



MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 26th May 2022 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available

Present: Lee Aitken (Vice Chair – chaired meeting); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Margaret Basley; Pauline Paterson; Sue Wainman; Richard Lamplugh; Gabby Stevens; Dan Johnston (via Zoom); Cllr Smith; Cllr Payne

Apologies: Gaenor Berkin; Sasha Brydon; Suzanne Bunton; Claire Stewart; Cllr Grant

Attending: None

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

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/AUDIO RECORDINGS/MEETING PROTOCOL – All present reminded that anyone who wished to contribute to the discussion should raise their hand and be invited to speak by the Chair. Only record will be the minutes taken by the Secretary.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 31st March 2022 – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by J Whittall, seconded by S Wainman.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Police Report circulated. Crime remains low, only a few youth-related incidents. Good to note that the police have reacted to the results of the speed survey KCC carried out; a temporary electronic speed warning sign has been erected on Aquithie Road. (**Action:** Secretary to ask Roads Department to check the speed check lights on Victoria Terrace/Fyfe Park as they may not be working.)

Cllr Smith raised the issue of the containers being stored at the car park at Alehousewells School by building contractors doing work for Aberdeenshire Council, and concerns expressed by residents that children are climbing and playing on them, which not only disturbs those living nearby but is also dangerous. Cllr Smith has emailed the relevant department at Aberdeenshire Council and the Director of Education and Child Services. Residents are advised to call the police, but it can often take a long time to get through on the phone. A barrier is supposed to be erected around the site. Real unhappiness that this car park is being taken over – again - for this purpose; there is also the knock-on effect of people now being forced to park on Bremner Way. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Sgt Denham and the Property Department and Garioch Area Officer at Aberdeenshire Council.)

5 KEMNAY RESILIENCE AND COVID RESPONSE – a) A locally-based company has provided a quote for a generator and installation costs. Funding is now being sought from various places, including SSE and the Garioch Area initiatives Fund. (**Action:** Secretary to find out about the Aberdeenshire Council Resilience Fund and to check with Area Office about permissions, etc required for the installation of a generator.) Community Larder: notification has been received of a very generous funding award from Arnold Clark, for which the LaHK team is very grateful. Sourcing funding is becoming increasingly necessary as the Fareshare contribution is becoming more erratic and less varied. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact Davie Kirkpatrick to thank him for the donation from the Quiz Nights.)
b) & c) No issues/updates.

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

7 MATTERS ARISING:

- a) **Swing for Disabled Children** – D Johnston has agreed to pursue this on behalf of KCC. (**Action:** Secretary to pass on to D Johnston information about type of swings available and possible funding streams.)
- b) **Christmas Lights** – Aberdeenshire Council has not given permission to connect to the electricity supply at the Green, but it may be possible to approach SSE for their help with this. No application for funding has as yet been submitted, however a couple of donations from local businesses have been received. More fundraising may need to be done, although there are enough funds to buy another three replacement motifs.
- c) **Roads issues** – Concern at the closure of Station Road and the contractors taking up spaces in the car park. A letter to the Newsletter has been passed on to KCC. The road closure was due to unexpected drainage problems, outwith the control or responsibility of the developer, it was a Scottish Water issue. Parking concerns with regard to the Co-op development have been discussed at Aberdeenshire Council but were apparently not considered an issue with Planning

- d) **Dalmadilly Ponds** – Question raised about whether they are for nature or leisure as there are concerns that wildlife – particularly birds – is being disturbed by the increasing numbers using the ponds for water sports. (**Action:** Secretary to ask Paths for All leaders to raise the use of the pond with Kris Bremner, Estates Manager at Breedon's.) G Berkin has already written to the Estates Manager about the state of the benches, etc around the ponds.
- e) **Solar Panels on council properties** – It was suggested that perhaps Claire Hancox, Tenants' Participation Officer, might be a helpful contact for anyone wanting more information about their solar panels, and/or to contact their Housing Officer, who should also be able to explain how to make best use of the panels. (**Action:** Secretary to pass this on to the resident.)
- f) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Marker stone of Kemnay granite now in place in the flowerbed at the top of the High Street and the area around it planted up with 'platinum' coloured plants; the Jubilee Trail will be up and running by the start of the jubilee long weekend; the Duck Race and Raft Race are also scheduled for the long weekend; Birley Bush will be open and the barbecue lit.

8 TREASURER REPORT

Accounts have been checked and will be presented for formal approval at the AGM in June.

Three donations have come in for the Christmas Lights and the donation to the Community Larder from the Quiz Nights has now been received. The Phoenix Fund money should be used in the next few weeks to pay for the three new 'chatty' benches.

Standing Order payments are to be set up for the Hall hire and the Secretary's monthly stipend.

9 PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

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

Erection of Dwelling House

Bankhead Farm, Kemnay Ref. No: APP/2022/1005

Erection of Domestic Workshop and Shed

Old Byre House, Burnhervie Ref. No: APP/2022/0976

- b) Development Plan 2027, Engagement with Community Councils – This meeting is taking place tonight, but is being recorded and will be made available to anyone who wishes to find out what was raised/discussed.

10 REPORTS

- a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – No meeting.
- b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – No meeting.
- c) **Community Planning** – Meeting next week.

d) **Greener Kemnay** – Very good initial meeting re the creation of an energy sub-group and it is hoped there will be around 12 people in this Greener Kemnay sub-group. GK is to meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Kemnay Golf Club; trying to source a thermal imaging camera; looking to apply for funding through NESS. The Birley Bush Open Day was quite successful. It was a lovely day, with the Head Gardener at Castle Fraser giving a talk on composting, the polytunnel covering replaced, the inaugural use of the community gazebo, the barbecue lit. The garden itself is looking very good and more people are coming along to walk through it. The GK leaflet has now been revised and updated. Three members of GK are going along to an event being organised by Udny Climate Action and are hoping to get a guided tour of the facilities, which offer examples of air source, ground source and biomass heating. The aim is to create a trusted knowledge base for the village.

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

f) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – No meetings.

g) **Press Reports** – One article from the Courts about the prison sentence given to a Kemnay resident.

11 ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS –

Cllr Smith: Bear Scotland has agreed to carry out work cutting back and tidying the roundabout at Port Elphinstone.

Cllr Payne: introduced himself to KCC. He has met with various departments within Aberdeenshire Council and did discuss Kemnay's parking issues.

Councillors have been doing 'bus tours' of the various districts within Aberdeenshire Council and there will one around West Garioch in the next few weeks, which will include Kemnay. Any suggestions of what in particular they should see/visit should be passed on to the Councillors.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence from the Council** - was circulated prior to the meeting.
 - Notification of Temporary Traffic Restrictions, Station Road
 - Transport Scotland A96 Review Survey
 - Advance Notification of Tour of Britain, Sunday 4 September 2022
 - SCDC's Rebooting Resilience Webinar
- b) **General Correspondence Received** - was circulated prior to the meeting.
 - Honours Week – Promotional Pack
 - Email received from a resident re Inverurie Recycling Centre
 - Healthcare Improvement Scotland Newsletter

13 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK – *S Wainman* – very dangerous parking all around the Academy due to a football tournament, notice of the event would have been helpful. *P Paterson* – as one of the organisers, acknowledged the parking issues caused by the football tournament. No easy solution, but greater notice will be given to residents before the next event and parents asked to park with care. *F Patrick* – received an email querying the continued restrictions at the Recycling Centre in Inverurie. It seems, however, that ‘normal’ working will not return as pre-booking spreads the use of the Centre and makes traffic management easier. No response received as yet to enquiry about the community mobility scooter. (**Action:** Secretary to try contacting Grampian Opportunities again.)

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 30th June 2022
AGM 7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available
June meeting to follow**