

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 27th April 2023 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available

Present: Gaenor Berkin(Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Margaret Basley; Pauline Paterson; Sue Wainman; Richard Lamplugh; Gabby Stevens; Dan Johnston; Sasha Brydon; Cllr Smith;

Apologies: Claire Stewart; Lee Aitken (Vice Chair); Suzanne Bunton; John Whittall (Treasurer); Cllr Grant; Cllr Payne

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/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 30th March 2023 – Correction to minutes: Item 4 – ‘Howard Hughes’ . Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by R Lamplugh, seconded by G Stevens. Arrangements for May’s KCC meeting in the absence of the Secretary – Vice Chair to take the minutes; there will be no Zoom link available.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Report received and circulated. Low reported crime rate but no specific feedback on the youth harassment incident at Kemnay Primary. Youths were seen on the roof of the Village Hall and some slates have been dislodged and broken; some youths tried to get into the Hall as the organiser of a class held in the main hall was packing up; one CCTV camera was tampered with. The use of anti-climb paint was discussed and the option of getting an additional CCTV camera to cover the front of the Hall. Anecdotal reports of youths coming into the village from other areas and causing problems, an unintended consequence, perhaps, of the free bus pass? (**Actions:** Secretary to contact i-Protech about the possibility – and cost – of installing an additional camera. Secretary to inform police of recent incidents.) The lack of things for youngsters to do in the village was again raised.

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

6. KEMNAY RESILIENCE AND COVID RESPONSE – a) The generator supplier has been put in touch with the local business offering to set up the generator. Now just a question of them being able to co-ordinate to arrange delivery. The Larder has been very busy over the last 2-3 weeks. Plans are in place to cover for when F Patrick is away.

b) No report received from the PADS Co-ordinator, but not aware of any issues. No update on the forms required by Aberdeenshire Council. (**Action:** G Berkin to re-do the paperwork.) The recent CPR and Defibrillator training session, organised by S Wainman on behalf of KCC Resilience, and David Gault, was very successful. There were two excellent trainers and twelve people attended, with very positive feed-back. It might be possible to organise an evening session later in the year.

c) Still not sure if sandbags are in container at Birley Bush. (**Action:** R Lamplugh to check and let Secretary know.) Some discussion on the letter received from D Downie re the recent response from Aberdeenshire Council about the cause of flooding at the ‘dip’ at the Fyfe Park/Victoria Terrace junction. He, like KCC, expressed surprise and some scepticism at the response received and the reasons given by the Council for the flooding. KCC Chair has written back to D Downie.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a) **Roads & Transport Issues** – F Patrick has been in touch with H Hughes to inform him of actions KCC has taken re the speeding/traffic issues he and J Thomas raised at February’s meeting: police informed who have agreed to carry out speed checks around school times; School Transport Unit requested to remind bus companies of the speed limit coming in to the village; Roads Department requested to carry out a speed check on Quarry Road/Aquithie Road; Headteacher at Kemnay Academy asked to remind pupils of potential road safety issues when crossing the road.

Concerns expressed again about children not paying attention when crossing the road, particularly when in a group.

Parking remains an issue at various points in the village – especially by the Co-op where parking on the brow of the hill is a particular danger; poor parking near Kemnay Primary School is again causing concern.

No update on the Community Minibus. (**Action:** Secretary to invite Chris Murphy from Aberdeenshire Council to June’s meeting.)

Very pleased that the sunken drain on the High Street has now been repaired. Thanks expressed to the Councillors for their help and input with this matter. And to everyone who reported this issue to Aberdeenshire Council – the more a problem is

reported, the more likely it is that action will be taken by the Council. (**Action:** Secretary to write to Roads Department to acknowledge their efforts re this repair.) However, there are other potholes needing attention around the village.

The poor state of repair of the walls highlighted at previous meetings has been raised directly with the Garioch Area Manager, who has also contacted the relevant department at the Council.

Riverside Path – no further update. Cllr Smith is still pursuing this and will show the path to Aberdeenshire Council Chief Executive when he visits Kemnay on 12th May. It is also hoped to stop in at the Village Hall to see the Coffee Shop/Bargain Box/Community Larder.

Cllr Smith has also informed the Area Manager, Ann Overton, of the ongoing issues with the path, as has S Wainman, who has subsequently been in correspondence with Susan Adams, Garioch Area Project Officer. The original assessment of the path carried out by the Council is needed before funding can be applied for.

b) **Citizens Advice, New Training Officer** – Eileen Quigley is the new training officer for South West Aberdeenshire Citizens Advice Bureau and has asked KCC to share information about volunteer vacancies. It was decided that it is probably not necessary for Eileen to attend a meeting of KCC as a number of KCC members already have a fair knowledge of the CAB. (**Actions:** S Wainman to share with KCC a recent presentation delivered to Community Planning. Secretary to reply to Ms Quigley.)

c) **Asset Transfer Policy Review Consultation** – For information, as consultation deadline has now passed and several KCC members have responded to it. Noted that this is a policy which could impact future community plans.

8. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer not in attendance. No issues reported.

9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

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

Alteration and Extension to Dwellinghouse Daun Walk, Kemnay Ref. No: APP/2023/0579
Siting of Chiller Unit (Retrospective) and Erection of Fence Kemnay Farm Shop Ref. No: APP/2023/0505

b) **Local Place Plans: Community Engagement** – This is an important exercise for communities and will require a group to be formed and someone to lead it. S Wainman and R Lamplugh volunteered to represent KCC but will also need participants from the wider community. This is an ongoing process, with any plan developed considered a 'living document'. Aberdeenshire Council has organised two Zoom meetings on this, which KCC members are encouraged to attend. (**Action:** S Wainman to put an item in the Newsletter and on Facebook, inviting people to attend a public meeting.)

Any ideas on how the community could create an income by providing a service would be welcome. The provision of a campervan stop has been discussed and considered a good idea, but no suitable location identified.

(**Action:** S Wainman to contact Rachael Lewis and Aaron Jones.)

10. REPORTS

a) **Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS)** – Meeting next week when the group will be looking at 20MPH scheme in Inverurie.

b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – No meeting.

c) **Community Planning** – Presentations on Citizens Advice Bureau and Inverurie Strategic Plan. (**Action:** S Wainman to raise the Riverside Path and the Youth Intervention Project at the next meeting.)

d) **Greener Kemnay** – Planning for the Open Day on 13th May is ongoing. Thanks expressed to KCC Chair, G Berkin, who has donated the cost of the hire of tables and display boards for the event. (**Action:** Secretary to arrange payment of the invoice for these on behalf of G Berkin.) GK is in the process of building a website which will contain links to various other organisations. *Energy Group:* There will be a static display at the Open Day showing the thermal images taken of a home. Have put in a bid to Vattenfall for additional funding to cover training; looking for a few more properties to sign up for the thermal imaging project.

e) **Garioch Local Learning Community Partnership (GLLCP)** – No update

f) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – *KPPC:* trying to get back area levelled and the car park re-tarred, but cost is proving an issue.

Alehousewells: invitation to stallholders for their annual Duck Race (being held on same day as Raft Race).

g) **Press Reports** – Report of disturbance on Cairn Road; Flag for Aberdeenshire unveiled at Castle Fraser; article on music event at KVH (Jenny Ewen & Band).

11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS –

Cllr Smith: Council has been on recess. Introduced to the Lord Lieutenant; will be attending several mandatory meetings – eg on equalities. And doing a lot of case work.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Asset Transfer Policy Review Consultation
- April-June Roadworks
- Update from Cllr Smith on number of council houses
- Update from Cllr Payne on sunken drain, High Street
- Update from Cllr Grant on sunken drain, High Street
- Aberdeenshire Sheltered Housing Vacancies
- South West Aberdeenshire Citizens Advice Bureau; Volunteer Vacancies
- Aberdeenshire Local Place Plans Release
- Aberdeenshire Gift Card Service Points
- Public Access Defibrillator Policy Review
- Coronation Celebrations 6-8th May 2023
- Participation Requests Survey
- For information: Temporary Road Closure – B993
- Risk & Resilience Team Update
- SCDC Webinar for Community Councils – 24th May
- For Information: Temporary Restrictions – Run Garioch 2023
- LPP Community Forums
- TS Scams Bulletin No.66
- Aberdeenshire Surface Dressing Works
- Information on KemFest

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

- CAB Volunteer Vacancies: Eileen Quigley
- Trading Standards Bulletin No.65
- Email from H Hughes in response to update on speeding issues from KCC Secretary
- Email from D Downie re Fyfe Park 'dip'

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK – *F Patrick*: Reminder about the upcoming KemFest. Poster and timetable given to KVH Hallkeeper for display; information already on Facebook. *S Wainman*: raised the potholes at the Dalmadilly Ponds car park.(**Action**: S Wainman contact the person at Breedons responsible for the upkeep of the car park.)

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 25th May 2023
7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, NO ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE**