

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available

**Present:** Dan Johnston (Vice Chair); John Whittall (Treasurer); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Gaenor Berkin; Margaret Basley(via Teams); Gabby Stevens; Sue Wainman; Brian Cowie; Richard Lamplugh; Sue Wainman; Grace Dinnes; Mary Brown; Cllr Grant; Cllr Smith(via Teams)

**Apologies:** Lee Aitken; Claire Stewart; Suzanne Bunton; Pauline Paterson; Cllr Payne

**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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024** – The Minutes were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by R Lamplugh, seconded by G Stevens. **MINUTES of INAUGURAL MEETING** - The Minutes were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by J Whittall, seconded by G Stevens

**4 POLICE MATTERS** – Report received and circulated. The public nuisance being caused by the motorbike has now been dealt with; it had been reported to the police by several people. A response has been received from Insp Christie to the Chair's letter re youth disturbance. Police patrols have increased, which is welcome. G Dinnes is preparing a powerpoint presentation to be delivered to all register classes at the Academy on the issue of youth disturbance/nuisance. It was suggested that trend analysis would be helpful to community councils, similar perhaps to the summaries prepared for Aberdeenshire Councillors on a six-monthly(?) basis. (**Action:** Chair to request this.) At Garioch Area Committee, Cllr Smith raised with Insp Christie the issue of speeding near Kemnay Primary, the situation is to be monitored. Also, the difficulty of getting through to report an incident on the phone. People again advised to consider reporting an incident online at <https://www.scotland.police.uk>

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

### 6. KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder:* The **Just in Case** . . . information pages will be going in to next month's Newsletter, as a pull-out & keep section. This is partly in response to the newly introduced charges to publish items in the Newsletter but also because this is thought to be a good idea. Extra copies of the pull-out leaflet will be available at the Hall and Library. Basic manual handling training is being offered to resilience volunteers; if not enough interest from Kemnay volunteers, it may be offered to other local resilience groups. Also looking into improving communications – perhaps by using better quality walkie talkies or by subscribing to the Starlink satellite network, which would require a monthly subscription of about £85, although it would be possible to sign up only for the months it would most likely be required. This system would allow a greater number of users and a far wider range, like a mobile phone. Grant funding could be available. (**Action:** F Patrick to contact KCC Resilience Sub-Committee about both items and Resilience Zone Contacts about the manual handling training.) *Community Larder:* A number of households have already requested a Festive Food Parcel and fundraising is underway. A JustGiving fundraising page has been set up for **Lend a Hand Kemnay Festive Food Parcels**, although donations can also be given directly to the Larder.

b) *PADs:* No report of any issues or incidents.

c) *Flooding:* Flood Strategy Questionnaire is now live. Cllr Smith is anxious that those affected by flooding caused by the drainage system not coping are not excluded and would be happy to deliver paper versions of the survey to those perhaps not online. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to contact Andrew Gemmell for further information and will report back to KCC Secretary.)

### 7. MATTERS ARISING -

a) **Roads & Transport Issues/Footpaths** – *Parking:* A response has been received from Aberdeenshire Council re the parking/pavement issue on Aquithie Road. It seems the area is a public footway and may therefore come under new pavement parking legislation. Aberdeenshire Council is aware of the situation and 'is focussing (their) attention on the pavement being blocked, to try to offer a practical solution in the community'. After some discussion of what KCC's input to

this situation could or should be, it was finally agreed that KCC could perhaps act as mediator and alert potentially affected residents to the need to park more carefully in that space. (**Action:** Secretary to draft a letter and will circulate to KCC for comment before delivering to all households on that part of the street, reminding of the need to keep the pavement clear for pedestrians, wheelchair users and buggies.) *Footpaths:* Another letter has been sent to Breedons re the state of the paths and car park at Dalmadilly Ponds. The path near the new bus park has been repaired. Issues have been noted with water gathering at the bottom of the entrance to the bus park. (**Action:** Cllr Smith to raise this with Garioch Area Officer.)

b) **Just Transitions Communities Project** – Some progress. A NESCAN worker has made contact and she and a colleague visited the Village Hall on a Friday morning and are to return on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. They have started to speak to people and plan to speak to a range of different people in the community. Hoping there can be a tie-in with the consultation being carried out on how to use the £16 000 community credit.

c) **Christmas Lights/Event** – Vicky Mackie, the lead organiser, has plans well advanced for the switch-on event. Three new lamp post motifs have been purchased. Some discussion of future lights for Bremner Way.

d) **Newsletter Costs**– The Newsletter is now having to charge for items published. The minutes of KCC meetings will likely continue free of charge but KCC will need to be mindful of the amount and size of articles it wants included in the future. Similarly, the Community Larder is looking to reduce the size of its regular Newsletter item. The full winter Resilience pages will only appear once, as a pull-out version. (**Action:** M Basley to find out if Resilience pages can be printed in a different colour, at the same cost.)

**8. TREASURER REPORT** – Some confusion over the first invoice for the Larder Newsletter item, now cleared up. Monthly income to the Larder is covering roughly two thirds of expenditure.

#### **9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –**

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

<u>Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse</u>	Shannoch Drive	Ref. No: APP/2024/1586
<u>Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse</u>	Lower Glenhead Farm	Ref. No: APP/2024/1710
<u>Erection of Retaining Wall</u>	Kirkville, Victoria Tce	Ref. No: APP/2024/1476

b) **Local Development Plan** – Piers Blaxter, Team Leader, Planning and Economy, held a meeting with Westhill & Elrick CC to discuss NPF4 and LDP, to which other community councils were invited.

#### **10. REPORTS - Aberdeenshire Council and General**

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

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

c) **Community Planning** – Meeting cancelled due to lack of numbers attending.

d) **Garioch Area Local Learning Partnership (GALLP)** – A list of questions (circulated to KCC members) for each Area Partnership to consider and report back to the Aberdeenshire Council ALLPs administrative assistant. Any proposed action would not have financial support, only peer support. The aim is to flag up to all the groups represented what the various communities require.

e) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – *KAPC* – Connections Event is to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November; a number of changes being brought in by new Headteacher; the information on the community credit will be shared with pupils via register classes. G Dinnes attended the recent student forum event, which was centred on the UNCR (United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child), a survey is going out about pupil experience in school; next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*APPC* – No update. *KPPC* – No update.

e) **Press Reports**– None

#### **REPORTS – Local Groups**

a) **Kemnay Village Hall** – The survey and consultation work is ongoing. b) **Greener Kemnay** – AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> November, when there will be a speaker on winter gardening; website has received quite a few hits from across the world. *Energy:* No decision yet on the SEN grant. The Steens noticeboards should be installed in near future. c)

**Positive Steps and Strength & Balance** – The official launch event for the Strength & Balance posts on the Green is to be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November; an illustrated talk on the 'Mountain to Sea' Project, led by artist Claudia Zeiske, accompanied by music from Paul Anderson's album and a short film by Paul Campbell, will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-12noon. d) **Community Credit Working Group** – Drop-in event to be held in Village Hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

#### **11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -**

*Cllr Grant:* Public budget engagement underway; ward meeting next Tuesday; snow gates are planned for A96 at Glens of Foudland; informal sessions with Police and Fire Service coming up, so any issues needing raised should be passed on to him; will be laying the wreath in Kemnay this year. *Cllr Smith:* Most items already covered in meeting.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE (including from the previous two months)

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

- Meeting with Piers Blaxter regarding NPF4 and LDP
- Garioch Area Committee Agenda Papers
- Engage Young People Support
- A conversation About the Future of Health & Social Care in Aberdeenshire?
- Garioch Community Planning E-Bulletin, September
- Reminder of Induction Training
- Aberdeenshire Winter Maintenance Release
- Pension Credit Campaign
- Voluntary Opportunity
- Garioch Loyal Learning Community Partnership
- Opportunity for Community Councils: Written and Video Case Studies for Community Councils Scotland Website and other Communication Channels
- Aberdeenshire Restaurant Week Reminder
- Response from Aberdeenshire Council re status of area at foot of High Street/Aquithie Road
- Complimentary Conference Places for Community Councils at Mackay Hannah events
- Update: Complimentary Conference Places for Community Councils at Mackay Hannah events
- Aberdeenshire Council Budget Engagement

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

- Statera – Kintore Hydrogen Application
- Announcing the SSEN Transmission Regional Fund
- Positive Steps Kemnay Strength & Balance Posts, Village Green
- Kemnay Academy Connections Event
- Message via fb page from someone seeking information on their great, great grandfather, James Henry, possibly connected to the Burnett Arms
- Networking for Net Zero Autumn Newsletter – SSEN
- Kemnay £16000 Community Credit Consultation Meeting 07 November

## 13. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK –

*G Berkin:* Has donated KCC remembrance wreath, which she will lay at the war memorial. *G Stevens:* Items of play equipment have been missing for some time from Bogbeth Park. (**Action:** Cllr Grant to raise this at Area Committee.) *M Brown:* Youth Club attendance has waned recently; club is to be suspended for a few weeks to allow some issues to be ironed out; still need more, younger volunteers; recognition that the club needs to have a good 'offer' to attract youngsters. It was suggested funding might be available via the Garioch Area Initiative Fund. *B Cowie:* query re winter readiness of generator. (F Patrick has this in hand, a service and run through are being arranged.) *J Whittall:* Asked if a presentation could be given on the planned development of Home Farm buildings at Fetternear. (This was agreed.) *S Wainman:* It's Your Neighbourhood – Kemnay was awarded "Thriving", which was very pleasing - many nice, positive comments about the planting, amenity areas, etc (**Action:** S Wainman to circulate the full report, although it is on the fb page.) Good to see the ongoing efforts of the litter pickers and that someone has been doing some work on Bremner Way. A vote of thanks was proposed to Sue, her team and everyone who contributed. *F Patrick:* Asked if any KCC members wanted to get involved in the Aberdeenshire Council project, which aims to get community councils to share what they do and how they approach things, either on paper or on video. (R Lamplugh expressed an interest in this.)

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available**