POSITIVE STEPS KEMNAY - approved

Minutes of meeting

held on

18th July 2025

Sederunt :- Mel Brown, Karen E Simpson, Dorothy Mitchell, Hilda Hart, Ian Booth, Marie Moynagh, John Halkett, Sandra Collett, Rob MacKay

1) **Welcome :-** Chairperson Marie welcomed all.

2) **Apologies :-**
   Karen Simpson, Hamish Simpson

3) **Matters arising** from minutes of previous meeting held on 9th May 2025 - None

4) **Approval of minutes** :- proposed by Mel, seconded by Dorothy.

5) **Office bearers for 2025/2026** :- the allocation of duties had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Minute secretary – John Halkett
Social – Sandra and Dorothy.
Hilda to look after the various policy documents etc. and ensure they are up to date.
Ian has now officially taken over as treasurer.
Currently Ian and Rob hold the members' details between them. They are to get together to sort out so all details will be in one place looked after by Rob.
There was a discussion on the personal information carried by walkers, e.g. emergency contact, medication etc. which is required by most walking groups. Currently there are small health cards available which can be carried in a wallet/purse. However we have to be aware of Data Protection Regulations and personal privacy. It is up to the individual whether they want to carry this information or not.

6) **Treasurer's report and OSCR update**

Ian and Hilda have now completed the treasurer hand over and on-line banking is in operation though has not been tried out yet. There are a couple of invoices due so they will see how it works.
Current bank balance is £6376.79

The OSCR report was sent in before the end of June when the new changes were required. However OSCR has come back asking for the updated details now and Ian is sorting.

7) Walking groups – report

Rob reported that there are currently approximately 40 walkers every Friday. There are 13 walk leaders and 6 associate walk leaders. (The report of the walk leaders meeting will be circulated to this committee.)

Buggy walks – Claire is giving up leading the buggy walks this year as her son is starting school but will still help with the social media. Rob is looking outside the group for a leader and possibly some of our walk leaders might be interested.

Aberdeenshire are currently looking for a health walks co-ordinator.

Rob said that the 2023 volunteer's policy had been updated with minor changes re. the number of walks. This needs to be reviewed every three years.

There can be sometimes problems getting enough walk leaders on a Friday. Currently there are no walks on the two weeks over Christmas when leaders have a break. Do we need to have a break mid- year? This needs to be discussed further.

There was a discussion on how we can encourage people to become more active, especially those who are less able.

8) Kemfest update

Rob is still waiting for feedback from some of the participants but overall the week was successful with more people attending the various events. The movie group and ukelele players had raised money for mental charities and also the Loaves and fishes.

9) Village hall update

Hilda reported that at the AGM a board of trustees had been appointed which means that the running of the hall is now on a more official footing. Minutes were now available to the members and there would be a financial report presented at the next meeting.

10) Reminiscence group - No report.

11) **Publicity/promotion –** this had been discussed earlier.

12) Kemnay paths Group development – the work parties at Dalmadilly ponds had made a difference but will need more work. Rob had met with Greener Kemnay to see what be can done to attract more volunteers to help. The next date for a work party is 23rd August at the place of Origin.

13) Christmas lunch arrangements

Sandra suggested that Lochter might be looked at as an alternative for our Christmas lunch but it was felt that this had some logistic problems. It was

decided to approach Kemnay Golf club to see what they could offer. 12th December was suggested as a date.

14) Any other business

Rob reported on the feasibility of forming a Kemnay Community trust as a constituted body with Charitable status. £16,000 had been transferred from the previous community credit. A steering group has been formed and is working on advice from Development Trust association Scotland with the aim of working to a more connected community.

15) Date of next meeting – Friday 12th September.