Approved

Positive Steps Kemnay

Committee (Zoom) Meeting Minutes 03.09.2021

Attending: Rob Mackay (Chair), Hilda Hart, Mel Brown, Hamish Simpson, Ian Booth

Apologies: Anne Reid, Muriel Brydon, Madge Beattie

1. Welcome by Rob Mackay for this outdoor meeting

2. Minutes of 16th July 2021 Meeting

   Approved as accurate

   Matters Arising

   a) Further to the previous suggestion of the potential to make donations to PSK, it was decided to let this suggestion continue to run meantime and keep it in mind. It was noted that Greener Kemnay have a facility to accept donations. It could be considered that we could have form on the website for such a facility if it is decided in future. There is nothing in our constitution that precludes accepting donations. All funding to date has been through funding applications, and there has been no need to charge members.
   b) The Phoenix Fund had provided planter planters to replace the wooden ones (these had eventually arrived), and a hugely successful Fairy Trail had been in operation during the summer months. Chatty benches and chatty plaques are in progress. Fran Patrick had given an update to the Community Council. Rob suggested another Phoenix Fund committee meeting would not go amiss and will send Fran an email to suggest this. Sign boards are also to be progressed as well as progressing the information on the chatty benches.

3. Finances / Budget

   Hilda intimated that the Bank balance on was £2,696.25, including the last £80.85 of the £500 Early Years Scotland Grant Fun Day in the park which had been a huge success.

Hilda was ready to submit accounts to OSCR and asked that Ian update the website with the correct list of Trustees following the AGM, and a link to the annual accounts. Our generic email address of info@positivestepskemnay.uk has been used on the OSCR forms.

The bank signatories are now completed although Ian stated that he had never had a reply from the Bank to the online application made some months ago!

4. Walking Groups Updates

Through the fund mentioned above, Rob reported that the Fun Day held in the park on 28th August, organised by the Buggy Group, was a great success. Rob also reported that some concerns were raised by the Kemnay Youth Group about booking of the football pitch! The Buggy Group has a core of 7-8 walkers, one member is organising a night out, and there is a What's App group or around 40 members. There is potential of a pre-Christmas event.

The Strength and Balance group commenced outdoors on 18th August and on 1st September, with 19 and 16 attendees resp. Others will return once we can get back into the hall – applied for from 6th October. Good fun was had by all.

Kemnay Kestrels have been meeting every Wednesday, with walk recce's being carried out in line with Grampian over 50's guidelines.

Friday walks have now reverted back to starting from the Village Hall, with one gentle and one longer walk being planned each week.

5. Volunteers

A volunteers meeting took place last week, where it was highlighted that more Health Walk Leaders are required. There are 8 active Leaders at present, which should ideally be increased to 10, to give adequate cover on a 5-week month. Rob reported that Liz Mackay has volunteered to train to be a Leader which is very welcome. Hilda will post an add on Facebook for additional Leaders. We are also looking for additional S&B leaders.

There was some discussion in regard to Live Life Aberdeenshire (LLA) and cancer walks. McMillan had moved their focus away from activity-based focus to more habitation base. The

previously trained volunteers (who had all been through the PVG process) through Move More Aberdeenshire were now being dropped by Aberdeenshire Council. Apparently, there is not time to do this anymore, and focus will be on signposting as opposed to referrals.

In the meantime, there is a Friendship Cancer walk every Thursday since CLAN no longer officially do walks any more.

Publicity by LLA through their website focusses on sports centres Council facilities as opposed to independent walking groups (like PSK).

6. Publicity / Promotion

The website now has our generic email address of info@positivestepskemnay.uk which is administered by Rob, Hilda and Ian.

7. Kemnay Paths Group

Rob spoke about Greener Kemnay and PSK being responsible for maintenance of the Community Path towards Dalmadilly Ponds, and that a proposal to spray the path edges had been accepted to reduce vegetation growth. This will be carried out twice per year for £50+VAT, during which the path would be closed for 2 days. This was approved by the Committee

There were some concerns raised about the new walking maps, including the marked core paths and other features. A draft email and feedback will be sent to Aberdeenshire Council. The treasure trail map has been very positive, but while the long-distance map has also been worked on, nothing has yet been received back from Council.

There have been connectivity proposals by Council for walking / cycling routes from Kemnay to Kintore and Inverurie. This will be discussed through the Paths Group, and Hamish and Ian have volunteered to help check out routes.

8. Privacy Notice for Photos / Videos and Verbal Quotes

This should be chased up again, along with membership database.

9. Any Other Business

The new Ready 2 Go bus service was discussed and basically this service can be booked online or by phone to go from one's nearest bus stope to destinations across our immediate region. Ready 2 Go have contract for a minimum of 2 years, and this appears to be a system worth considering for a health walk outing, as the majority of members have bus passes which can be used on these buses.

Hamish stated that consultation on the coastal walking path from Spey Bay to Peterhead was now complete and that newly appointed Project Officer, Alison Simpson, has accompanied Hamish and his men's walking group the other day on a walk from Cruden Bay to Peterhead.

10. Date of next meeting:

5th November at 1200 hours.