive document that has been formally adopted, grants applied for and received, and equipment is in the process of being purchased, by Fran Patrick, the sub-group co-ordinator. This has been a piece of work that has taken Irene several months to complete, and she has to be applauded not just by us but by Kemnay as a whole for her efforts.

The second sub-committee is equally impressive with its achievements, and deserving of the same praise. The need for Defibrillators at various points in and around the boundary of Kemnay was identified. Robert Ingram and Gaenor Berkin, took on the mammoth task of fundraising for what at the time seemed an unachievable sum of money. Not just relying on available grants, they have involved the whole community to reach their goal. But this project has not just been about the finances, but identifying suitable locations, permissions, and the key element of training in first aid. Ongoing maintenance means both these sub-committees will be long term projects, and will make Kemnay a safer place to live in.

Guest speakers were invited to our meetings to assist both these sub-groups, and their advice has proved invaluable.

Changes continue to happen in Kemnay, and as usual the most time consuming is Development. David Evans has spent considerable time composing justifiable objections to planning applications for townhouses at Bennachie Lodge and the caravan pitches at Quarry Wood, as well as passing on complaints and offering advice for matters received via the Kemnay website that he also maintains.

Again the Bogbeth area is causing upset with the unreasonable behaviours of lorry drivers, lighting and late night working, making life difficult for residents in the area. But it's not all doom and gloom there has been some success, with Barratt agreeing to the Bogbeth Road widening and footpath provision, as well as the extended footpath to the proposed 3 house development at Milton Farm. Other new paths and parking area have been completed within Kemnay, but unfortunately the development of allotments and a suitable site for local composting is still much awaited.

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Our Christmas lights continue to bring cheer, with more lights appearing each winter. From the generosity of landowners for the trees and donations and fundraising efforts from businesses and individuals, demonstrate how much people appreciate the efforts of Gavin Adam and his small team of volunteers.

All these activities have of course an impact on the KCC bank account, and Janet Newberry has seen her workload increase this last year.

The Police have now found an acceptable means to report local crime to our meetings as we accept their presence is not always possible. However, there have been a number of serious incidents over this last year that have required their personal attendance at meetings for full verbal reports so we can assist in making residents aware of the problems and outcomes of investigations.

Sasha Brydon, our student representative has been a valuable link to the Academy passing on the public's concerns on a range of matters including litter and bus waiting, and in turn keeping us apprised of school activities.

I extend my sincere thanks to all.

Members of the public are of course welcome to our community council meetings, and feedback from individuals who have attended is that they feel welcome and listened to. We have heard a variety of complaints ranging from the usual dog fouling (that we considered spray painting bright pink), blocked drains, unusual tree pruning and irresponsible parking to name a few.

Through all this year's activities our elected member Cllr Sheena Lonchay has made very regular attendance which is appreciated, single handily supporting us in the absence of her colleagues.

On a lighter note and looking forward KCC are in the process of developing its own official letterhead logo, a matter that has been considered many times, and now appears to be near fruition.

I will finish my report by extending a special thank you to each member, for your regular attendance, for presenting reports on your extra responsibilities and representing KCC on outside bodies. I extend my sincere thanks to Bill, who conducted a number of meetings in my absence as it was very much appreciated.

Hazel Smith

Chairperson 2017

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**Kemnay Community Council      01.03.16 to 28.02.17**

		General	Christmas Lights	Defibrillators	Community Resilience	Total
<b>Expenditure</b>						
02-03-16	D Evans re Web Expenses	86.25				
19-03-16 Nov	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
04-04-16 Mch	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
09-05-16 Apr	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-06-16	Photocopying re Community Council nominations	15.50				
13-06-16 May	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-07-16 June	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-07-16	Defibrillator group			1000.00		
01-07-16	Defibrillator group			250.00		
04-07-16 Sept	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
01-11-17 Oct	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
01-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
13-11-17	D Evans re Web Expenses	86.25				
30-11-17 Nov	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
30-11-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
06-01-17	Data protection Insurance	35.00				
31-01-17 Jan	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
31-01-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
24-02-17 Feb	Kemnay Hall Rental	27.50				
24-02-17	Irene re Secretarial	50.00				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>748.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1998.00</b>

<b>Income</b>						
23-03-16	Donation re defibs			1000.00		
22-04-16	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	911.63				
26-05-16	D Downie donation for defibrillators			250.00		
19-01-17	G&NM Safety Group re CR				1000.00	
08-02-17	Breedon re Website sponsorship	150.00				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1061.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>3311.63</b>

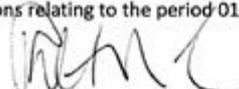
**Balance Sheet**

Income	<b>1061.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>3311.63</b>
less expenditure	748.00	0.00	1250.00	0.00	1998.00
<b>Current Year</b>	<b>313.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1313.63</b>
Balance Carried Forward	2490.15	2805.58	0.00	0.00	5295.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>2803.78</b>	<b>2805.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>6609.36</b>

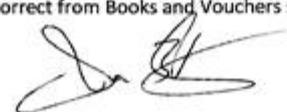
**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance of Bank Account as at 28.02.17	3,886.86
Plus Reversal Payment Due	2,750.00
Less Amended Rental Payment	-27.50
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>6,609.36</b>

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/03/2016 to 28/02/2017

Janet Newberry  Treasurer

Examined and found to be correct from Books and Vouchers supplied to me

Ian T Rigby  Hon. Auditor

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- 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 23rd February 2016.**  
Minutes as previously circulated were confirmed as accurate, with one change to item 9c) as requested by Sue. Proposed for acceptance by Fran and seconded by Sue.
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS**  
Police Report from 24 February to 30 March has been received. The speed calming sign on Aquithie Road has gone for repair. The returned Police questionnaire was well received.
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** - No report due to Sasha's absence.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS – None**  
Colin Gray, AC and a Police representative, will attend the April meeting. Castle Fraser to be invited to the May meeting (**Irene**) and Park & Pavilion Committee to be invited to the June meeting (**Sue**).
- 7 **FLOOD MITIGATION**
  - a) Report on Dye testing results from Scottish Water due next week. **b)** MM-RCG; CRP drill successfully tested. Container donated by WeSubsea/Ram Tubulars - storage area confirmed by AC. RM Project now funded by AC. **c)** KPFG; temporary Water-Gate barrier delivery imminent and storage confirmed. Still some outstanding issues with drains on the circular path and grass areas.
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
  - a) A resident – Alehousewells; Dog Fouling; discussions took place and various suggestions made. An additional bin has been requested (**Sue**). Cllr Lonchay suggested that a Green Dog Walking Scheme be adopted – **Sue** to find details for KCC. **b)** A Resident – Kemnay; Acknowledged all the, often unseen, hard work carried out by KCC for the village. It was asked if KCC could hold a hustings for villagers to meet election candidates for new AC Councillors. KCC agreed to consider this. **c)** Ken Ledingham, KPFG; PVA status/legislation changes being further pursued by MSPs/MP. Some drain cleaning has been done and discussions ongoing. A new KPFG website has been launched. Ken expressed praise and sincere thanks to Irene for her support to KPFG on flood mitigation.
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING**
  - a) **Recycling in the Village**; Kate reported that bins are always full and a reduced number of bins is evident. This is a particular issue for rural residents who do not have blue bins. Cllr Lonchay will look into this.
  - b) **KCC Insurance**; City and Shire will administer this in future and CCs will deal directly with Zurich. Contact details have been amended with reminders to the appropriate KCC Chair e-mail address.
  - c) **Consultation on Scheme of Establishment**; GACC Forum – Doug Milne noted concerns from CCs - a revised version will be issued around 27<sup>th</sup> April / June. Irene proposed that the **KCC Constitution** be amended to allow AGM minutes approval at the next months' meetings for formal adoption at AGMs – motion carried.
  - d) **KCC Group Representatives**; Village Hall - **Margaret** to ask. **Sue** - GACCF, Kemnay Futures, Greener Kemnay & Kemnay LLCP and to ask the Academy. **Vailla** to be asked for Kemnay Primary. **Bob** to ask Alehousewells Primary. **Sue** to ask Park & Pavilion Committee - consultation day on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - e) Young representatives - see SoE 9c) above.
  - f) **KCC Logo** voted and adopted by majority as No 9

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- g) **Bogbeth/Builder issues** ongoing. Noise complaints ongoing and residents were told it is a Police matter
- h) **River Don Pollution** - ongoing. Irene has again reported this to SEPA who have passed to AC.

**10 TREASURER REPORT / BANK ACCOUNT (S)**

Audited accounts were previously circulated and adopted at the AGM.

Kemnay Golf Club kindly donated to Christmas Lights and Hazel attended a presentation. The singing group asked if tree lights could be placed on the Green at Acquithie Road for carol singing events. Gavin is to be asked to consider this.

**11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

8 Planning Applications Submitted from 21/02/2017 – 27/03/2017 – no objections:

**APP/2017/0190** Display of Advertisements at McColl's & **APP/2017/0194** Installation of ATM Expiry date for public comment Thu 16 Mar 2017. **APP/2017/0460** Extension to Gym / Relocation of Air Conditioning Units at Lairds Throat. Expiry date for public comment Thu 16 Mar 2017. **APP/2017/0470** Erection of Dwellinghouse & Storage Building and Relocation of Manege at Woodhead Hill. Expiry date for public comment Thu 23 Mar 017. **APP/2017/0475** Change of Use of Land to form Garden Ground and Relocation of Access at Kemnay House. Expiry date for public comment Thu 23 Mar 2017. **APP/2017/0536** Demolish Steadings, Erect 2 No. Houses and Form Vehicular Accesses at Westerton. Expiry date for public comment Thu 13 Apr 2017. **APP/2017/0613** Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at 1 Cairn Road. Expiry date for public comment Mon 03 Apr 2017. **APP/2017/0627** Erection of Dwellinghouse at Hillside Farm. Expiry date for public comment Thu 13 Apr 2017

**12 REPORTS**

- a) **PADS Report;** Report previously circulated. PADS Defibrillators are at the Village Hall and Fyfe Park Health Clinic. Bogbeth unit location being assessed. New unit installed at Alehousewells Primary today - SAS to explain use and CPR to pupils. Units planned for Dalmadilly/Blairdaff. Training suspended until Autumn 2017. For separate training sessions, contact Bob Ingram (01467 641255) or Gaenor Berkin (01467 641630). Thanks again to businesses/folks in Kemnay and special thanks to Duncan Downie for his generous donation.
- b) **Safety Group;** Report previously circulated. Smoke Alarm Tester Sticks initiative being supported and funded. Credit/Debit Card Anti Fraud Protectors to be located in Libraries. Bear Scotland to inspect road markings/surface condition at Morrison's Roundabout, Inverurie, soon.
- c) **GACCF;** Hazel attended and reported per item 9c) above.
- d) **Community Planning;** Report previously issued. Logie Durno & Old Rayne tree planting - KCC and neighbours will be consulted before this happens in Kemnay. Participatory Budgeting – awaiting update.
- e) **Kemnay Futures;** Report previously circulated. Document completed and gone for printing.
- f) **Greener Kemnay;** Report previously circulated. Birley Bush application rejected - other sites to be looked at. Irene asked if funding for the Art Project which may be cancelled could be passed to flood groups for this type of project (**Sue**). Dalmadilly Path to the pond is complete, Barratts to roll the surface. Opening 22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
**Kemnay LLCP;** Training sessions were successful though First Aid was not wholly subscribed. The Library Service events being held to promote literacy in children/young adults. Social Isolation Grant was discussed.
- g) **Website;** Security Update – dangers of unfamiliar contacts and internet links explained by David.
- h) **Training;** CRP Lead Co-ordinators training date awaited. Aldo CC training - passwords awaited by some CCs – **Irene** to write to Alison Cumming.
- i) **CRP;** A report was previously circulated. Many items received and receipts processed. Regular meetings suspended.
- j) **Press Reports;** Container donation from WeSubsea/Ram Tubulars as previously issued. 29/3 - Cleaning of reservoir at Parkhill. 13/3 - Changes to bus routes; 14/3 - Kemnay Academy pupil represents NE in Young Scientist Finals; 14/3 - 17<sup>th</sup> Century Map of the world found at Castle Fraser. 15/3 - SSEN Pylons postponed; 29/3 - Worker embezzled £6K from Co-op in Kemnay

**13 ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS**

Roads to be resurfaced are Bremner Way, Kembhill Park & Boat Croft. New Committees report and Budget information received.

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**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Correspondence from the Council;** was circulated prior to the meeting
- b) **General Correspondence Received;** was circulated prior to the meeting. Correspondence from a resident regarding upgrade of Playpark near Fraser Place via the office of Alex Burnett, MSP who have written to AC.

**15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK**

*David; Proposed that KCC join the Woodlands Trust NALC **Tree Charter Branch** – motion carried.*

*Irene; suggested that, as the numerous Surveys and Consultations can cause e-mail overload, AC could be asked if such items may be put on an AC website area for access by CCs. **Irene** to action.*

***Item 8b)** was considered. As KCC is a non-political organisation and responsibility lies with the candidates to promote themselves, this was not approved.*

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 27th April 2017, 7.30 pm, KVH

All members of the public welcome – Agenda will be available on the KCC website  
<http://www.kemnay.info/>