

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 27th June 2024 7.30 pm, virtually via Zoom

Present: Gaenor Berkin (Chair); Lee Aitken (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Sue Wainman; Suzanne Bunton; Richard Lamplugh; Pauline Paterson; Daniel Johnston; Gabby Stevens; Brian Cowie

Apologies: Claire Stewart; Margaret Basley; Cllr Grant; Cllr Smith

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone attending. Apologies were given as above.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on the 29th June 2023

These were adopted as proposed by J Whittall and seconded by S Wainman.

3. Chair Report (Appended)

The Chair highlighted the many and various issues the Community Council has had to consider and deal with over the past year. Apart from regular items such as planning and police liaison, these included ongoing Resilience work, with the generator installed at the Hall providing welcome back-up if needed, anti-social parking, potholes, speeding & other road/transport related issues. Speakers have come along to give information on place-based community planning, the community minibus, the installation of balance exercise posts on the Green and the new Scout hut. The Community Council has continued to support residents and local groups & schools wherever it can.

Chair's Report accepted and agreed as an accurate report on the work of the Community Council over the past year.

4. Treasurers Report & Financial Statement (Appended)

The accounts have been officially checked and approved. The main income/expenditure has been related to the Community Larder, which has received approximately £4500 in grants over the year and also donations from individuals and local groups. The insurance costs have been divided between the relevant sub-groups. KCC did run at a small deficit this year but it is hoped that the administration grant from Aberdeenshire Council will be higher this coming year. The annual subscription to Zoom may need to be looked at.

Thanks were expressed to John Whittall for the work he does as Treasurer of KCC.

Accounts proposed by S Bunton and seconded by D Johnston.

5 Adoption of amended Constitution (Appended)

This was agreed unanimously.

6 Community Council Elections

Posters have been put up around the village and an item included in the recent Newsletter advertising the upcoming elections. Anyone interested should contact Aberdeenshire Council to get a nomination form. If elections are needed to be held, this will be organized by Aberdeenshire Council.

G Berkin is to stand down as Chair but intends to stand as an ordinary member.

Gaenor was thanked for all her work as Chair over the past few years.

7 AOCB

KCC now has a new email address: kemnaycc@outlook.com and all KCC work will be done and stored on the new, dedicated laptop.

Next AGM 26th June, 2025, with the monthly meeting immediately following thereafter

KCC CHAIR REPORT FOR AGM 2024

This has been another busy year for KCC. Apart from the usual 'bread and butter' issues of considering planning applications, liaising with the Police and hearing the views of members of the public at our meetings, we have been involved in many other things.

The floods and power cuts for previous years are now unhappy memories, but KCC has been looking to the future to ensure that we are prepared. To this end, we have purchased and installed a generator at the village hall which means that it will be a warm and welcoming place of refuge should we experience severe weather or power cuts. Thanks go to Fran Patrick and others for organising this.

Anti-social parking remains an issue, particularly around the shops and schools. The Police are aware and have been educating drivers.

Roland Playle from the Just Transitions Community Project gave a talk on the importance and benefits of place-based community planning. Kemnay is one of the four communities chosen for the roll out of the project. This is a chance for the people of Kemnay to shape the Kemnay of the future. Look out for Just transitions events in the coming year. Your input will be vital.

Rob Mackay gave a talk on the status of the community minibus. The bus is now beyond economic repair and will not be replaced by Aberdeenshire Council.

Hilda Hart gave a talk on the coming installation of balance posts. Kemnay will be the first place in the northeast to have them.

Jim Morgan gave a talk on progress made towards building a new Scout hut for the village.

Police Scotland have announced that they will not investigate crimes where there is no evidence or prospect of identifying the suspect. This is a major departure, but it must be stressed that ALL crimes should be reported- even if there is no chance of obtaining a conviction, it allows the Police to identify trends in the area. If you see something that you think the Police should know about, please report it.

Likewise, please report things like potholes, defective streetlights and other faults to Aberdeenshire Council via their website.

KCC now has a computer thanks to a grant from Aberdeenshire Council, and we hope that this will cure the I.T. issues that plagued our attempts to conduct meetings by Zoom.

KCC was pleased to be able to help Kemnay Primary School by advising them of funding available for improvement of the back park. The local football teams and a cricket club also benefited from this funding.

Kemnay is a vibrant community, blessed by many volunteers who use their time and talents to organise and run things that benefit the village and surrounding area. One glance at the Newsletter- which is produced and delivered by volunteers- has details of some of the many of the groups that are active in the area. Do you have some time and energy to spare to make a difference?

The year ahead will produce a real challenge as Aberdeenshire Council are looking to do a Community Asset Transfer of the village hall. This is a vital resource for Kemnay, and the Committee are looking for members to run the hall.

Thanks are due to generous sponsors who donate towards the Christmas lights and to those who contributed to the defibrillator fund.

I would like to thank our elected Councillors for their support to KCC and the Community. KCC is strictly apolitical, but special mention must be made of Councillor Hazel Smith, who has fought for years for reinstatement of the riverside path. Also, huge thanks to all KCC members for going above and beyond on behalf of their community. Last, but certainly not least, thanks go to Fran Patrick, our unflappable secretary.

Gaenor Berkin
Chair
KCC

Kemnay Community Council 01.04.23 to 31.03.2024

	30	<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Commun Resilience</u>	<u>PADS</u>	<u>LaHK Community Larder</u>	<u>Planters Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expenditure								
03.04.23		Fran Patrick Secretary March	50.00					50.00
04.04.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				998.00		998.00
07.04.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
17.04.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				35.10		35.10
02.05.23		Fran Patrick Secretary April	50.00					50.00
05.05.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				936.81		936.81
09.05.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
16.05.23		Kemnay Village Hall Room Rent	22.00					22.00
18.05.23		Festive Lighting Co Ltd		3,114.00				3,114.00
22.05.23		S & J Metalwood			925.00			925.00
23.05.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				715.81		715.81
01.06.23		Fran Patrick Secretary May	50.00					50.00
07.06.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
27.06.23		Bank Charges	6.50					6.50
03.07.23		Fran Patrick Secretary June	50.00					50.00
05.07.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				900.00		900.00
		WEL Medical			95.88			95.88
07.07.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
19.07.23		Zurich Town Generator Insurance		90.18				90.18
01.08.23		Fran Patrick Secretary July	50.00					50.00
07.08.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				788.66		788.66
07.08.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
01.09.23		Fran Patrick Secretary August	50.00					50.00
07.09.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
		Fran Patrick Community Larder				887.53		887.53
28.09.23		S & J Metalwood		1,080.00				1,080.00
02.10.23		Fran Patrick Secretary September	50.00					50.00
		Fran Patrick Zoom Subscription	143.88					143.88
09.10.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
11.10.23		Fran Patrick Community Larder				746.07		746.07
18.10.23		F E S Ltd		4,034.40				4,034.40
01.11.23		Fran Patrick Secretary October	50.00					50.00
		Fran Patrick Community Larder				575.42		575.42
07.11.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
01.12.23		Fran Patrick Secretary October	50.00					50.00
07.12.23		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
11.12.23		Fran Patrick KCC Receipts				986.73		986.73
02.01.24		Fran Patrick Secretary November	50.00					50.00
05.01.24		Information Commissioner's Office	35.00					35.00
08.01.24		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
10.01.24		Fran Patrick Receipts				582.84		582.84
11.01.24		Fran Patrick Secretary December	50.00					50.00
16.01.24		Fran Patrick Receipts		242.38				242.38
01.02.24		Fran Patrick MedUK Group			1,000.00			1,000.00
		Fran Patrick MedUK Group			835.10			835.10
		Fran Patrick Secretary January	50.00					50.00
05.02.24		Fran Patrick Receipts				629.07		629.07
07.02.24		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
27.02.24		Bank Charges				6.50		6.50
		Cfine Ltd				150.00		150.00
04.03.25		Fran Patrick Secretary Febuary	50.00					50.00
07.03.24		Gaenor Berkin Lap Top	451.26					451.26
		Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50			20.00		40.50
09.03.24		Fran Patrick Receipts				900.00		900.00
10.03.24		Fran Patrick Receipts				107.94		107.94
13.03.24		Zurich Insurance	95.05	127.89				222.94
		Overpayment Aberdeenshire Council	248.49					248.49

26.03.24	Zurich Insurance		51.60	22.31	65.53		139.44
31.03.24	Bank Charges	7.10					7.10
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Totals		1,905.28	3,407.98	6,279.78	1,996.51	10,186.48	0.00	23,776.03
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Income

02.05.23	Community Larder Donations				443.34		443.34
18.05.23	Resilience Re allocation Generator	(2,125.00)		2,125.00			0.00
	Resilience Re allocation Generator	(1,996.11)		1,996.11			0.00
22.05.23	Community Larder Donations				392.44		392.44
06.06.23	Donation Collie Butchers		50.00				50.00
29.06.23	Transfer to Planters fund	(300.00)				300.00	0.00
30.06.23	Community Larder Donations				561.41		561.41
03.07.23	Donation John Adam Trust				100.00		100.00
01.08.23	Community Larder Donations				411.77		411.77
04.08.23	Admin Grant from A.C.	1,062.02					1,062.02
	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
04.09.23	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
05.09.23	Community Larder Donations				572.97		572.97
04.10.23	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
09.10.23	Community Larder Donations				715.54		715.54
19.10.23	Robertson Trust				2,000.00		2,000.00
30.10.23	Community Larder Donations				508.18		508.18
06.11.23	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
07.11.23	Co op Donation				1,426.24		1,426.24
04.12.23	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
	Community Larder Donations				812.25		812.25
14.12.23	George Dow Donation		515.00				515.00
02.01.24	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00
	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00

09.01.24	Community Larder Donations				1,268.25		1,268.25
11.01.24	Andrew Clark Donation				2,000.00		2,000.00
01.02.24	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00
	Community Larder Donations				808.78		808.78
03.02.24	Donation Christmas Lights Bingo		200.00				200.00
05.02.24	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
01.03.24	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00
04.03.24	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00
05.03.24	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	699.75					699.75
11.03.24	Robertson Trust				500.00		500.00
	Community Larder Donations				803.98		803.98
							0.00

Total		(2,659.34)	765.00	4,121.11	0.00	13,600.15	300.00	16,126.92
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Balance Sheet

Income	(2,659.34)	765.00	4,121.11	0.00	13,600.15	300.00	16,126.92
less expenditure	1,905.28	3,407.98	6,279.78	1,996.51	10,186.48	0.00	23,776.03
Current Year	(4,564.62)	(2,642.98)	(2,158.67)	(1,996.51)	3,413.67	300.00	(7,649.11)
Balance Carried Forward	6,609.48	4,033.08	5,570.05	2,481.24	6,481.71	0.00	25,175.56
Total	2,044.86	1,390.10	3,411.38	484.73	9,895.38	300.00	17,526.45

I certify that the above accounts have
been prepared by me and accurately
reflect
the financial transactions relating to the
period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

John Whittall Treasurer

 07/05/24

Examined and found to be correct from
Books and Vouchers supplied to me.

 21/4/24

Janet Newberry

Hon.Auditor

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Apologies: Claire Stewart; Cllr Smith; Cllr Grant

Attending: None

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 May 2024 – Minutes of meeting were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by L Aitken, seconded by D Johnston.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Report received and circulated. Still fairly low reported crime but disappointing to note increase in public nuisance and youth disturbance. A review is underway into how the monthly community reports are compiled.

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

6. KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder:* Larder now getting surplus food from the local Co-op on a regular basis, which is proving a very helpful additional resource. A review of opening times is being done and there may be some changes later in the year. In any case, the Larder will be closed on Tuesday mornings during August and September due to volunteer holidays. However, it will continue to open on the Thursday evening and Friday morning.

b) *PADs:* The unit at the Golf Club was accessed recently and is currently with a volunteer awaiting collection by the PADs Co-ordinator. G Berkin has been looking into possible funding for ongoing maintenance of the Defib units, but this is proving difficult as most grants only give funds for specific items, not for the creation of a contingency & maintenance fund. It might be necessary to do some fundraising within the community. (**Action:** P Paterson to apply to the Co-op Community Fund as it might allow this kind of grant funding.) It was suggested that SEN could be approached as they are doing a lot to support community resilience efforts.

A request for information has come in about the installation of the Dalmadilly unit (in 2018) but it has not been possible to find out who the installer was.

c) *Flooding:* No issues reported.

7. MATTERS ARISING -

- a) **Roads & Transport Issues** – *Buses:* The recently publicised change to the bus service is not a major one but the school bus/service bus is being withdrawn; the 421 is **not** being withdrawn. *Minibus:* There was an article in Newsletter giving a little of the history and an update on the situation. *Parking issues:* The 'Parking Buddy' is being deployed outside Kemnay Primary in an effort to discourage illegal and dangerous parking. Correspondence has been received about cars parking on the pavement area at the junction of the High Street and Aquithie Road. This has been causing an obstruction and forcing wheelchair and mobility scooter users to go onto the road. Some uncertainty about where the pavement is and where the resident parking is. Secretary has already contacted Aberdeenshire Council for clarification and is awaiting a response.
- b) **Community Council Election Arrangements** – Already discussed during AGM (see Item 6 of AGM minutes).
- c) **Playpark at Alehousewells / Open Space Survey / Parks4Life** – A request has come in re the possibility of getting more play equipment at the Alehousewells playpark, particularly disabled accessible equipment, such as has recently been installed at Bogbeth Park. Also for the fence to be re-installed at the park by the car park, as this is a safety issue. It was thought there might be money available through the Parks4Life ScotGov fund. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council.)
- d) **Kemnay Village Hall** – The AGM has been held; Krissie Wright is the new Chair of the Management Committee. F Patrick has joined the management committee as a representative of KCC and the Resilience Group. The committee is in the process of getting a survey done of the Hall prior to any potential asset transfer.

8. TREASURER REPORT – As discussed at AGM (item 4). Treasurer went through each of the account current balances: General Fund £1700; Xmas Lights £382; Resilience £3400; PADs £735; Community Larder £9000; Plants Fund £300

9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** – None. (The old Co-op has now been sold, however.)
- b) **Local Development Plan -Topic Papers:** Town Centres and Retailing; Design, Quality and Place.
Nothing controversial.

10. REPORTS -

a) Garioch (& North Marr) Safety Group (GNMS) – No meeting.

b) Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF) / c) Community Planning – Other Community Councils are having a lot of work with energy infrastructure plans, etc which do not affect Kemnay directly. Bennachie CC is still battling for Inch Hospital and Inverurie & Kintore looking at Crichton and Woodcroft housing developments respectively. Some discussion of Place Standards.

d) Greener Kemnay – The Energy Group is having discussions on how to move forward, given the issues with Home Energy Scotland and its funding criteria and lack of suitably qualified installers. The Group would really like to hear from anyone who has applied for funding through this route. Birley Bush Garden is looking fantastic – thanks in particular to S Wainman. The boules piste is being well used. And thanks again to S Wainman for her efforts in planting up the roundels and planters on the High Street, which are all looking lovely. All the plants used have cost nothing as they mostly came from splitting other plants or from other free sources. No progress on the woodland area behind Birley Bush, although GK has a lot of ideas for the area and have trees ready to plant.

It's Your Neighbourhood: Thomas Innes at Safelift wondered if hanging baskets could be put up on the lampposts. It was explained that this is not an easy task, given the very small number of volunteers currently responsible for the floral displays around the village. Hanging baskets need daily watering and this would require a mobile watering system, which would cost a fair bit of money, and a larger group of dedicated volunteers. And Aberdeenshire Council would need to agree to having baskets put on the lamp posts, which would probably be unlikely in the current financial climate. It was noted that other places do have sponsorship from local businesses and/or specific dedicated amenity groups who undertake this type of work (eg. Kintore, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie). The Village Green could certainly do with a bit of extra summer colour.

e) Garioch Area Local Learning Partnership (GALLP) – S Wainman unable to access virtual meeting, waiting for minutes.

f) KAPC/KPPC/APPC – **KAPC** – Chris Dunhill (Community & Business Link) is leaving; now a single lunch hour again.

KPPC – No meeting but work has started on the new outdoor space. **APPC** – Unfortunately did not realise in time that a link was needed to get into meeting, F Patrick has sent apologies and asked to get minutes. Will make every effort to attend next meeting. The (virtual) Duck Race and event was very successful.

g) Press Reports– An article on sentencing of Kemnay resident who went on a rampage and was arrested last summer; letter to P&J from Alan Petrie about the Masonic Lodge and its connection to his father.

11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -

No Councillors present.

12. CORRESPONDENCE (including from the previous month)

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

- Consultation on Aberdeenshire's Draft Local Housing Strategy 2024-2029
- Scottish Public Information Forum 10 June online
- CC Forum Meeting – Online
- Temporary Speed restriction – C109c
- Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No.91
- Aberdeenshire Local development Plan Evidence Report Topic Papers
- Community Council Inaugural Meeting Arrangements
- Information Poster for CC Elections
- Overnight Surfacing Improvements

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

- All Stars Programme – Cricket for 5-8 year olds at Bogbeth
- Kintore Hydrogen Project Proposals
- Kemnay Village Hall AGM
- Scottish Public Information Forum 10 June 2-4pm online

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK – *R Lamplugh:* Request that core path at Place of Origin be cut. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Greenbelt, the contractors responsible.) Recent discussion/disagreement over use of pitch at Bogbeth Park between cricket club and football club. (**Action:** Secretary to find out from

Aberdeenshire Council how the booking system operates.) *L Aitken* – Xmas Lights/Event – Productive meeting held, another scheduled for August. *S Bunton* – issue with glass bottles not being collected from bottle banks in the village. (It seems the glass collecting vehicle has broken down.) (**Action:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council to request better communication of this type on information.) Pity that crossing patrols at schools have now gone, the road in front of Kemnay Primary is particularly busy, with blind corners and cars which often speed. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council to ask whether a pelican crossing can be installed.) Wall repairs at Wood Gardens have still not been done, although then pavement does seem to be getting swept of the debris. *F Patrick* – has contacted Breedons about Dalmadilly Ponds car park and maintenance; they are aware and work to be done in due course. *S Wainman* – Landscape Services to tidy area behind building of Littlewood Court. *G Berkin* – pothole at Craig Lea/Loch Way causing real friction. (Secretary has previously contacted Aberdeenshire Council about this.) Usual procedure for dealing with KCC business over the summer recess – ie all communication and any decision-making required to be done via email.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 26th September 2024
7.30pm (Inaugural Meeting) at Kemnay Village Hall, with Zoom link available,
followed by ordinary meeting**