

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 26th June 2025 7.30 pm, Teams link available

Present: Lee Aitken (Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Sue Wainman Gaenor Berkin; Suzanne Bunton; Richard Lamplugh; Pauline Paterson; Margaret Basley; Gabby Stevens; Brian Cowie; Mary Brown; Cllr Payne; Cllr Smith; Cllr Grant (via Teams)

Apologies: Claire Stewart; Dan Johnston (Vice Chair); Grace Dinnes

Attending: Alison Cumming, Area Committee Officer, Aberdeenshire Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Minutes of the AGM held on the 27th June 2024

These were adopted as proposed by R Lamplugh and seconded by G Stevens.

3. Chair Report (Appended)

The Chair presented his report on a very busy year for the Community Council, starting with the elections in September when two new members were elected to KCC. The Council has had to deal with several recurring issues this year, including bin collections, inconsiderate parking, the state of the roads and pavements, etc. KCC is taking a keen interest in what is happening with the Village Hall and the Community Credit initiative and is happy to support both.

The Chair's report also highlighted the potential consequences of proposed Aberdeenshire Council budget cuts and how they might affect Kemnay. The Community Council will be monitoring the situation with the flood barrier at Kembhill Park in particular.

The Chair thanked Gaenor Berkin for her assistance in scrutinizing all the planning applications and for laying the Remembrance wreath on behalf of KCC. He also highlighted the excellent work done by several KCC-led or supported groups: Sue Wainman and volunteers for the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme; resilience initiatives such as the Community Larder, crisis preparedness, including back-up generator, and the PADs (public access defibrillators); the Christmas lights display and Switch-on event, with particular thanks to Richard Lamplugh and Rood Signs.

The Community Council's main objective is to support the local community, and it tries to support local clubs and groups when an issue arises, such as the ongoing problem of the use of Bogbeth Park, or the need for playpark equipment upgrades. KCC was also actively involved in getting two car parks improved with the very kind help of a local farmer and local building company.

The Chair thanked the office bearers for their work in their elected roles and all other members of the Community Council for their input and efforts throughout the year. He also acknowledged the work undertaken by our local Aberdeenshire Councillors.

4. Treasurers Report & Financial Statement (Appended)

The accounts have been officially checked and approved. The main income/expenditure has once again been related to the Community Larder. The Community Larder's account is healthy at the moment but monthly income is only covering approximately half of expenditure, so may need to look at applying for grants within the next couple of years. The insurance costs have again been divided between the relevant sub-groups.

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

Accounts proposed by S Wainman and seconded by S Bunton.

5. Approval of Annual Budget (Appended)

Current funding from Aberdeenshire Council does not cover the KCC budget. Alison Cumming informed the meeting that funding for the coming year will have a slight increase but that if this does not cover everything, KCC will need to decide if it can make cuts when its general fund is depleted. Funding will also be given to community councils to cover the increase in the cost of ICO (data protection fee).

KCC will discuss these budget issues after recess.

Budget approval proposed by F Patrick and seconded by R Lamplugh.

6. Community Council Membership

No changes to the Community Council membership in the course of this year.

7. Election of Office Bearers (Chaired by Alison Cumming)

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Lee Aitken	R Lamplugh	S Wainman
Vice Chair	Dan Johnston	S Wainman	P Paterson
Secretary	Fran Patrick	S Bunton	M Basley
Treasurer	John Whittall	S Wainman	R Lamplugh
CC Forum Rep	Sue Wainman	M Basley	P Paterson

All elected unanimously.

8. AOCB

None

Next AGM 25th June, 2026, with the monthly meeting immediately following thereafter

KCC CHAIR REPORT FOR 2025 AGM

Reflecting as another year passes by, it's been yet another busy year for Kemnay Community Council. There was an election in September – the first for a number of years – and it was good to see the local community partake in electing their Community Council. We welcomed two new faces, one of whom is a senior pupil at Kemnay Academy, which has enabled us to maintain a stronger link with the Academy.

The usual problems have arisen again this year, namely bin collections – which has been a recurring theme throughout the past 12 months – inconsiderate parking, the state of some of the roads, pavements and walls in the village, and a spate of vandalism last summer. Sadly, that seemed to be committed by youths from out with the village. Residents are always encouraged to report such incidents to the police. It is disappointing to note that not all crimes reported are investigated without concrete evidence, but it's important to report these to highlight any patterns which occur.

The Community Council has been taking a keen interest in the big changes afoot at the Village Hall, regarding its ownership and the running thereof. It's good to see they have managed to recruit new volunteers to enable the Hall to continue to be a vital community asset. There has also been the exciting development of a Community Credit and in due course, the possibility of a development trust being created for the benefit of Kemnay.

Major budget cuts were announced by Aberdeenshire Council earlier this year, which are sure to affect Kemnay in the interim and long term. An example of which being the flood barrier at Kembhill Park, an invaluable resource. Thankfully, the barrier is to be in place for the financial year ahead, but alternative provision for its deployment will need to be looked into for future years. I'm sure it's a project KCC would support, to ensure this vital piece of equipment is available for years to come.

Before a more detailed look into the achievements of the past year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Gaenor Berkin, for her assistance in scrutinising all planning applications and for laying the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of KCC.

Notable work undertaken by KCC throughout the year, or by our members, include:-

It's Your Neighbourhood

The volunteers, including our own Sue Wainman, who continue to keep our village tidy, enhancing areas which were unkempt or indeed, maintaining our existing planters and borders, are to be commended. All work they have undertaken over the last year is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference to the appearance of the village.

In a year where budget cuts meant the annual floral displays provided by Aberdeenshire Council were axed, the community rallied together to make sure our beautiful displays in the village continued. KCC wrote to various local businesses and with their support, together with support of members of the community itself, we were able to ensure this year's displays went ahead.

Resilience

The Larder continues to provide for families in need and as has been shown this past year, has been well-used by the community. Thanks must go to those who continue the smooth running of the Larder, the whole year round. An added touch at Christmastime with festive food parcels and the like, can make a big difference to those who are struggling, especially at that time of year.

A plan of action is ready to be implemented, in the event of any storms to affect the region, especially during the winter, and a user step-by-step guide has been set up for the generator at the Village Hall. Having learnt through past experiences, we should be in a far better position to be prepared for any future weather events to hit our village.

The maintenance of the five public use defibrillator units in the village continues to be overseen by the PADs Co-ordinator and the KCC Resilience Group. This will be a fundraising focus for the group in the coming year, to cover the cost of replacement pads and batteries.

Christmas Lights

A big well done to those who organised the fantastic Christmas Lights Switch-On in December. A successful fundraiser was held in October, and after a gap of five years, a successful event was able to bring the village together. The Green and motifs looked stunning, bringing much needed festive cheer. Thank yous must go to Richard Lamplugh for PAT testing and erecting the motifs, and Rood Signs for their help in taking down the motifs in the new year.

Supporting the Community

Over the course of the last year, members of the Community Council have attended various groups and meetings in order to represent Kemnay's interests and to keep KCC informed of any developments which may impact on the village and its residents.

We have also tried to support local clubs and groups when an issue has been raised with us. For example, we've recently supported Kemnay Football Club with regard to difficulties over the use of Bogbeth Park. Sadly, the issue remains unresolved but I'm sure KCC will continue to back such a long-standing and essential group. The club itself has supported youngsters for generations.

After campaigning for several years, a disabled swing has been installed at Bogbeth Park, something we must thank Aberdeenshire Council for installing. It has already been well-used by those using the park. The campaign for a similar upgrade for the playpark near Alehousewells continues.

The car parks at both Dalmadilly Ponds and Place of Origin have needed some care and attention for many years. The Community Council has worked hard to establish who is responsible for the upkeep of both, but this unfortunately remains unresolved. Both Murdo Adam and Malcolm Allan Housebuilders must be acknowledged and thanked for their efforts in levelling out the car parks. It has made a marked difference and is appreciated by the wider community too.

I must thank our office bearers for their work in their various elected roles, but a special thanks to John Whittall – for his role as Treasurer, which includes managing the various KCC accounts, and to Fran Patrick in her role as Secretary, which has been invaluable to say the least. I'd also like to thank Fran (and Doug!) for their work with the Christmas Lights over the last few years. The team started small but their hard work and dedication in helping to raise funds, erect the lights on the green and more has ensured our village displays are in great standing for years to come.

I would also take the opportunity to acknowledge the work undertaken by our local Aberdeenshire Councillors, who have attended meetings throughout the last session and been helpful in raising issues on our behalf, or clarifying certain issues when this has not appeared clear.

And finally, I wish to thank all Community Councillors for their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Whether the contribution is big or small, combined, it continues to show the dedication and commitment of Kemnay Community Council to benefit our community.

Lee Aitken

Chair

Kemnay Community Council

Kemnay Community Council 01.04.24 to 31.03.2025

						<u>LaHK</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Commun Resilience</u>	<u>PADS</u>	<u>Community Larder</u>	<u>Planters Fund</u>	
<u>Expenditure</u>								
02.04.24	Fran Patrick Secretary March	50.00						50.00
08.04.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
	Fran Patrick Community Larder					879.19		879.19
26.04.24	Bank Charges	3.70				3.70		7.40
28.04.24	Fran Patrick Computer Software	109.98						109.98
01.05.24	Fran Patrick Secretary April	50.00						50.00
06.05.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					747.95		747.95
07.05.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
13.05.24	Festive Lighting Co Ltd		1,008.00					1,008.00
03.06.24	Fran Patrick Secretary May	50.00						50.00
07.06.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
08.06.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					1,000.00		1,000.00
09.06.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					300.59		300.59
01.07.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent Lighting		13.50					13.50
	Sue Wainman						56.43	56.43
	Fran Patrick Secretary June	50.00						50.00
07.07.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					761.56		761.56
08.07.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
01.08.24	Fran Patrick Secretary July	50.00						50.00
07.08.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
12.08.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					938.05		938.05
19.08.24	V J Mackie		116.50					116.50
02.09.24	Fran Patrick Secretary August	50.00						50.00
09.09.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	20.50				20.00		40.50
17.09.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent		16.50					16.50

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01.10.24	Fran Patrick Secretary September	50.00						50.00
07.10.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
01.11.24	Fran Patrick Secretary October	50.00						50.00
05.11.24	Fran Patrick Community Larder					824.19		824.19
07.11.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
11.11.24	Kemnay News Advertisement.					40.00		40.00
26.11.24	Fran Patrick batteries		70.05					70.05
	Kemnay Village Hall Rent		16.50	24.75				41.25
02.12.24	Fran Patrick Secretary November	50.00						50.00
09.12.24	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
	Fran Patrick Community Larder					775.94		775.94
	Fran Patrick Community Larder					52.03		52.03
17.12.24	Kemnay News Advertisement.					20.00		20.00
	Richard Lamplugh		474.00					474.00
30.12.24	Bank Charges	3.25	3.25					6.50
	Fran Patrick Christmas Parcels					500.00		500.00
02.01.25	Fran Patrick Secretary December	50.00						50.00
06.01.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					485.40		485.40
07.01.25	I.C.O.	35.00						35.00
	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
24.01.25	Kemnay News Advertisement.					11.00		11.00
29.01.25	Bank Charges	3.55				3.55		7.10
03.02.25	Fran Patrick Secretary January	50.00						50.00
07.02.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
08.02.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					683.20		683.20
24.02.25	Kemnay News Advertisement.					11.00		11.00

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03.03.25	Fran Patrick Secetary Febuary	50.00						50.00
07.03.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
09.03.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					647.94		647.94
10.03.25	Zurich Insurance	98.63	53.36	155.74		68.01		375.74
24.03.25	Kemnay News Advertisment.					11.00		11.00
								0.00
Totals		1,134.61	1,771.66	180.49	0.00	9,004.30	56.43	12,147.49

Income

02.04.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.04.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
08.04.24	Community Larder Donations					488.31		488.31
15.04.24	Mr & Mrs Whitehaed				250.00			250.00
29.04.24	Donation John Adam Trust					100.00		100.00
30.04.24	Community Larder Donations					487.26		487.26
01.05.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
07.05.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
03.06.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
05.06.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
08.06.24	Community Larder Donations					882.75		882.75
01.07.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.07.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
30.07.24	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	1,154.00						1,154.00
01.08.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
05.08.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00

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17.08.24	Community Larder Donations Street					17.00		17.00
22.08.24	Aberdeenshire Council Grant		508.00					508.00
02.09.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.09.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
11.09.24	Community Larder Donations St Anne					300.00		300.00
01.10.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.10.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
09.10.24	Community Larder Donations					1,121.58		1,121.58
17.10.24	Christmas Lighys Fundraising		2,060.00					2,060.00
01.11.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.11.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
05.11.24	Community Larder Donations							0.00
07.11.24	Donation					50.00		50.00
11.11.24	Community Larder Donations					578.88		578.88
02.12.24	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.12.24	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
09.12.24	Community Larder Donations					514.70		514.70
23.12.24	Community Larder Donations					404.27		404.27
29.12.24	Monymusk Thrift Shop					500.00		500.00
02.01.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
	Community Larder Donations					421.82		421.82
06.01.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
03.02.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.02.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
10.02.25	Community Larder Donations					405.69		405.69
03.03.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00

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		General	Christmas Lights	Commun Resilience	PADS	Community Larder	Planters Fund	
04.03.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
05.03.25	Kemnay Golf Club						145.00	145.00
13.03.25	Garioch Partnership	1,829.37						1,829.37
18.03.25	Community Larder Donations					474.71		474.71
20.03.25	Collie Floreal Displays						25.00	25.00
31.03.25	R A Howie						25.00	25.00
								0.00
Total		2,983.37	2,568.00	0.00	250.00	7,346.97	195.00	13,343.34

Kemnay Community Council 01.04.24 to 31.03.2025

		LaHK						
		General	Christmas Lights	Commun Resilience	PADS	Community Larder	Planters Fund	Total
Balance Sheet								
Income		2,983.37	2,568.00	0.00	250.00	7,346.97	195.00	13,343.34
less expenditure		1,134.61	1,771.66	180.49	0.00	9,004.30	56.43	12,147.49
Current Year		1,848.76	796.34	(180.49)	250.00	(1,657.33)	138.57	1,195.85
Balance Carried Forward		2,044.86	1,390.10	3,411.38	484.73	9,895.38	300.00	17,526.45
Total		3,893.62	2,186.44	3,230.89	734.73	8,238.05	438.57	18,722.30

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

John Whittall Treasurer

John Whittall 8/5/25

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

Janet Newberry

Janet Newberry

7/5/25
Hon.Auditor

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 26th June 2025 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available

Present: Lee Aitken (Chair); John Whittall (Treasurer); Fran Patrick (Secretary); Margaret Basley; Gabby Stevens; Sue Wainman; Suzanne Bunton; Pauline Paterson; Richard Lamplugh; Mary Brown; Brian Cowie; Gaenor Berkin; Cllr Grant (via Teams); Cllr Smith; Cllr Payne

Apologies: Claire Stewart; Grace Dinnes; Dan Johnston

Attending: Alison Cumming, Area Committee Officer, Aberdeenshire Council

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 29th May 2025 – The Minutes were previously circulated and proposed as accurate by G Stevens, seconded by J Whittall.

4 POLICE MATTERS – Good that crime remains low. A Youth and Anti-social Behaviour Programme is to be run over the summer holidays. No further information on the issue of motorbikes up at Leschangie, although there has been a noisy motorbike going around the village. (**Action:** Chair to ensure that all AC Councillors receive the police report.)

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK – *Rob Mackay (Community Credit Group):* A successful Community Gathering has been held when the final results of the survey were presented. Moving now towards a Community Development Trust. Keen to stress that a CDT is for everybody, it needs to have a clear purpose and how it benefits the community. It was felt that some money could be spent now for immediate community benefit – eg improved information boards. The rest of the money is to be used to generate more money. There has been some discussion on the area to be covered by the CDT, perhaps wider than just the village? Although it was pointed out that the community council area is quite large. This remains up for discussion. Seen as an opportunity to bring the whole community together with partnership working and co-operation. A steering group is to be set up, first meeting is in July. The group is being supported by the Development Trusts Association Scotland, a development worker will help them through the process.

6. KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder:* Fareshare deliveries are becoming less useful – usually a good amount of fruit and veg (often with a limited shelf life, however, which then has to be disposed of), but much fewer tinned and packet items. The situation is to be monitored to evaluate whether the Larder should continue receiving deliveries. Larder expenditure is also to be monitored as more is having to be bought in to cover the gaps in supply.

b) *PADs* – No issues reported. c) *Flooding* – Some people experienced difficulty in accessing the recent online flood study meeting. Maps of the four options for flood works were presented, with an opportunity to give feedback on them. There was some discussion on how the flood water crossed the green at Bremner Way. Nothing was decided at the meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING – From previous meeting

- a) **Bogbeth Park** – Ewan Fraser, Kemnay Football Club, has sent a detailed email, including diagrams. The issue is still ongoing and becoming more contentious, and stressful. KCC has attempted to find the documentation for the original transfer of the land to the park. G Stevens has gone through past minutes and tracked KCC's discussions on the issue. Chair keen to point out that KCC is not trying to banish the cricket club but there is a feeling that the football club is being pushed out and its needs not being respected. Some members of KCC have tried to find the 'booking system' for the park that Aberdeenshire Council has advised the groups should use. It appears there is a booking system for the pavilion but not the park itself. (**Action:** Chair is to write to Aberdeenshire Council to seek clarification on this and will cc Ewan Fraser.)

System needs to be fair; with both groups willing to accommodate the other. The issue of the danger of cricket balls flying into the play area was again raised and whether a full risk assessment has been done.

The use of Bogbeth Park was discussed at length at the recent Ward meeting by local Councillors, who were told that the park should be booked through the booking system.

It's a shame the situation has reached this point – perhaps the crease could be moved?

- b) **Dalmadilly Ponds** – No further communication re the alleged community responsibility for the smaller pond. Breedon's have dealt with the hogweed on the larger pond; more hogweed found at the smaller pond has been sprayed.
- c) **Active Travel Routes** – No further information; awaiting a response from the Transport Strategy section leader and Ann Overton, Garioch Area Manager, Aberdeenshire Council.

- d) **Community Assembly** – A few representatives from KCC attended. It was a good meeting, with an excellent summation given by Vicky Stigant from NESCAN; very good feedback from the interviews conducted with a range of people across the community. Those present then workshoped a few things. Particularly interesting was the look at community cohesion, and whether re-thinking the primary provision across the two schools might help with this.

MATTERS ARISING – New

- a) **Parking at corner of High Street** – This issue has been raised with KCC again as the pavement is being obstructed once more by cars parking on the pavement. Unsure whether the car(s) belong to residents, who have already been informed that this area is a public pavement owned by Aberdeenshire Council and therefore subject to the new law on pavement parking. A couple of unpleasant encounters with car owners reported by a KCC member. **(Action: Secretary to write to Aberdeenshire Council again.)**

8. TREASURER REPORT – See AGM report.

(Action: L Aitken to pass on invoice for the new Christmas motifs to Treasurer for payment.)

9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** – No action on

Installation of Replacement Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Units (Retrospective)

20 High Street

Ref. No: APP/2025/0807

Erection of Garage (Retrospective) Wilson Place, Kemnay

Ref. No: APP/2025/0286

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse The Cottage, Burnhervie

Ref. No: APP/2025/0983

Change of Use to Form Football Pitch and Associated Facilities

Site adjacent to Safelift Offshore Ltd, Aquithie Road

Ref. No: APP/2025/0877

A response has been received from Peter Innes to a series of questions sent to him by KCC re this proposed development.

However, many questions remain, especially re the future maintenance of any pitches created and the ownership of all the land required. **(Action: Chair to get back to Mr Innes.)**

Some concern that the last of the 'kaim' (geological feature) would be destroyed and that the timetable for a response to Planning on the proposal was very short. **(Action: G Berkin to write to Planning for an extension.)**

Doug Findlay (CLD) has expressed his support for the proposal.

- b) **Advertising non-Domestic Planning Applications** – This was considered a good idea. **(Action: Secretary and P Paterson to arrange for applications to be posted on local Facebook pages.)**

10. REPORTS - Aberdeenshire Council and General

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

b) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum (GACCF)** – Presentation on Peterhead Museum – a lot of grant funding has allowed two dilapidated buildings to be brought back into use. Keen to make it an Aberdeenshire visitor destination. Wind farms were also discussed and Fintray CC also reported pitch sharing problems.

- c) **Community Planning** – Meeting on 4th July, S Wainman is still the GACCF rep.

d) **Garioch Area Local Learning Partnership (GALLP)/Garioch Health Improvement Network** – Reps only from CLD, NHS, SHMU, Employability, Tackling Poverty & Inequality/Kintore Bothy, KCC. A partners event is to be held in September. Recent local job losses were discussed and information shared on the youth support for those with drug related behaviour in Kintore and the issue of school non attendees. Other items included the lack of budget for room hire, SHMU summer programme, proposed football pitch in Kemnay, community capacity. The Well-being Festival may not run in the future.

e) **KAPC/KPPC/APPC** – **KAPC** – G Dinnes (*sent in report*) – Awards ceremony held at Thainstone Mart a huge success; P7s have been for their 3-day induction; School Captains now selected and House Captain interviews being held; School Newsletter due out next week; timetable change has happened; more community litter picks are being organised, hoping they will become more frequent. **APPC** – End of term disco and an 'Alehousewells School Has Talent' event being held. Winners of the Anne Frank Award. **KPPC** – No meeting, but school Newsletter circulated.

- f) **Press Reports** – None

REPORTS – Local Groups

- a) **Positive Steps and Strength & Balance** – There are going to be bus trips run over the summer.

b) Greener Kemnay – Looking for a new Trustee. Community Garden is looking fantastic despite lack of rain; work needed on water collection as the supports of the IBCs are deteriorating. Very grateful for the wood chips from Granite City Tree Surgeons and logs also given will be used to make bench support for Fetternear Hall outdoor space. Gooseberries will be ready to pick next week. Some frustration on the lack of updates on the Active Travel Routes and at the lack of a positive direction in getting homes upgraded to enable people to reduce their fuel bills and be comfortable in their homes.

c) Kemnay Village Hall – Six volunteers have stepped forward to be Trustees. The AGM is on 4th July.

d) Community Credit Group – See Item 5.

11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -

Cllr Grant: A very busy few weeks leading up to the summer recess as so many committees are having their final meetings of the session. New core leadership of the Council. *Cllr Payne:* Also busy with meetings. Pleased to note the same-day repair by the Council of kerbstone outside the Co-op. Flood Study now published; consultation out now on public toilets and the tourist levy. *Cllr Smith:* Landscape Services meeting was very useful – the path at Bogbeth Park on the list. Ian Mitchell, Landscape Services, was thanked for the improvements to Bogbeth Park. Ian in turn wished to acknowledge the efforts of Sue Wainman and her team. The upkeep of cemeteries - looking for volunteer groups to become 'Friends' of a particular cemetery and help with its upkeep. 20MPH – KCC's submission on this has been noted. Head teacher interviews for Alehousewells are about to take place.

The Chair thanked the three Councillors for their efforts on behalf of Kemnay and surrounding area.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Garioch Community Planning E-Bulletin May
- Temporary Road Closure
- Local Action Group – Funding Outcomes 2024-25
- Place of Origin – Update re Ownership of PoO from A Overton
- Community Project with Events across Aberdeenshire
- Aberdeenshire Council Delivery Programme Release 11.6.25
- Hybrid Bus Forum Minutes – 30 April 2025
- Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund
- Kemnay Flood Study – 19th June 2025
- Garioch Area Committee Meeting Agenda Papers – 24 June 2025
- Aberdeenshire City Councils – Assistance required to communicate RGTS Switch-off Information within Communities
- Hybrid Bus Forum minutes (Aboyne Academy) – 7 May 2025
- Trading Standards Scam Bulletin No 114
- STP Funding Finder – May 2025
- Invitation - Local Business Meet-Up in Kemnay
- Garioch CC Forum Minutes
- Feedback regarding CC Elections
- Aberdeenshire Council Public Toilets Survey Release 24.6.25
- Aberdeenshire Visitor Levy Survey Release 25.6.25
- Aberdeen Night Bus Service
- Temporary Road Closure, Cluny Castle

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

- European Rural Parliament Visit (from Vicky Stigant, NESCAN)
- Scottish Flood Forum Spring Newsletter
- Parking on Corner of High Street and Aquithie Road
- Inverurie Community First Responders Spring Newsletter
- Family History Query
- Transmission Stakeholder Engagement
- NHS Grampian Public Involvement Network
- Scottish Government Consultation – Updated Offshore Wind Plan
- AVA Annual Report
- SSEN Transmission East Coast 400kV OHL Upgrade Project

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK –

S Wainman: It's Your Neighbourhood – Plants planted and a lot of sticky willie removed; anemones and iris coming into flower. Aberdeenshire Council to be asked to do something about the paving around the roundel at Grove Road. Riverside Road will now be swept and the rear of Littlewood Court is being discussed within the Council. Reminder of the Business Blether on 1st July, an important opportunity for local businesses to meet and network and work together for the benefit of the community. *M Basley:* Last month's KCC minutes will appear in next month's Newsletter. *G Stevens:* The safety harnesses have gone from the new swings at Bogbeth Park. Very disappointing. **(Action:**

Secretary to put an item in Newsletter and S Wainman to report to I Mitchell.) Footpath and steps at Glebe deteriorating, uncertainty as to who is responsible for maintenance. (**Action:** S Wainman to pass I Mitchell's contact details to G Stevens.) *S Bunton:* Frustration at state of the Green – not enough grass cutting done and the maintenance all seems a bit erratic. (**Action:** Secretary to contact Landscape Services.) *G Berkin:* Confirmation of usual KCC arrangements over the summer recess.

Chair hoped that everyone has a good summer.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 25th September 2025
7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available**