

Record of Activity
April/May 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, KCC is unable to conduct its regular monthly meetings in the Village Hall. KCC is, however, continuing to conduct business via e-mail.

KCC can be contacted via the Secretary at dfpatrick@tiscali.co.uk

KCC members: 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; Marie Glendinning; Claire Stewart; David Carlin; Sasha Brydon; Joseph Myles (Junior Member)
Associate members: Kayleigh Wallace; Pauline Paterson

1 KCC response to COVID-19 crisis – KCC has continued to support the efforts of *Lend a Hand Kemnay*, with the Secretary in regular contact with K Wallace, helping out with tasks as required, and also continuing to liaise on the group's behalf with Aberdeenshire Council and other groups. The system seems to be working well, with people requiring help contacting *LaHK* directly (contact details on the *LaHK* Facebook page, the village website and on posters and fliers, etc around the village) or being directed via the Garioch Hub. Tasks undertaken include shopping, prescription collection, dog walking, gardening (some of which is being done by two local boys completing an element of their Duke of Edinburgh Award) and befriending. Stationery supplies provided by the Academy are also being distributed to some children and wool has been collected to pass on to knitters at Littlewood Court. It is hoped to set up a book & DVD sharing scheme in the near future. *LaHK* has now received supplies of sanitary products from Aberdeenshire Council that can also be distributed confidentially to those who need them. K Wallace and P Paterson have been very grateful for the excellent community response to *LaHK*'s efforts – many shops in the village have contributed to the Community Larder, for example, with the food bank collection points in both Co-ops now dedicated to the local effort. The Community Larder also receives some supplies from FareShare - which now only has one distribution point operating in the village, at Flexible Child Services in the High Street – and from the Marks and Spencer Neighbourly initiative. *LaHK* is supporting just over 70 families on a regular basis and distributes around 25 food parcels a month at the moment, although this number seems to be increasing. K Wallace and P Paterson are receiving about 40-50 calls a week from people seeking advice, not all from the Kemnay area, and they assist by either organising help or by directing the callers to the support they require.

LaHK has also agreed to help distribute weekly food boxes from the Garioch Community Kitchen to families identified by local schools as being in need of some support.

Additional funding of £1000 has been applied for – and awarded - from the SSEN Resilient Communities Fund, which KCC's Treasurer is also going to manage, along with the Secretary, on behalf of *LaHK*. (**Action:** F Patrick to liaise with SSEN and *LaHK*.) Further funding may be available from the AVA Supporting Communities Fund. (**Action:** F Patrick to pursue this.)

Aberdeenshire Council is offering volunteer groups free access to its online training courses. All *LaHK* volunteers have been informed of these, which are seen by the group as being a useful initiative. The offer is now being extended to Community Councils. (**Action:** F Patrick to share this information with KCC councillors.)

Preliminary discussions have been held via email and telephone between K Wallace, F Patrick, Lorna Forsyth and others about the possibility of organising a post-crisis village event, a family fun-day perhaps, maybe incorporating some of the VE day celebrations which had to be abandoned in May.

2 POLICE MATTERS – Police Report for April was received from Acting Sgt Denham and circulated. Very few crimes reported this month. A reminder to be aware of some telephone based scams doing the rounds. Insp Hannan has confirmed that the new format is likely to be adopted for future reports. KCC has been asked to complete a survey on policing. (**Action:** F Patrick to complete the survey on behalf of KCC, but is to check to see if others can also contribute their views via the survey.)

3 MATTERS ARISING:

- a) **SSEN Resilient Communities Fund** (Action: F Patrick has applied for funds for LaHK)
- b) **Town Centre Phoenix Fund** – Kemnay may be eligible for funding of £5000 for this initiative. (Action: F Patrick to gather ideas & views on how to proceed with this.)
- c) **Seasonal Garden Waste Collection** – Collections at Birley Bush to begin again from 6th June, 8am-11am. (Booking system in place for Household recycling Centres, see <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste/waste-covid-19/>)
- d) **Virtual Meeting Options** – Paper re possible options received from Area Office. (Action: F Patrick to elicit views of KCC members.)
- e) **Scam Share** – Information on scams and other trading standards issues now being received regularly by KCC, but can also be found at www.tsscot.co.uk

4 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** - All discussed via email; no action to be taken on any
Erection of Agricultural building (Retrospective), Pitcaple: Ref No: APP/2020/0611
Erection of Agricultural Shed, Fetternear: Ref No.: APP/2020/0963
- b) LDP – Development Plan Scheme 2020 has been revised & adopted by Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee; Local Development Plan 2021, public consultation underway

5 GROUPS & COMMITTEES

- Community Council Forum Meeting – 3rd June, to be held virtually
- Garioch Community Planning Covid-19 E-Bulletin - issued regularly, link on village website
- Garioch Area Committee – meeting on 2nd June will take place via Skype, recorded, then made available to the public

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence from the Council** - was circulated via email.
 - Trading Standards Newsletter – now being received weekly
 - Safer Communities Leaflet, Neighbourhood Watch
 - Online Recovery Group Timetable
 - Thank you message to Community Volunteers
 - Phoenix Fund
 - Re-opening of Recycling Centres
 - Information on Virtual meetings
 - Seasonal Garden Waste points
- b) **General Correspondence Received** -
 - Email received from member of the public seeking information on photos held on website
 - Email request from member of the public on information on war memorial displayed on website
 - Email request from I Reid, Kemnay Parish Church, re the posting of a notice on the website
- c) **KCC correspondence Sent** –
 - Information & photo to SSEN re Lend a Hand Kemnay
 - Email sent to Ian Mitchell at Aberdeenshire Council re the on-going issue of the trees to be planted at either end of the village (Reply received – trees are still to be planted, once the current crisis eases.)

Circulated and agreed via email.

F Patrick
Secretary

2nd June 2020