

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2016 at 7.30pm in
Kemnay Village Hall

Present: Hazel Smith (Chair), Bill Blackwood, Janet Newberry, David Evans, Kate Rigby, Margaret Basley, Robert Ingram, Sue Wainman, Vaila Spencer, Gaenor Berkin, John Whittall, Irene Ferguson, Alexander Rayne, Sasha Brydon

Attending: Michael Hilferty (SSE) and four members of the public

1 Welcome and Presentation to Dr Sheila Simpson:

- Sheila was welcomed and, on behalf of KCC, David made a presentation to Sheila in acknowledgement of her two years service as Chair of KCC.
- The Chair welcomed those present and confirmed that there are four new Members of the Council.

2 Apologies: Fran Patrick, Gavin Adam, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Cllr Grant

3 Appointment of Secretary: Irene Ferguson was formally asked to take up the Secretary position (as agreed for September), as proposed by David and seconded by a majority vote and Irene was asked to take the minutes.

4 Police Matters: There are changes reported by the Police on future reporting to CCs.

5 a) Kemnay's Emergency Plan: Weekly meetings of the Resilient Community sub-group (KCC-RCG) are now being held, with an update from the two meetings held to date as follows:

- Current members of the sub-group are Irene Ferguson (lead), Hazel Smith, David Evans, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry and with Sue Wainman having also volunteered
- The plan for Kemnay village is in progress
- An outline draft document is progressing with a number of key elements incorporated and being discussed, such as roles of the co-ordinators and volunteers, a village Risk Assessment, village maps, support services resources, community resources and assets and places of respite
- A SEPA representative attended part of this week's meeting where further vital support to the KCC-RCG plan process was offered
- As the plan progresses, there will be an opportunity for other KCC members and volunteers from the village to contribute
- Progress reports on this item will now be given at the KCC meetings.

b) Paul Hendy, The Scottish Flood Forum (SFF): Irene gave an update on behalf of Paul.

- The SFF drop-in centre continues to be held in the village Hall every Wednesday from 4-7 pm. The time is slightly shortened due to loud music from Jazzercise classes in the adjoining room. Janet is checking for availability of another room.

- Advice can be given on insurance matters and any issues regarding flood affected properties. FloodRE is a joint Government and industry initiative to enable affordable insurance for qualifying properties that are at risk of flooding or have been flooded and corresponding leaflets were made available.
- A pilot scheme is currently being rolled out by SFF for bulk purchase of property protection products for some brick-built properties in the village
- Training and table-top exercises are being planned for Resilient Community Groups in the village in September and KCC agreed to sign up for these.

c) Michael Hilferty of SSE: Michael gave a talk on products and services available such as school presentations on electrical safety and the SSE scheme where a volunteer can be made available one day per year to assist in the community. The emergency pack, for use during power cuts, which can be made available to vulnerable people who are signed up to the priority register, was demonstrated. Details of available funding for generators, defibrillators and bedding were explained as can be found on the information received from Irene Ferguson which will be sent out to the Council Members. Discussions took place surrounding interest in provision of an electrical generator to Kemnay Village Hall and a meeting is to be arranged with Bob Ingram to discuss further details.

6 Kemnay Academy Pupil Report: The Academy are discussing helping KCC with funding for defibrillators. The issue with the school bus engine running whilst parked outside is ongoing. A prize-giving ceremony took place at Kemnay Primary School where the Mavis Wainman prize was presented by Sue Wainman.

7 Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak

A) C Pirie reported that **a)** three drains at *Kembhill Park* are covered in rubbish with grass growing halfway up and have not been cleaned for some time. Paths in the area, roads and gullies are covered in weeds. The Chair responded that drain camera surveys had been requested by Irene and that Cllr Lonchay is still trying to find the answer. **b)** Anti social behaviour was stated to be taking place where six adults and a baby are living in a one bedroom house. It was stated that this can be reported through the Aberdeenshire Website and the Chair took the action to report both of these items.

B) Ken Leddingham advised that:

a) he had, today, delivered the Kembhill Park flood group petition to Cllr Martin Kitts-Hayes and Cllr Richard Thomson at Woodhill House where three local Councillors and six Kembhill Park residents were present. The press were absent.

b) a meeting with KCC and some assistance from Irene regarding the emergency plan for Kembhill Park was requested and approved.

c) Ken gave information on current projects; the Bennachie Landscapes Project where archaeology is taking place. Leaflets were distributed and Janet requested that a talk be given at Kintore Library. Colony Trail for Bailies of Bennachie - application forms and Save Bennachie leaflets were distributed. Leaflets can also be collected from Alford Heritage Museum.

C) Alistair McKay raised issues surrounding the recent Gypsy Traveller planning application where complaints were lodged and removed for being outwith policy. David Evans advised that the missing report can be seen on Kemnay Website. Concern was also raised regarding

names and addresses of those objecting being publicly displayed due to fears of reprisals and safety. This matter will be taken up with Cllr Lonchay.

8 Minutes of the meeting held on 26th May; These were circulated with adjustments and pages checked for accuracy - proposed by Margaret and seconded by Bob.

9 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a) **Path Development in Kemnay;** There are some delays on the path on Bremner Way. Sue is to query progress on the Riverside Path.
- b) **Save Bennachie** - the timescale for comments has passed and objections are lodged
- c) **Pink Dog Poo Paint** - pricing from the supplier was thought to be high at £4.50/can and £8.95 for delivery. This will be further investigated by Sue and more information will be sought from Cllr Lonchay.
- d) **SSE Consultation on Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission** - the deadline has now passed

10 Planning Matters and Applications: 6 Planning Applications Submitted from 4/05/2016 – 27/06/2016

[APP/2016/1454](#) Alterations and Extension at 17 Cairn Road, Kemnay. Previous application submitted in April this year was [APP/2016/0762](#), which had 4 objections and recently withdrawn on 25 May 2016. The new application is for a smaller extension, to the side which is now in line with the front building line and the front porch / WC has been removed. Expiry date for public comment Tue 14 Jun 2016. **No Objections.**

[APP/2016/1485](#) Change of Use of Ground Floor Premises from Public House to Gym and Restaurant at 17 Station Road, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 30 Jun 2016. **No Objections.**

[APP/2016/1610](#) Alterations and Extension to form Sunlounge at rear of 22 Donald Avenue, Milton Meadows, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Sun 26 Jun 2016. **No Objections.**

[APP/2016/1667](#) Alterations and Extension to form Kitchen and Erection of Garage at The Cottage, Burnhervie, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Thu 30 Jun 2016. **No Objections.**

[APP/2016/1684](#) Retention of Dwellinghouse Without Compliance with Condition 8 (Occupancy) of Approved Planning Permission Reference 99/0629/01 at Knockinglews, Braco Pitcaple, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Thu 14 Jul 2016. Application 99/0629/01 is a 1999 application – awaiting further details. **No objections anticipated.**

[APP/2016/1714](#) Erect 3 No. Dwellinghouses and Garages at Milton Farm, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 21 Jul 2016. Main concerns are to try to get the applicant to construct a footpath along Monymusk Road to link with the existing footpath 70 metres away and also achieve a footpath link along the former railway track to link with Leys Way at Milton Meadows. Also to raise concerns about the proposed surface water drainage which would drain directly into the burn without any detention measures. **Objections to be lodged.**

11 Reports:

- a) **PADS Report;** The defibrillator fundraising concert held at Kemnay Academy was a great success with a total of £2,642.63 now raised. Thanks was given for collection boxes filled. The grant application with The British Heart Foundation is for three defibrillators - one each at Kemnay Village Hall, Fyfe Park and Bogbeth Park Pavillion. A fourth is being planned for either Alehousewells or the Academy. Other locations being considered are Dalmadilly and Blairdaff.

- b) **Safety Group Report;** Emergency Contact Discs for vehicles were handed out and these are also available in the Library. An electronic copy is to be posted on the Kemnay Website.
- c) **Garioch Area Committee Meeting;** There was a presentation from the Police and Fire Service and this was attended by the Chair, Sue Wainman and Margaret Basley. A new Chair was appointed at the AGM. Minutes are to be circulated to KCC.

12 Kemnay Futures; any good relevant photographs from Members of the Public would be appreciated and Rob McKay has submitted one.

13 Aberdeenshire News: Press Reports were; one article on 8th May - visit/sleepover to Edinburgh Deep Sea World for 60+ Kemnay Brownies and Guides. Two articles on flooding in Kemnay on 1st and 27th June. One article on 14th June on vandalism on Kemnay Road causing £10,000 worth of damage to vehicles and property and one article on 17th June on the Crash Live demonstration at the Academy.

14 Correspondence

- a) **Correspondence from the Council** has been circulated prior to the meeting. An e-mail from Cllr Lonchay confirmed that Aberdeenshire Council are now considering temporary flood barriers for Kemnay (for all areas affected) and for deployment by residents. As yet, no timescale has been given. Examples of these products can be seen on Kemnay Website.
- b) **Correspondence Received** regarding dog litter bins is to be reported to Aberdeenshire Council and responded to by Bob

15 Opportunities for Kemnay Community Councillors to Speak:

- John reported that flood debris at Fetternear is causing risk of vandalism and fires have been seen being lit. This will be reported by John to David Fyfe
- Gaynor reported that a tree next to the main road in Bogbeth is dead and the stone wall at the park is in need of repair
- Sue reported that caravans and cars are currently parked on the grass at Fyfe Park
- Alex reported that a) more dog waste bins could be placed along common dog walks and b) cars are parking on pavements in the village - Alex is to advise the names of the roads
- Summer Recess; All Members will continue to receive e-mails and may respond accordingly

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Date of the next meeting: Thursday 29th September