

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 27th May 2021 7.30 pm, virtually via Zoom

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chair); Gaenor Berkin (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Pauline Paterson; Sue Wainman; Margaret Basley; Richard Lamplugh; Lee Aitken; Suzanne Bunton; Sasha Brydon; Cllr Smith

Apologies: David Carlin; Claire Stewart

Attending: One member of the public

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

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOL – The Secretary reminded all present that anyone who wished to contribute to the discussion should raise their hand and be invited to speak by the Chair.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 29th April 2021 – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by S Wainman, seconded by R Lamplugh

4 POLICE MATTERS – Police Report has been received and circulated. Crime figures for Kemnay remain low; policing priorities remain Anti-social behaviour, Drugs, Road Safety. From 1st June, there will be an additional Community Officer for Garioch, which will help increase the number of speed checks and reduce the numbers of youth annoyance calls. Directed patrols are being made to Primary Schools in particular to detect/deter any criminality.

5 KEMNAY RESILIENCE AND COVID RESPONSE – a) The Resilience Sub-committee is meeting next week to consider the revised plans for the Community Larder, which is now to be located in the Village Hall. LaHK is very grateful for J Newberry's support with this.

b) PADs: No update received.

c) Information was received from K Ledingham (KPFPG) about gulleys cleared at Milton Meadows.

6 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK – Carolyn Harper from Kiddiwinks Playgroup sought the support of KCC with regard to the unexpected, substantial rent increase (a month's rent now equivalent to a year's rent previously) the group was faced with now that the building is back under Aberdeenshire Council control. This is a thriving group, a partner provider for Aberdeenshire Council, and now faces an uncertain future. KCC agreed to help the group in any way it can.

Cllr Smith has already contacted the Area Manager, who is seeking clarity on a few points. S Adams at Aberdeenshire Council has been charged with this and will contact Kiddiwinks direct. Cllr will ask for an update at next week's ward meeting.

Cllr Smith's input is once again greatly appreciated.

7 MATTERS ARISING:

a) *Phoenix Fund* – New planters have been ordered – the five on the high Street will be replaced and there will be an additional one at the junction with Aquithie Road. It is hoped to get a discount as the order is being placed through Inverurie Environmental Improvement. Plants will be made available from the Council. Locations are being looked at for new benches; a small launch event for Kemnay Walks & Fairy Trail is planned for 19th June.

b) *Christmas Lights* – Application for funding has been submitted to Garioch Area initiatives Fund; additional donations have been received from local businesses; motifs have now been ordered and they will either replace current broken motifs or be used in rotation with others to give greater variety in the display year to year. The motifs can be stored at Birley Bush and the Men's Shed may be asked to make a crate to hold them. (**Action:** R Lamplugh is to contact Gavin Adam about this and is also to work out the measurements of the crate required.)

Organising a Christmas event has been briefly discussed, but this would require a greater number of volunteers. It would also depend on Covid restrictions. Is this something the Phoenix Fund Group might help with? (**Action:** F Patrick to raise this with PF Steering Group.) Interest is to be gauged via a post on the All About Kemnay FB page. (**Action:** R Lamplugh to put notice on AAK FB.)

c) *Community Council Elections:* A reminder that the deadline for nominations is Thursday, 3rd June at 4pm.

d) *Ward 10 Community impact Assessment Forum:* this was attended by S Wainman. A lot of information was shared and discussed and reported back to the Area Manager. Feedback should be circulated in the near future.

- e) **Works Kemnay Infrastructure Services 2021-22:** S Wainman has read through the work planned. (**Action:** F Patrick will circulate notes on planned works relating to Kemnay.)
- f) **Pavement parking:** an email from two Councillors has been circulated. The legislation re the ban on pavement parking is unlikely to come into force before 2023. Cllr Smith has put in a query to Aberdeenshire Council re wardens and pavement parking. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to inform the Secretary of any reply received.)

8 TREASURER REPORT – There have been donations received for the Christmas Lights; much of the first tranche of Phoenix Fund monies is likely to be used up purchasing the planters (restrictions on the account make it difficult to pay an invoice of this size electronically, a cheque may have to be sent); Aberdeenshire Council has requested - and been sent - receipts and invoices re grants awarded to LaHK.

The Treasurer presented the audited annual accounts. The motion that the accounts be accepted was proposed by F Patrick and seconded by Lee Aitken. The motion was passed unanimously.
(**Action:** J Whittall to send the accounts in to Aberdeenshire Council.)

9 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** - No action to be taken on

Demolition of Buildings and Erection of 2 Dwellinghouses

Ref. No: APP/2021/1010 – Burnside, Fetternear

- b) **Draft national Planning Framework 4** - For information
- c) **Local Place Plans Consultation** – To be discussed via email.
- d) **Community input in planning (P Davison, Kintore CC)** – G Berkin has looked into this. Quite complicated, but it does seem that Kintore is losing out, largely due to the passage of time and the complexities of creating a solid development brief. If lessons are to be learned, it is the need to make sure the community's wishes are set down on paper at the earliest possible stage. Perhaps in the Strategic Needs Assessment, which will be carried out for Kemnay next year. However, can sympathise with Kintore and learn from their experience.
(**Action:** F Patrick to thank P Davison for alerting KCC to this.)

10 REPORTS

- a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – Although it has now no representative on this, KCC will still get agendas and minutes.
- b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – Meeting next week, on resilience, particularly flooding..
- c) **Community Planning** – Poor attendance at last meeting, but nothing major discussed.
- d) **Greener Kemnay** – Held first outdoor meeting for a year. Looking at noticeboards for the site; the Youth Shed has been painted. The top of the Dalmadilly Lane has been cleared of broom, and foxglove and lupin seeds are to be scattered.
- e) **Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP)** – No update.
- f) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – *KAPC:* A second extension for the academy is proposed, it will replace the huts and should be complete by 2025; the roll is not expected to reduce until after this. The development will include a 'learning plaza', a shared work space. The community minibus was garaged at the academy, but it is now at the council depot and may not be back on the road due to cost. R Mackay and the Positive Steps Group have been informed. The garage at the academy is to be used for automotive apprenticeships. *KPPC:* Quite a few members of staff are retiring in the coming months; a virtual talent show is to be put on for charity; a pupil has won a photography competition run by the Rotary. Carolyn Harper from Kiddiwinks suggested that perhaps a representative from KCC could also attend their meetings. This was agreed by KCC, as the community council is keen to get involved with other community groups. (**Action:** C Harper to contact the Secretary with details of next meeting.)
- g) **Press Reports** – None.

11 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS – Cllr Smith: Sent photos of Riverside Path to Chair of Infrastructure Services, who then passed on to Philip McKay at Aberdeenshire Council. A few options are being considered and any work on the path will be done this financial year; the community will be consulted if any major development/work.

Stuart Crescent: ongoing discussions between the residents and the council.

The contract for the temporary flood barrier is again included in the budget, also the planned work on the academy. Cllrs did ask that there should be greater communication with staff and parents. Cllr Smith has written to the Chair of Infrastructure Services re parking issues in the village and if/when there will be a warden. Feasibility work on the cycle path between Kemnay and Kintore is also in this year's budget. (No information available on the proposed 'green lane' around Polinar Dam, which was supposed to have been completed for this summer.)

12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- SAMH – Suicide Prevention Course
- Closing Date for Discretionary Funding for Businesses
- Ward 10 impact Assessment
- Video Guides to PCR Testing
- Library resources to support Early Years Work
- Small Grants Fund – Litter Picking

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

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland monthly newsletter
- Trading Standards monthly newsletter
- SSEN Transmission Overhead Line Project
- Information on Planning Issues – P Davison, Kintore CC

13 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK – *S Bunton*: Would like more information about the trees on the Village Green, it seems new trees are to be planted and some are to be taken down. (*SW* - An orchard is planned on part of the green, small fruit trees which would also help soak up the water coming from the spring there. There should be some form of community consultation about this.) *W Blackwood*: asks that people promote the library resources for early years.

Date of next meeting: AGM: Thursday, 24th June, 2021, 7.30pm, followed by ordinary meeting, virtually via Zoom