# KEMBHILL PARK FLOOD GROUP

### **Inaugural Meeting 14/09/16**

## Agenda:

Welcome/Introduction Jim Buchan
Adoption of constitution All
Election of office bearers All
Membership fees All

5. AOCB All

6. Watergate flood barrier proposal Gavin Penman, Aberdeenshire Council

7. Date of next KPFG meeting

Jims Introduction

Thanks you for your interest and coming tonight

Some people have been in touch to let us know they are interested but cannot come this evening but have passed on completed membership forms.

#### Why - have a KPFG?

Small group of interested residents have already been meeting regularly and have initiated a number of activities.

The Petition

Letters to council

History research

Correspondence to our MSP

**News Paper articles** 

Letters to Scottish Water

Setup the Email list to keep residents informed

Other parts of Kemnay have a resident's association – the flood has raised the need to have a unified voice to link with other organisations such as the community council.

The flood had focused a need to coordinate efforts to get our flood defences fixed

By having a formally constituted organisation we can access other services

Apply for grants

Achieve Charity Status (Not for Profit)

Gain access to better communications facilities such as O365

Be seen as a voice for the community with a mandate from it

Most important keep the community informed and listen to residents concerns

Not all houses were flooded – but we are all at risk so anything we can do to reduce the risk of a further incident is worth while.

### To be better prepared if there is a next time!

Have a group of people who can put together procedures to better prepare for a future flood event – Flood Wardens, Deployment of temporary defences, coordinating helper.

# To keep pressing to get a permanent solution

Its easy to see what is needed and the councils current initiative to provide a temporary solution is a positive step towards getting the solution we all need.

It is obvious we need to be recognised as a PVA so that we can have access to the resources needed to fix the current inadequate situation.