Approved

Positive Steps Kemnay

Committee Meeting Minutes 5th November 2021, Held in Village Hall, Friendship Room

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

Apologies: Anne Reid, Muriel Brydon, Madge Beattie, Mel Brown

1. Welcome by Rob Mackay for this first indoor meeting in the Friendship room

2. Minutes of 3rd September 2021 Meeting

   Subject to minor typo, the minutes were approved as accurate

   Matters Arising

   No matters arising that were not on the agenda

3. Finances / Budget

   Hilda intimated that OSCR submission had been accepted and all now complete. That is good news and Rob thanked Hilda for the excellent work. The bank balance on was £2,666.25, with one outstanding payment to Ian of £6.99 for the website monthly subscription.
   It may be possible to move to a Community Bank Account which is being trialled by Nat West (RBS in this group). This would allow online banking which would make things simpler to operate and almost reduce the need for any cheques.

   An outstanding action was on Rob to progress say twelve hard copies of the Annual Report for distribution to local bodies (e.g., Doctor's surgery).

4. Walking Groups Updates

Rob thanked Hamish for organising Walk Leaders programme through the 5-week October month.
Gentle walks are averaging 8 members per walk, while the longer Friday walks average 12 members. Some discussion was held on the splitting up of the gentle walks into a "gentle gentle" walk, as more members are falling into this category. This will be held over until the next walk Leaders meeting for discussion. Also, for this meeting would be a discussion about wearing of yellow vests. A date early in January was proposed.

The Strength & Balance (S&B) held its second indoor meeting this week, which was very successful. Exercises concentrated on arms and upper body / core movements. Peggy (ex-CLAN) will join us next time.
Rob reported that one more new person has joined the Buggy Group and there are now 4 Walk Leaders, which is great news.

Kemnay Kestrels are continuing with weekly walks. Midge is now stepping down as Co-ordinator, with Joe taking over and assisted by Ian.

5.Volunteers

As above, a Volunteers meeting will be organised early January 2022. Liz and Lindsay are both finding their way through the routes.

6. Publicity / Promotion

The website generic email address of info@positivestepskemnay.uk is being disseminated to other public bodies as the main point of contact for PSK.

Ian will join the SLACK chat group. Hilda will progress this (since done).

Some database queries have been cleared up. Ian will try to find out the number of hits that the website receives.

7. Kemnay Paths Group

Rob reported that the spraying maintenance of the path has not yet been done and will progress this again for springtime. In the meantime, Hamish and Ian have agreed to clear the cross drains (since done – took approx. 1.5 hours)

Rob outlined the joint meeting that followed the Greener Kemnay AGM, to discuss the Active Travel proposed routes from Kemnay to Kintore and Kemnay to Inverurie. This was a useful meeting and helped to firm up a response back to Aberdeenshire Council. Rob met with Jenny this morning to finalise the response from the Path Group.

There previous concerns raised about the new walking maps, were emailed to Aberdeenshire Council, but no response to date.

This is to be followed up again, along with the Active Travel Surrounding area map.

Rob spoke about Smarter Choices Smarter Travel (SCMT) which as an organisation is trying to encourage more applications from smaller groups, to encourage behavioural change. Funding ranges from £5k to £50k but must be matched funding.

8. Privacy Notice for Photos / Videos and Verbal Quotes

This should be kept active, and Rob submitted some completed forms from the Buggy Group.

9. Any Other Business

Christmas Meal (3rd December). There have been 40 sign ups for the meal at Kemnay Golf Club. Hilda raised some concerns about the risk of such a large indoor gathering of people considering the age profile of members and the Covid risk, which would fall under the banner of PSK, and should perhaps have been discussed at Committee level. Rob highlighted that a small planning group had been formed consisting of Ann Auld, Rita Donald, and Joyce Kelman, with Rob joining them in a supporting role. Rob intimated that the event had been discussed at length with the Golf Club and that there would be adequate ventilation and spacing of tables to comply with current restrictions. Also, that this is seen as a much needed social gathering and will help support a local business, and had effectively been discussed outwith a formal committee meeting. Rob will e-mail all attendees that it is their choice to attend and re-iterate the guidelines and personal safety.

We should poll S&B members that are attending the meal to gauge a need for those that would require transport to and from the golf club.

It was agreed that we should have a Christmas break from walking of 24th and 31st December with Friday walks resuming on 7th January 2022.

10. Date of next meeting:

Friday 4th February 2022 at 1100 hours.