

**MINUTES OF MEETING**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall

**Present:** Bill Blackwood(Chair); Fran Patrick(Secretary); John Whittall(Treasurer); Gaenor Berkin(Vice Chair); Margaret Basley; Sue Wainman; Claire Stewart

**Attending:** 1 member of the public; Karen Stewart (PADS Co-ordinator); Cllr Smith; Cllr Leslie

**Apologies:** David Carlin; Lewis Mackland

- 1 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** - The Chair welcomed those attending, and apologies were given as above.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS** - There were no declarations of interest/audio recordings.
- 3 **MINUTES OF MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018** - Minutes of Meeting as previously circulated were proposed as accurate, with one amendment (Cllr Smith's attendance was omitted from the Minutes). Proposed by M Basley and seconded by S Wainman. (**Action:** F Patrick to amend the Minutes of last meeting to record Cllr Smith's attendance.)
- 4 **POLICE MATTERS** – No report had been received prior to the meeting and no representative from the police attended. (PC Middleton did circulate a report later to KCC.)
- 5 **KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT** - No representative present at the meeting, but a brief report from L Mackland was distributed prior to the meeting in which mention was made of a proposal to renovate the Academy's garden. S Wainman said, however, that it would be unlikely that Greener Kemnay would be able to help with this project.
- 6 **GUEST SPEAKERS** – None
- 7 **KEMNAY RESILIENCE** – No representative from MMFG or KPFG was available, but Irene Ferguson sent in an update via e-mail: the MIR / 2021 LDP items have now been shared around other groups; there is a FloodRe public meeting being planned to take place in Aberdeen in March regarding insurance issues for flooded properties; Kemnay is now a PVA. Briggs is now going to store the water barrier on their premises rather than at Birley Bush.
- 8 **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – Lorna Forsyth from Community Learning Development explained that roles have changed and that CLD is now area based and is offering community groups the opportunity to undergo an organisational 'health check', which helps identify a group's strengths and weaknesses and supports groups that may wish to increase membership or engage better with their community, make best use of resources, access funding, etc. The 'Social Capital Tool' was also discussed. This is a community profiling tool, which helps inform the 'Place Standards' data and also helps groups get a real understanding of their community and its needs. The aim is to reach out to those in the community who might need support, to help them access information and support available in the community.  
KCC agreed to look at these tools and perhaps invite Ms Forsyth back at a later date to discuss the results/issues identified.  
(**Action:** L Forsyth to e-mail the information to F Patrick, who will add this as an item on the agenda of a later KCC meeting.)
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING**
  - a) Parking issues – Cllr Smith informed KCC that a parking strategy is being looked at shire-wide by Aberdeenshire Council, but nothing has been decided as yet. In the meantime, the police should be kept aware of any issues in the village.
  - b) Christmas display – KCC thanked F Patrick and her husband for organising the display, and again Gavin Adam for putting up and taking down the motifs on the lamp-posts. The cost of the Christmas tree, purchase of additional star motif and PAT testing came to around £500. It does seem that there is concrete under the flower beds, so this might make it more difficult to get permanent trees planted; it might be possible to apply for Christmas display funding through the Garioch Local Planning budget – F Patrick has been in touch with Caroline Smith at Aberdeenshire Council; one or two people in the village have expressed a tentative interest in getting

involved in the village Christmas display. **(Action:** F Patrick to contact AC Landscaping Department and also pursue potential funding and the setting up of a 'Christmas Committee')

c) Community Councils Participation Request – Aberdeenshire has agreed to the Participation Request and they will be organising some workshops for interested Community Councils from mid February. This will allow CCs to be involved in discussion around how the 1% of the Council budget potentially to be allocated to communities will be distributed.

**10 TREASURER REPORT & DONATIONS RECEIVED** – The website fees have now been paid, as has the cost of KVH room hire. The only other outgoing has been the monthly Secretary allowance. There have been no other changes to the accounts. It was requested that a monthly copy of the accounts be distributed to councillors. **(Action:** J Whittall to arrange this.)

**11 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS** – After some discussion, it was agreed to put in a letter of objection to the proposed development at Bennachie Lodge as there are issues with potential flooding, the loss of car parking space and the building not being in keeping with others in the area. **(Action:** G Berkin to send in letter of objection.)

Main Issues Report (MIR) re Local Development Plan: G Berkin has prepared a response to the MIR with regard to its potential impact on Kemnay and related issues, particularly re proposed development at Birley Bush and top of Bremner Way. It was agreed that this response be sent in to Aberdeenshire Council. A summary of the MIR can be seen at <http://www.kemnay.info/planning/main-issues-report-ldp-2021/> **(Action:** G Berkin to send in response to Aberdeenshire Council.)

## **12 REPORTS –**

a) Defibrillators (PADs) - Karen Stewart, PADS Co-ordinator, was present at the meeting. The account with Scottish Ambulance Service has now been transferred and she has access for the Kemnay PADS. Additional equipment and stock are stored in Kemnay Village Hall, which K Stewart can access via F Patrick/S Wainman. The defibrillators are once again being checked monthly as per protocol. K Stewart has contacted the Ambulance Service for information on how to get replacement items for the kits, such as batteries, and is awaiting a reply. She is also looking into the possibility of getting trained to be a trainer in CPR. It was agreed that KCC would support her in this, funding is available from the Resilience Fund.

Mention was made of the fact that there are a few people in the village with First Aid training and it was considered a good idea to have a central list of first aiders. **(Action:** G Berkin to ask if these first aiders would be happy to have their names on a central list and to pass on to F Patrick, who will add to the Community Resilience Plan.)

b) Safety Group - Minutes have been circulated

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) - No meeting held.

d) Community Planning – A very well attended, productive joint meeting with councillors was held to help inform the Garioch Area Development Plan, trying to make it more 'place specific'. Ward 10 councillors were not in attendance; it appears they had not received an invitation to this event. **(Action:** Cllrs Smith and Leslie are to find out about this apparent oversight.)

e) Greener Kemnay – GK requested that they might have part of the website to host the consultation on the Public Art Project. **(Action:** S Wainman is to contact David Evans about this.) There is also joint work between Greener Kemnay, Positive Steps and Aberdeenshire Council on path maps and sign boards; Sally Davies from Aberdeenshire Council is offering to produce two new sets of walking maps. GK is hoping to add features to some of the village paths, which are on publically-owned land. Kemnay is also going to be included in the 'Treasure Map' scheme run through the Library Service. The GK seed offer is in the newsletter and a plan for the spring should be included in the February edition; GK is looking for help to transport tonne bags of compost material from Homebase to Birley Bush.

f) Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) - This is to concentrate on Kintore, where greater community links are to be developed in order to facilitate initiatives.

g) Press Reports – a drugs arrest was reported in December; issues with the overflowing bottle bank after the festive period were reported; article on funds raised by Burnett Arms for the Scout group; a parent's dissatisfaction with the lack of educational support for his son at school was featured; Kemnay was erroneously reported to be the location of the new railway station instead of Kintore.

**13 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS** - Cllr Leslie – More money is to be allocated to the Council by the Scottish Government, but the budget remains very tight. The budget is going to full council in February.

Cllr Smith – After representation to her from residents who cycle to catch the bus, a cycle rack is to be installed in the car park opposite KVH. Parents of pupils at the Academy have complained about the state of some of the huts; inspectors from AC are to investigate and write a report. Cllr Smith is keeping KAPC informed. Vehicles parking on Bremner Way at certain times of the school day is becoming a real issue.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- An invitation to the Celebration of Aberdeenshire's Year of Young People Legacy Event on Friday 22 February 2019 at Meldrum Academy from 6 pm – 9 pm.

- News release for Live Life Aberdeenshire.

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

- A letter has been received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Kemnay Scouts Group Leader asking for KCC's help and advice re a replacement scout hut. Mr Young is to be invited to the next meeting so that KCC can understand better the issues involved. **(Action:** F Patrick to issue invitation to Mr Young.)

**15 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK** - A seasonal 'green' skip is to be sited in Kemnay between April and October, the location to be confirmed.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 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/>