

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available

**Present:** Gaenor Berkin (Chair); Lee Aitken (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Margaret Basley (via Zoom); Pauline Paterson (via Zoom); Sue Wainman; Richard Lamplugh; Gabby Stevens; Suzanne Bunton; Cllr Smith (via Zoom)

**Apologies:** Claire Stewart; Daniel Johnston; Sasha Brydon; Cllr Leslie

**Attending:** None

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

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS/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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021** – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by R Lamplugh, seconded by J Whittall.

**4 POLICE MATTERS** – Police Report circulated. Positive comments on the standard of the report and that crime continues to be low. Sgt Denham has replied to the query re speed checks (see Item 7d).

**5 KEMNAY RESILIENCE AND COVID RESPONSE** – a) There was a wide-ranging discussion on the questionnaire from Aberdeenshire Council on response to recent storms. Discussion included major problems experienced (lack of power and communication), help & resources that were put in place (individual, community, council) and possible solutions (guaranteed power source for the village hall). It seems Aberdeenshire Council would not provide a generator for a community but would not stand in the way if a community wanted to purchase one and had a fully costed maintenance plan in place. Some debate on the varying merits of diesel or gas generators, storage batteries and solar power. Several suggestions were put forward re methods of communication not dependent on power and how to identify those people in the village who might be in need of help, while still following data protection guidelines – suggestion that people could be invited to register, confidentially, with the Resilience Group. Question was asked about the phone box outside the library and whether it was, in fact, still working. (**Action:** Secretary to complete the online survey on behalf of KCC.)

b) PADs: The unit at the Golf Club was accessed, but not required in the end. It has been checked by K Stewart and is back in use.

c) Flooding: No issues reported.

**6 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK** – None.

### 7 MATTERS ARISING:

a) **Rent Increases** – No further update.

b) **Parking Issues** – Concerns about cars parking at the entrance to Boat Croft as line of vision is dangerously reduced. This is becoming more and more of an issue and may well continue once the new Co-op is opened. Cllr Smith said that parking issues in Kemnay were discussed at Garioch Area Committee, at an informal session with the police. Insp Hannan said he would keep an eye on the situation after it was pointed out that it was becoming difficult to get parked anywhere in the village at certain points in the day. The 45-minute waiting time will need to be more strictly enforced. The incidents of fire-raising were also discussed, and Insp Hannan mentioned that the police presence in the village was often officers in plain clothes, not just uniformed.

c) **School Buses using High Street** – S Wainman has contacted Aberdeenshire Council School Transport to complain.

d) **Speeding Issues update** – A response has been received from Sgt Denham about speeding issues and the possible deployment of the speed gun. It would need quite a few people and/or the community council expressing a concern to trigger the deployment of the speed gun. (**Action:** P Paterson to post a message on All About Kemnay Facebook to try to work out where the main problems with speeding are.)

e) **CC Elections 2022** - It was unanimously agreed that it was not necessary to hold an election this year and that L Aitken should be co-opted to KCC and re-elected to the position of Vice-chair. (**Action:** Secretary to inform Alison Cummings at Garioch Area Office.)

f) **Scotland's Census** – For information. The deadline for completing the census is 20<sup>th</sup> March.

g) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Alehousewells School organising a Duck Race on 4<sup>th</sup> June in conjunction with the raft race with barbecue and fundraising stalls.

R Lamplugh and S Bunton volunteered to help with the Jubilee Jaunt trail around the village. (**Action:** Secretary to pass on names to Louise Graham.) S Wainman and F Patrick are to work with P Paterson on the commemorative sign for the lamppost at the top of the High Street. It was suggested that perhaps the lamppost could be sprayed silver/platinum?

## 8 TREASURER REPORT

a) Insurance premium refund – Secretary has contacted Zurich, but the person dealing with it has now left the company, so there could be an even longer delay.

b) Additional signature for the KCC account – this is now in progress.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

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

### Erection of Dwelling House

Nr Fetternear Stables, Fetternear Estate Ref. No: APP/2022/0003

b) Crichtie housing development, Inverurie APP/2019/1489 – information on this housing development affecting the Kemnay -Inverurie Road has just been released. (**Action:** Chair to contact Aberdeenshire Planning about the potential impact this will have on drivers coming from Kemnay.)

c) Proposals re Delegated Powers – this does not affect community councils directly, but does affect local Councillors as the proposals change what can trigger a planning referral to Area Committee. Cllr Smith added that these proposals are being scrutinised by Councillors as there is some uncertainty and concern around the issue of fairness.

## 10 REPORTS

a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – D Johnson now has the information on this group.

b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – Meeting next week. This is an open meeting on storm response.

c) **Community Planning** – Nothing pressing at the moment.

d) **Greener Kemnay** – Someone in the village has offered to cover the cost of the replacement polytunnel cover. The aims of the group are being reviewed.

e) **Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP)** – No meeting

f) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – **KAPC:** F Patrick unfortunately arrived late to the meeting, so only caught the tail-end of the discussion: still on track for exams; S3 visit to RGU; C Dunhill & K Arthur developing an exciting programme for senior pupils; ongoing work on the registration process; how CALM measures are used and monitored. **APPC:** Louise Thorburn has been in touch about the Duck Race. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Louise re possibility of a KCC representative on APPC.)

g) **Press Reports**– None, but did note an article on disabled swings at a playpark in Ellon. A rope 'saucer' swing might also be a possibility. (**Action:** Secretary to find out cost of swing – Rosie Nicoll at Balmedie might also be able to help and has already given an approximate idea of the costings (£6000).)

## 11 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS –

*Cllr Smith:* Planning consultation proposals are being discussed; an informal meeting with the police held when all Kemnay's issues were raised, including incidences of anti-social behaviour & harassment being carried out by a small group of young people. Insp Hannan stressed that people should report all incidents as the police can then see if there is a pattern and/or escalation. The police use this information to work out where to prioritise and send resources. Parking and speeding were also raised. (**Action:** Secretary to put reminder in Newsletter that all incidents should be reported.)

Cllr Smith hasn't heard from Kiddiwinks yet to discuss the rents issue, but the council tax is being increased and this will have a knock-on effect on costs.

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies

- Information on the 2022 Census and Registering to Vote
- A96 Inverurie-Aberdeen Multi-modal Transport Study
- Community Test & Collect Locations Information

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

- Consultation email on the East Coast 400kV OHL
- HealthCare Improvement Scotland Newsletters
- Trading Standards Updates
- Duck Race being organised for 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Query regarding planting trees at Fyfe Park
- Email received about information on the war memorial posted on the website – passed on to D Evans, who has since updated a caption accompanying a photograph. Very complimentary about the research done and the website.
- A new video of Kemnay fair is now on the website.

**13 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK** – *G Stevens*: KCC should maybe find out who doesn't have access to digital communication, some people are being missed when the only form of communication is digital. (**Action**: G Stevens to draw up a survey and circulate to KCC for comment before publishing in Newsletter.) *L Aitken*: query on the ownership of the piece of land behind the war memorial and on the potholes at the entrance to the graveyard. (**Action**: Everyone should report potholes to Aberdeenshire Council as the more complaints received the more likely that action will be taken.) *S Wainman*: has had an email conversation about possibility of planting trees at Stuart Crescent as a flood mitigation; has been in touch with David Armitage at Aberdeenshire Council about its policy re car charging lines going across pavements. (**Action**: Secretary to circulate the email conversation on tree planting.) *F Patrick*: has received an email from Susan Adams at Aberdeenshire Council about gull nuisance (**Action**: Secretary will report back that gulls not a major problem in Kemnay, although there are some issues around the schools at lunchtimes.)

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 7.30pm,  
at Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available**