

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 25th June 2026 7.30 pm, Teams link available

Present: Lee Aitken (Chair); Dan Johnston (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Sue Wainman Gaenor Berkin; Suzanne Bunton; Richard Lamplugh; Pauline Paterson; Gabby Stevens; Grace Dinnes; Brian Cowie; Mary Brown; Cllr Smith; Cllr Grant

Apologies: Margaret Basley

Not present: Claire Stewart

Attending: One member of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Minutes of the AGM held on the 26th June 2025

These were adopted as proposed by S Wainman and seconded by R Lamplugh.

3. Chair Report (Full Version Appended)

The Chair presented his report on a very productive year for the Community Council. Issues such as potholes, parking, speeding and buses have been discussed and action requested from Aberdeenshire Council or Police Scotland, when required. The effect of new 20mph speed limits will be monitored. Budget cuts have been an unfortunate aspect of the community council's business this year, not least the flood barrier at Kembhill Park. Despite strong objections from KCC, this provision was removed in this year's budget. The removal of grit bins was another unfavourable cut. The suggestion that community councils could 'adopt' a grit bin proved too costly and impractical for KCC. Possible removal of street lighting on private roads is another victim of budget cuts, a situation which KCC is actively monitoring.

On a positive note, a new booking system seems to have largely resolved issues with the use of Bogbeth Park, although inconsiderate parking when events are on is still causing problems and will be monitored. The 'It's Your Neighbourhood' group - headed by Sue Wainman – continue to do an excellent job in maintaining the planters and various village areas. KCC has been fortunate to receive funding donations for the planting, the Community Larder, PADs and Christmas Lights. There has also been extensive work undertaken by the Paths Group at Place of Origin.

Last September, a local company kindly serviced the generator at the Hall. Heavy snowfall at the start of the year caused a lot of disruption and the lack of grit was really felt but, as ever with Kemnay, real community and neighbourly spirit shone through. A successful Festive Food Parcel scheme was run again by the Community Larder, who continue to provide for those in need, and the public access defibrillators (PADs) are regularly checked and maintained by a small group of volunteers. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who keep these activities and services going in the village. Fundraising is always a major concern for all these groups, so thanks to Gaenor Berkin who held a successful talk to raise funds for the PADs.

The Christmas Lights once again provided a lovely festive display in the village. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather, the planned switch-on event had to be cancelled. Many thanks go to Vicky Mackie and her team for all the work put in, and funds raised, over the past couple of years. And to Rood Signs and Richard Lamplugh for their invaluable contribution.

Over the past year, KCC has received reports from many of the groups and clubs running in the village. All of these updates are appreciated, helping to keep KCC informed of what is going on, but also maintaining a connection. Thanks to Grace Dinnes for providing updates from the Academy.

Thanks to all KCC Office Bearers who ensure that the Community Council continues to run smoothly, to Gaenor Berkin for her assistance in reviewing all planning applications, and to Cllrs Grant and Smith for their regular attendance and support.

4. Treasurers Report & Financial Statement (Appended)

The accounts have been officially checked and approved. The Garioch Partnership Fund award came in after last year's audit when it was agreed to split it three ways – for the PADs, the planters and the general fund (which covered the cost of the recent refurbishment of the community noticeboard). The main income/expenditure has once again been related to the Community Larder. It was noted that work was being done by Larder volunteers to try to reduce the current monthly deficit.

Accounts proposed by D Johnston and seconded by S Bunton.

5. Approval of Annual Budget (Appended)

Current funding (£1133) from Aberdeenshire Council does not cover the KCC budget and nothing can be cut from it.

No policy costs breakdown has been received as yet from Zurich Insurers.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the cost of operating the KCC website should be added to annual budget. This cost has been covered as a donation by David Evans, who kindly runs the website on behalf of the Community Council.

Budget approval proposed by R Lamplugh and seconded by G Stevens.

6. Community Council Membership

No changes to the Community Council membership in the course of this year. However, the Constitution does require that members attend a certain percentage of meetings - one member currently does not fulfil this requirement and will be informed of this.

7. Election of Office Bearers

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Lee Aitken	S Wainman	P Paterson
Vice Chair	Dan Johnston	R Lamplugh	J Whittall
Secretary	Fran Patrick	G Stevens	S Wainman
Treasurer	John Whittall	F Patrick	D Johnston
CC Forum Rep	Sue Wainman	L Aitken	G Stevens

All elected unanimously.

L Aitken intimated that this would be his last year as Chair as he intended to step down. The Secretary and Treasurer intimated that some succession planning would need to start for their roles as well.

8. AOCB

None

Next AGM 24th June, 2027, with the monthly meeting immediately following thereafter

KCC CHAIR REPORT FOR 2026 AGM

As we reach another AGM, we reflect on how productive the past year has been for Kemnay Community Council. Issues such as potholes, parking and buses have regularly been mentioned and for road issues in particular, we would encourage all problems to be reported via the Council's website, so that they are at least noted and it can be useful to see how long they have been outstanding. New 20mph speed limits have been implemented across the village, however just how effective these will be remains to be seen. There were also concerns raised regarding speeding at the Horner, and KCC flagged this to both Aberdeenshire Council and Police Scotland.

Sadly, it's been another year of major budget cuts by Aberdeenshire Council, not least the flood barrier at Kembhill Park. Despite strong objections from KCC, this provision was sadly removed in this year's budget. That was despite a recommendation in the recent flood study to extend the bund at Kembhill Park, showing the need is still there. It was an extremely disappointing decision. Several KCC members have met with Aberdeenshire Council since then, to discuss ways forward with regard to possible options. However, one must ask oneself that given the expectations set by the Council in recent years for the community to take on more, if this is really one step too far?

The removal of grit bins was another unfavourable cut. It was agreed it was not possible for KCC to adopt any grit bin in the village, especially with no support from Aberdeenshire Council. The cost alone proved it was not viable. But given the adverse weather at the start of the year, that alone showed how vital these are – again when there is the expectation of the community to do more.

Possible removal of streetlighting on private roads – yet another cut – is a safety risk and sadly, some roads in the village may be affected. KCC highlighted the same to the Scouts after it was flagged the road on which the scout hut is situated may fall under that bracket, and hopefully discussions are now in progress between them and the Council, regarding possible solutions.

Turning to a positive note, Aberdeenshire Council did meet with KCC members over the summer, regarding the issues at Bogbeth Park between the Football Club and Cricket Club, with a view to trying to resolve these. It was highlighted that the booking system that was then in place was not working nor adequate and it appears, things have settled down in that regard over recent months. There remain issues at the park with inconsiderate parking, contributed to by all users of the area, and it's something KCC will monitor going forward.

The 'It's Your Neighbourhood Group' – headed up by Sue Wainman – continue to do an excellent job in maintaining the planters and various village areas throughout the summer months and beyond. KCC has been lucky to receive funding and donations from various community sources for the planting, the Larder, PADs and Christmas Lights, all of which are very much appreciated. There has also been extensive work undertaken by the Paths Group at Place of Origin, clearing the existing paths and making the area accessible again. Express thanks go to the volunteers who give up their time to make this happen. The issue of ownership of the smaller of the ponds at Dalmadilly continues to be an issue that remains unresolved.

Last September, a local company kindly serviced the generator at the Hall. The start of the year saw heavy snowfall which caused disruption across the region. Lack of gritting and the aforementioned grit boxes caused real problems but as ever with Kemnay, real community and neighbourly spirit shone through. A successful festive food parcel scheme was run again by the Larder, who continue to provide for those in need. Thanks goes to those who ensure it continues to run smoothly the whole year round. A thank you must also go to the volunteers who continue to check that all defibrillator units (PADs) are in working order and to Gaenor

Berkin, who held a successful talk in February to raise much needed funds. Given the lifespan of the equipment and batteries for each unit, funding options will need to be researched over the coming year, in order for these to be replaced, as and when required.

The Christmas Lights once again provided a lovely festive display in the village. We were successful in receiving funding from the Bargain Box too, which helped us purchase new motifs to replace the ageing ones. Sadly, due to adverse weather, the planned switch on event was cancelled. A lot of work goes into organising such an event and therefore, many thanks go to Vicky Mackie and her team for all the work put in, and funds raised, over the past couple of years.

A change in the organising committee means that sadly, no switch-on event is planned for this year, unless new volunteers come forward. Thanks must also go to Richard Lamplugh who PAT tests the lights, as well as to Rood Signs for their invaluable assistance in erecting and removing the motifs. A new policy is to be implemented by Aberdeenshire Council seeking full cost recovery, which may add additional challenges to festive displays in years to come.

Over the past year, KCC has received updates from Postive Steps, Greener Kemnay, the Village Hall and the Steering Group for a Kemnay Community Trust. There have also been updates from the Youth Club and Men's Shed – two groups which seem to be flourishing within the village. All of these updates are appreciated, helping to keep KCC informed of what's going on, but also maintaining a connection. Thanks to Grace Dinnes, who provided us with useful updates from Kemnay Academy and again, it is hoped this vital link will continue to be maintained.

We have begun to increase our social media presence and thanks goes to Sue Wainman for monitoring the KCC page. A thank you also goes to Gaenor Berkin for her assistance in reviewing all planning applications, and laying the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of KCC.

To our office bearers – John Whittall (Treasurer), Fran Patrick (Secretary) and Dan Johnston (Vice-Chair) I issue a special thanks for ensuring that the Community Council continues to run smoothly. I also acknowledge the work undertaken by our local Aberdeenshire Councillors – with a special mention to both Cllr Smith and Cllr Grant, who have attended most, if not all meetings over the last session, and whose help in raising or clarifying issues for us has been most beneficial.

And to conclude, I thank all Community Councillors for their contributions over the last year. Whether it be large or small, we continue to work together for the benefit of our village and community.

Lee Aitken
Chair
Kemnay Community Council

Kemnay Community Council

Treasurers Report 2025-26

All accounts ended the year in a fairly healthy financial position. Grants/Donations were received from the following organisations;

1. Christmas Lights,

Kemnay Bargain Box	£250
Kemnay Bowling Club	£50
Fundraising	£1,745

2. Defibrillators

John Adam Trust	£100
Lecture by Gaynor Berkin	£140
Transfer from Garioch Partnership Grant	£610
Private Donation	£250

3. Community Larder

Donations General	£4,528
John Adam Trust	£200
Donations Individual	£695
St Anne's, Monymusk Thrift Shop	£900

Expenditure

Purchases	£8,903
General	£358

<u>Overspend</u>	£2,938
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4. Planters Fund

Rock Room Music	£25
John Adam Trust	£150
Transfer from Garioch Partnership Grant	£610
Donations Others (Sue Wainman)	£450

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>					
17-18	2,905.23							
18-19	2,909.10	876.81	872.74					
19-20	3,056.78	1,010.63	862.95					
20-21	3,096.54	973.21	933.45					
21-22	2,876.82	994.16	1,213.88		£270 for Trees			
22-23	2,488.37	992.43	1,380.88		£300 for Stone Cleaning			
23-24	2,488.37	1,062.02	1,905.28		£451.26 for Laptop			
24-25	2,063.26	1,154.00	1,134.61					
25-26	2,654.73	1,167.00	1,236.31		£609.79 Grant from Garioch Partnership.			
26-27 Budget		1,167.00	1,456.73					
<u>Budget Expenditure 2026-27</u>								
Normal Expenditure								
Secretary Wages	600.00							
Hall Rental	315.00							
Teams Subscription	105.00							
Data Protection Fee	47.00							
Insurance	105.00							
Bank Charges	15.00							
Total Normal Expenditure	1,187.00							
Special Expenditure								
Notice Board Repairs	269.73							
Total Expenditure	1,456.73							

Kemnay Community Council 01.04.25 to 31.03.2026

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		General	Christmas Lights	Commun Resilience	PADS	Community Larder	Planters Fund	Total
Expenditure								
01.04.25	Fran Patrick Secretary March	50.00						50.00
07.04.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
12.04.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					675.22		675.22
23.04.25	Fran Patrick Computer Software	104.99						104.99
24.04.25	Kemnay Newsletter					11.00		11.00
29.04.25	Bank Charges	3.25				3.25		6.50
01.05.25	Fran Patrick Secretary April	50.00						50.00
07.05.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
12.05.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					973.34		973.34
19.05.25	FareShare					175.00		175.00
27.05.25	Kemnay Newsletter					11.00		11.00
02.06.25	Fran Patrick Secretary May	50.00						50.00
09.06.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
24.06.25	Kemnay Newsletter					11.00		11.00
25.06.25	Kemnay Bowling Club		100.00					100.00
26.06.25	S Wainman						97.12	97.12
01.07.25	Fran Patrick Secretary June	50.00						50.00
05.07.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					352.28		352.28
07.07.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
09.07.25	Festive Lighting		976.50					976.50
01.08.25	Fran Patrick Secretary July	50.00				11.00		61.00
07.08.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
10.08.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					897.26		897.26
26.08.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
28.08.25	Festive Lighting		976.50					976.50
01.09.25	Fran Patrick Secretary August	50.00						50.00

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		Christmas	Commun	Community		Planters		
		General	Lights	Resilience	PADS	Larder	Fund	Total
08.09.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
10.09.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					746.50		746.50
24.09.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
25.09.25	Bank Charges	3.25				3.25		6.50
01.10.25	Fran Patrick Secretary September	50.00						50.00
07.10.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
16.10.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					868.65		868.65
24.10.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
02.11.25	Festive Lighting		102.24					102.24
	Festive Lights Ltd		247.03					247.03
03.11.25	Fran Patrick Secretary October	50.00						50.00
07.11.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
10.11.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					858.93		858.93
13.11.25	Fran Patrick Christmas Parcels	50.00						50.00
19.11.25	Lee Aitken		39.60					39.60
22.11.25	Kemnay Village Hall Cancellation			58.32				58.32
24.11.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
01.12.25	Fran Patrick Secretary November	50.00						50.00
04.12.25	Fran Patrick Community Larder					878.25		878.25
05.12.25	S & M Clark		600.00					600.00
08.12.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
24.12.25	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
30.12.25	Bank Charges	3.70				3.70		7.40
02.01.26	Fran Patrick Secetary December	50.00						50.00
07.01.26	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
	I.C.O.	47.00						47.00
19.01.26	Fran Patrick Community Larder					783.05		783.05
20.01.26	Fran Patrick Christmas Parcels					520.73		520.73

		<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>	
26.01.26	Kemnay News Advertisement.					11.00		11.00
29.01.26	Bank Charges	3.40				3.40		6.80
02.02.26	Fran Patrick Secetary January	50.00						50.00
09.02.26	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
11.02.26	Fran Patrick Community Larder					728.76		728.76
24.02.26	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
26.02.26	Bank Charges	3.40				3.40		6.80
02.03.26	Fran Patrick Secetary February	50.00						50.00
09.03.26	Kemnay Village Hall Rent	26.25				20.00		46.25
11.03.26	Fran Patrick Community Larder					965.88		965.88
24.03.26	Zurich Insurance	102.32	55.35	161.56		70.55		389.78
	Kemnay Village Hall Rent					11.00		11.00
Totals		1,236.31	3,097.22	219.88	0.00	9,883.40	97.12	14,533.93

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		<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Commun Resilience</u>	<u>PADS</u>	<u>Community Larder</u>	<u>Planters Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income								
01.04.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.04.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
07.04.25	Community Larder Donations					523.19		523.19
08.04.25	Rock Room Music						25.00	25.00
30.04.25	Donation John Adam Trust				100.00	200.00	150.00	450.00
01.05.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
06.05.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
28.05.25	Garioch Partnership	(1,219.58)			609.79		609.79	0.00
02.06.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.06.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
01.07.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.07.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
29.07.25	Aberdeenshire Council Grant	1,167.00						1,167.00
01.08.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.08.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
11.08.25	Community Larder Donations					482.05		482.05
26.08.25	Christmas Lights Fundraising		1,745.50					1,745.50
01.09.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.09.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
08.09.25	Community Larder Donations					405.02		405.02
16.09.25	Sue Wainman						450.00	450.00
20.09.25	Community Larder Donation St Anne				300.00			300.00
01.10.25	Kemnay Social & Bowling Club		50.00					50.00
01.10.25	Kemnay Bargain Box		250.00					250.00
	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
06.10.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00

		LaHK						
		General	Christmas Lights	Commun Resilience	PADS	Community Larder	Planters Fund	Total
17.10.25	Community Larder Donations	50.00				487.47		487.47
03.11.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.11.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
09.11.25	Community Larder Donations					531.87		531.87
12.11.25	Cheque Christmas Parcels							50.00
01.12.25	P Wheatly					25.00		25.00
04.12.25	Douglas Imrie					25.00		25.00
	Paul Openshaw					30.00		30.00
08.12.25	Community Larder Donations					584.52		584.52
17.12.25	Monymusk Thrift Shop Xmas Parcels					600.00		600.00
02.01.26	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00	
05.01.26	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00	
	Paul Openshaw				30.00		30.00	
08.01.26	Big Beastly Competitions				100.00		100.00	
15.01.26	Community Larder Donations				496.62		496.62	
02.02.26	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00	
04.02.26	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00	
	Paul Openshaw				30.00		30.00	
09.02.26	Community Larder Donations				385.16		385.16	
18.02.26	Kemnay Farm Shop		200.00				200.00	
02.03.26	Whittall Gaynor Lecture				140.00		140.00	
	P Wheatly				25.00		25.00	
04.03.26	Douglas Imrie				25.00		25.00	
	Paul Openshaw				30.00		30.00	
11.03.26	Kemnay Farm Shop		400.00				400.00	
	Community Larder Donations				632.10		632.10	
16.03.26	Peter Whitehead				250.00		250.00	
27.03.26	Monymusk Thrift Shop					500.00	500.00	

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Christmas Lights</u>	<u>Commun Resilience</u>	<u>PADS</u>	<u>Community Larder</u>	<u>Planters Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance Sheet							
Income	(2.58)	2,645.50	0.00	1,099.79	6,948.00	1,234.79	11,925.50
less expenditure	1,236.31	3,097.22	219.88	0.00	9,883.40	97.12	14,533.93
Current Year	(1,238.89)	(451.72)	(219.88)	1,099.79	(2,935.40)	1,137.67	(2,608.43)
Balance Carried Forward	3,893.62	2,186.44	3,230.89	734.73	8,238.05	438.57	18,722.30
Total	2,654.73	1,734.73	3,011.00	1,834.52	5,302.65	1,576.24	16,113.87

I certify that the above accounts have been prepared by me and accurately reflect the financial transactions relating to the period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026



John Whittall

Treasurer

02.06.26

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



Janet Newberry

Hon. Auditor

02.06.26
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MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 25th June 2026 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available

Present: Lee Aitken (Chair); Dan Johnston (Vice Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Gabby Stevens; Sue Wainman; Richard Lamplugh; Suzanne Bunton; Gaenor Berkin; Pauline Paterson; Mary Brown; Brian Cowie; Grace Dinnes; Cllr Grant; Cllr Smith

Apologies: Margaret Basley

Not present: Claire Stewart; Cllr Payne

Attending: Chris Menzies, Aberdeenshire Council; PC Falconer (for PC Barber); 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 28th May 2026 – The Minutes were previously circulated. Proposed as accurate by S Wainman, seconded by D Johnston.

4 POLICE MATTERS – PC Falconer was able to join the meeting half way through. He described the extent of the area they cover – from Kemnay and Kintore to Newmachar and Westhill. It is a large area. KCC asked whether it might be possible to get reports with a more local detail, PC Falconer to see if this is possible. The main issues they are dealing with currently include youth anti-social behaviour, especially around use of e-bikes and scooters. Trying to educate parents about this. The introduction of the 20mph speed limit has also required monitoring. It was pointed out to PC Falconer that parking is a particular issue in Kemnay, especially outside the Co-op and at the top of the High Street, which he took on board. PC Falconer did say that the police have been asked to increase patrols around Bogbeth Park due to recent reported vandalism. No increase in reported drug use. PC Falconer is keen that people do report incidents – this can be done absolutely anonymously via CrimeStoppers, for example. The police can only act on the intelligence they get. PC Falconer will let KCC know if any summer youth activities are planned this year.

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

6. SPEAKER - *Chris Menzies, Aberdeenshire Council, leads the team for Active & Sustainable Travel and Strategy Development.* This is a team of five people who cover a substantial amount of work; very keen on community engagement and monitoring, important for getting ScotGov funding. The Regional Active Travel Network (along with NESTRANS) is looking at how to link all communities in the next 10-20 years. They use RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architecture) principles ie the need to capture everything needed to make a project robust/watertight. This then leads to a business case being drawn up and put through a model to estimate how many would use a route over 25 years. Stressed the health value and economic value of active travel and that public engagement is vital. This has been done with Kemnay, with five route options being whittled down to one that was most popular with people. It is aspired to create a Kemnay-Kintore-Inverurie route. The Kintore-Inverurie route is already in place, not pretty but practical; the Kemnay-Kintore route is viable because of the train station at Kintore.

Chris then presented the Kemnay-Kintore route as it is currently proposed and pointed out the main issues: large number of landowners to be dealt with; issues at road crossings; steep gradient in one section; remoteness. It would be a 'country style' path, not tarmac as this would be too expensive. The route does use existing paths where possible, and these sections could be opened up, but crossing points do need to be tackled. (Chris has been pushing for the 40mph speed limit to be pushed back beyond the Horner junction, something KCC has also requested several times.) It is a long process, but looking at what can be done relatively quickly, if requirements for funding are met. Funding for ongoing maintenance is less likely to be available – this would probably need to be taken on by the community. It was pointed out to Chris that the fairly small pool of community volunteers is already very stretched. **(Action:** C Menzies to find out if funding might be available for equipment, Aberdeenshire Council would provide training.) Chris is now going to consider what is feasible and will look again at a possible route on quarry land.

Chris is very committed to getting certain interim measures in place, eg the 40mph speed limit, and is happy to come back to a future meeting of KCC to give further updates. **(Action: C Menzies will send KCC a copy of his presentation.)**

7. KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder*: Two applications are in for small grant funds, still looking at others. Tesco in the Community has been approached for help with most needed Larder items, which they have agreed to.

b) *PADs*: Fundraising campaign is underway – posters with QR code linking to fundraising page on village website are now up around the village and on Facebook. Application in to Co-op Community Fund scheme, will hear back in October. WhatsApp group set up for PADs monthly checkers with aim to have clearer record of the condition of the units.

c) *Flooding*: S Wainman has circulated emails re meetings held about the flood barrier at Kembhill Park. It seems Kembhill Park Flood Group's charity status is lapsing; no representative was present at latest meeting. Council officers are exploring avenues for local business involvement and at ways of supporting communities other than with funds – eg with information and data. It was acknowledged that community volunteers cannot deploy the barrier, but will be expected to fundraise for it. There was a realisation at the recent meeting that additional equipment is needed. And there was a slight concession in the shared use of the storage container at Birley Bush. **(Action: R Lamplugh to take a photo of the interior of the container and send to S Wainman.)** The next meeting will be held at the end of July.

8. MATTERS ARISING – From previous meeting

a) ***Maintenance of Green Spaces – Dalmadilly***: Victoria Graves, Environmental Planner, Aberdeenshire Council has contacted Breedons and the hogweed has been sprayed, as has the hogweed on the island and at the river edge. Warning notices about algal bloom have been put up by Breedons at both ponds. Ian Mitchell, Landscape Services, has been asked about water quality at the ponds. A resident contacted a KCC member about the lack of grass cutting at the Green preventing youngsters wanting to play football on the pitch. I Mitchell was contacted and some grass cutting has now taken place, it is hoped the whole Green and pitch will also be done. **(Action: S Wainman to pursue this.)**

b) ***Road, Parking and Transport Issues*** – Local Councillors raised the issue of the street lighting at recent ward meeting and the Garioch Area Manager is to find out more information. Parts of Bogbeth and Wellpark have now been adopted by Aberdeenshire Council. **(Action: Cllr Grant to send map to Secretary.)** Roads & Infrastructure have been reminded about the repairs needed on the sunken gulleys on Victoria Terrace.

c) ***Community Noticeboard/Kemnay Stone*** – All done, relevant invoices submitted and paid.

d) ***Victoria Terrace/Fyfe Park entrance to Village*** - Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted about the leaning 20mph sign and the sunken gulleys on Victoria Terrace.

e) ***Pharmacy Bench*** - Current family members do not wish to replace the bench. It may be possible to repair it but it will need to be taken to a workshop for a closer look. No further update from Aberdeenshire Council about a possible replacement.

f) ***(additional item) Birley Bush Pollution*** – Pollution caused by salt run off from the depot has killed trees further down the hill. Has been reported to SEPA. **(Action: R Lamplugh to inform Aberdeenshire Council.)**

NEW BUSINESS

None

9. TREASURER REPORT

See minutes of AGM.

10. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

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

Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse, Garage and Domestic Workshop (Change to Previously Approved Application APP/2022/1183 Dalriach Cottage, Kemnay Ref No APP/2026/0978.

11. 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** – Updates on previous work.

d) **Garioch Area Local Learning Partnership (GALLP)/Garioch Health Improvement Network** – Friday coffee & chat sessions at the Inverurie Campus are going well. GAC raised concerns re pupil non engagement/positive destinations, especially at Inverurie.

e) **KA/KP/AP** – KA – Awards Ceremony has been held at Thainstone; P7 in for transition. KP – No meeting but bulletin has been circulated to all KCC members. AP - Duck Race has taken place, successful despite the mixed weather and the need to do a virtual rather than actual race due to health & safety concerns.

REPORTS – Local Groups

a) **Positive Steps and Strength & Balance** – AGM is on Friday.

b) **Greener Kemnay** – *Community Garden*: Fence has been repainted; still looking to get an artist to repaint the cabin. The garden is looking beautiful, everyone urged to visit. *Paths*: Confirmation of funding from Breedons for the Place of Origin event in September.

c) **Kemnay Village Hall** – AGM next Tuesday. Money received from Garioch Charities fund which will go towards the purchase of a new dishwasher.

d) **Community Credit Group (Community Trust)** – Constitution is finally complete, the necessary number of members have come forward in order to progress.

e) **It's Your Neighbourhood** – The village has been assessed and the report, which is very good/positive, has been circulated. Volunteers feel it is an accurate assessment and reflects the work done and the co-operative efforts of the Men's Shed and the litter picker group, etc. Plants are still being donated by people, so the flower beds are filling up.

f) **Youth Club** – The AGM has been held. Now averaging 30-40 children, ages 11-15. Funds are healthy at the moment. Took part in a day at Inverurie Academy Campus last Saturday with Youth Scotland.

g) **Men's Shed** – It is thriving, but still looking for new premises. Have reasonable funds at present but may well need these for premises. Lots of requests coming in to do gardening, but this is something it's not possible for them to do.

12. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -

Cllr Grant: Busy few weeks before recess. Been involved in several Headteacher appointments; visited the new Council premises on Harlaw Road; attended full council meeting; last meetings held of the Audit Committee and IJB. He has enquired about getting Kemnay's war memorial railings repaired, but as not structurally dangerous, they do not meet the Council's criteria for repair. There has been some movement re the use of the school estate. At the ward meeting, he raised the state of disrepair of the walls at Wood Gardens. Garioch Area Manager to pursue this. Also raised the missing disabled access swing at Bogbeth Park. **(Action: Cllr Grant to pass on information to Secretary.)**

Cllr Smith: Garioch Area Committee this week. Otherwise work schedule much as that of Cllr Grant.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Temporary Road Closure Extension – Paradise Road
- Kembhill Park – Watergate Meeting
- Garioch Community Council Forum
- Information from Forum
- Media Release: Surfacing Improvements on A96 at Broomhill Roundabout, beginning 7th June
- Volunteers Week & Community resilience Training and Engagement
- Responses to Forum Queries
- New Grant Funding for Community Resilience
- Community Council Grant 2026-27
- Community Council Review of Local Core Paths
- 2026 SURF Awards Open for Application
- Aberdeenshire Council's Housing Tenant Participation Budget 26/27
- Garioch Area Committee Meeting Agenda
- Trading Standards Scams Bulletin no. 136
- Tenant Participation Budget Consultation - Please share
- Training Session, Water Safety, Cyber Crime
- Aberdeenshire Summer Season Release 15.2.26
- Garioch Food Map
- Garioch Community Council Forum
- A96, A947 & B999 Hybrid Bus Forum – Minutes
- Media Release: Overnight Surfacing Improvements on A96 at Inverurie from 25th June
- A93 & A944 Hybrid Bus Forum, Banchory – Minutes
- Birley Bush Sandbag Container
- Aberdeenshire Council Armed Forces Release 22.6.26
- Victoria Terrace, Kemnay
- Dalmadilly Ponds, Kemnay (Victoria Graves)
- Kembhill Park – Flood Barrier Meeting
- Dalmadilly Ponds (Ian Mitchell)
- It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment 2026
- Grass Cutting where there is a Play Area or Informal Pitch

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

- Polecat Project
- AVA Aberdeenshire Social enterprise Network Update
- Shaping the Future of Scotland's Forests: A Survey for Your Community
- The Launch of the Kemnay Community Trust
- Trees in Village Green (email from resident)
- GRAM Involve: Community Conversation – 1 July 2026
- Spikes on low fences (email from resident)
- Are you ready for Martyn's Law?
- Update on Kemnay Community Trust
- NHS Grampian Community Conversations
- NHS Grampian Emergency Care – share your views
- Kemnay Primary School Bulletin
- KCT Constitution
- New Tesco Grant for Children

14. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK –

R Lamplugh: Bogbeth Park wall damaged as a result of snow clearing? When is it to be repaired? (**Action:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council.) *G Stevens:* Any update on the disabled access swings at Bogbeth Park? (**Action:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council.) *G Berkin:* The planters and flower beds at the roundels are looking lovely. Proposed a vote of thanks to the volunteers responsible. *L Aitken:* Reminded KCC members of the usual procedures for dealing with KCC business during the summer recess, then wished everyone a good summer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 24th September 2026

7.30pm, at Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available