



Minute of KPFGB Annual General Meeting 20th September 2018

Present:

Ken Ledingham, Jim Buchan, John MacNicol, Jude Galas, Lee Watson, Paul Laidlaw, Brian McRitchie, Mike Middler, Lee Aitken, Lillian MacNicol, Alistair Gill, Hazel Smith, Irene Ferguson, A Sievwright, D Cheyne, M Cheyne, Mr & Mrs Meldrum, Neringo Dupuouite, Steve Mac Farlan,

Apologies:

Jane Hanna, Chris & A Burness, Tamara Forgee Watt, Helen Donkin, Lee Aitken, Shawn ??, John Watson, Irene Cameron, Evelyn Watt.

1. Apologies and welcome – Ken Ledingham – Chairman

Ken set the scene for the evening, welcomed those present and introduced the speakers, Lee Watson from Aberdeenshire Council, Paul Laidlaw from the Scottish Flood Forum and Steve McFarlane from SEPA.

Also gave apologies as listed above.

2. Approval of minute of AGM meeting of KPFGB 21th September 2017.

Copies of the Draft Minute for the 2017 AGM were available for attendees to view and have been published on the WebSite and details of which were circulated by email prior to the meeting.

Approval of the 2017 AGM Minute
Proposed - Alistair Gill,
Seconded - Jude Galas
Accepted unanimously by all present.

3. Chairman's report (Ken Ledingham)

Ken Legindham presented his report for the last 12 months providing an overview of the work that Committee members have taken forward on behalf of the group. Fuller details are include in Appendix 1 of this minute.

Ken mentioned the following topics:



- A Community Resilience Plan has been created which integrate with the Kemnay Resilience plan. Kemnay has been divided into a number of zones for Resilience planning purposes and the KPFGB plan covers the zone for Kembhill Park and surrounding area. Ken expressed gratitude to Alistair Gill for his work in producing the document. A more details presentation of the plan is presented by Alistair later in this agenda. The current version of the KPFGB CPR is available on the KPFGB website.
- Various letters and meetings have been held with local MSP Alistair Burnett, MP Alexander Bowie who were both very helpful in addition we have had various commuications with our local Councillors, Concelor Smith has been very helpful as have Sebastian Lesley and Vicky Harper.
- New European legislation in the form of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has been introduced. In order for KPFGB to be fully compliant with this the GDPR the committee has approved a set of Policies and Procedures. Current versions of these are available for viewing and download on the KPFGB website. Ken expressed thanks to Jim Buchan for helping to produce these documents.
- A key focus of the groups work is to achieve Potential Vulnerable Area (PVA) status for Kembhill Park/Kemnay in general. Work in this content has been taken forward on a number of fronts including lobbying our MSP and MP to see why areas flooded should not be automatically declared a PVA. The mechanism for getting this formalised is the forthcoming review of PVAs which is being conducted by SEPA which will result in a report to the Ministers which should result in PVA status being confirmed. Steve McLaren from SEPA will present a more detailed overview of this process later in this meeting.
- In response to discussions with member of the KPFGB committee, our local MSP made an attempt through a parliamentary question to ask for the legislation to be changed to allow any flooded community to automatically designated as a PVA. This initiative was rejected as the government felt that the legislation is fit for purpose and does not need further modification.
- There have been various meetings about the Watergate barrier and its proposed location – various concern about the council proposed location/rout for the device were discussed and the council has modified it plans to take account of concerns raised.
- The committee has been tracking the councils progress to appointment a contractor to transport and deploy the barrier. Lee Watson will provide an update on the procurement process later in the meeting.
- Funding applications have been made for additional funding to the SSE Network £20k to purchase additional sections of the Watergate barrier was recently turned down. A further application for £20k has been sent to the Post Code Lottery, we await a reply on this. The actual cost for the additional sections is £23k so there may be a difference to makeup. An application to the A96 Dulling fund for £500 for admin expenses has also been made.
- In leu of the grant we received from the Garioch Partnership the committee has purchased various items of emergency equipment including high visibility vests, hand held radios, smaller flood barriers etc. These were available to view at the meeting.
- The Garioch Partnership donated a pump which will be available for pumping flood water in any future flood event. Additional hoses and couplings have



been purchased. We are looking for volunteers to help operate the pump in a future event. In addition, as part of the Watergate deployment contract, the council also has some plans to provide high capacity pumps as part of the contract they are currently seeking to procure.

- There have been a few new members signing up to KPFGB during the last 12 months. It would be desirable to increase the membership further so that KPFGB can claim to represent a larger proportion of the Kembhill and surrounding area residents.
- Ken expressed his thanks to the committee members for their support and efforts on a monthly basis.

One member present asked for confirmation that the output from the pump would be directed back into the river – Ken confirmed that this was the intention.

4. Treasurer's report (John MacNicol)

John presented his report highlighting the following points

We started the 12 month period with £1045 in the bank which included the grant we received from the Garioch Partnership (£750). We have been working to spend this money on items of equipment etc. We also incurred some costs for hire of the room at the academy. Alistair Gill who purchased some of the equipment on display as still to cash the chequer

- Income from new members during the 12 month period was £25
- No donations and no new grants.
- Hire of meeting room was £15.46
- Purchase of the TGP items £473 plus outstanding amount of £190.61
- Total expenditure £679.16
- Carried forward the sum of £390.84
- Diesel Pump depreciation has been set at 10% per year.
- Printed copies of the account are available at the meeting and will be published on the web site in due course.
- We do need to generate new funds.

To meet our obligations as registered charity we will need to have our accounts independently inspected.

5. Membership fee: Proposal collect membership fee annually to help sustain the operational work of KPFGB. (Jim Buchan)

Ken introduced this topic and asked Jim to make his proposal.

Jim proposed that we reinstate the membership fee at the level of £5.00 per year going forward. The group needs a fund to cover ongoing admin costs. Jim commented as an example that to photocopy documents for tonight's meeting cost £55.00 we need to have funds to sustain the work of the group and our communications with the membership and community members.



There were no questions about the proposal.

Alistair Seconded this proposal.

The membership unanimously approved

6. Overview the KPFGB Resilience Plan (Alistair Gill)

The Community Resilience plan is available for viewing and download on the KPFGB website and paper copies have been produced. Alistair Gill provided an overview of the resilience plan emphasising the point that it is not intended to limit spontaneous assistance from community members.

The Kemnay Community plan divides Kemnay into a number of zones and Kembhill Park is one of these zones.

Plan includes the provision for two focal points. The Academy will be open to provide shelter (Focal Point 1) the bus shelter opposite Alehousewells Primary school will be the second (Focal point 2).

Anyone wishing to support the coordinated manual work should present themselves to the bus shelter and Admin work volunteers should go to the Academy.

High visibility vests will be worn by people who have official rolls in the plan, These are coloured Yellow and Orange, the later will be worn by the main CRP Coordinator who would be the primary person to contact.

Walkie talkie radios which can also communicate with the ones used elsewhere in the village have been purchased in case the mobile phone network crashes.

Alistair emphasised that we are not “in-charge” and not our role to stop people doing things – if people do things that puts them at risk will result in advice being offered.

The plan has intentionally been called a Resilience Plan as it has been designed to provide a frame work of any sort of emergency situation which including incidents that are not flood related. The committee have discussed other emergency situations which might be include fire resulting in distribution of harmful fumes etc.

Plans are in progress to hold a desktop exercise “a dry run”, emails will notify of details once confirmed and we hope that member of the community who are able will come forward to be involved.

The KPFGB CRP plan document includes various appendices which will be used to collect and hold peoples contact details etc. The KPFGB Data Protections policies and procedures will be complied within this context.

These will include the following:

- An EVENT LOG to be maintained as any incident proceeds.
- Recording information during an incident is important this will include photos measure water depth, currents and timing of events etc. This would be done by the coordinator at the focal point.
- Volunteer contact list (subject to GDPR)
- Volunteer skills
- Available asset list – e.g. trailer/4X4/tools etc.



- Vulnerable persons list – people who need assistance.

Ken added some comments about people in the village who have already offered help including Alan Findlater, Premier Coaches for transport and Brian Downie Essentials for fuel for the pump.

During any future incident we will be in close communication with the Milton Meadows group which also has its own CRP. The radios purchased will intercommunicate.

In summary, KPFGB plan in closely linked to the KCC plan.

Ken asked who the KCC contact is to me Sue Waiman, it was suggested. KCC Equipment is stored in the village hall.

Irene Ferguson mentioned that the river monitoring system in place and works – this will provide data for future planning and for early warning of any future flood incident.

A member of the audience asked whether people from Bremner way should contact KPFGB or KCC. It was confirmed that it would be expected that any such communication would be with the KPFGB team.

Council Smith mentioned that KCC also has some equipment that might be available also – Sue Wainman would be the person to contact in this context.

Alistair Gill – announced that he will be stepping down and is asking people to step up to serve on the committee. He will be retaining his role as a Trustee of the charity.

Ken thanked Alistair for his hard work in producing the plan.

7. Election of office bearers and committee members for next 12 months.

Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee

AGM September 2018

Office	Person	Nominated by	Seconded by	Votes for	Votes against
Chairman	Ken Ledingham	Jude Gill	Jim Buchan	No objections	
Secretary	Jim Buchan	John McNicol	Mr McRitchie	No objections	
Treasurer	John Nicol	Ken Ledingham	Jim Buchan	No objections	
Committee Member	Jude Galas	Alistair Gill	John MacNicol	No objections	



Committee Member	Jamie Urquhart	Ken Ledingham	Jude Galas	No objections	
Committee Member	Sasha Brydon	Jude Galas	John MacNicol	No objections	
Committee Member	Alistair McLennan	No Proposer	No Seconder	No objections	
Exoficio - MMRG Representative	Irene Ferguson			No objections	
Exoficio - Sanctuary Housing	Tamara			No objections	

8. Invited Speakers 10 mins each plus questions each.

Aberdeenshire Council: Progress with flood prevention measures for Kemnay.

Lee Watson – Aberdeenshire Council

Lee presented his report highlighting the following items

- Shared some copies of the maps showing the location of the barrier and pumps.
- Council has Purchased the barrier
- Standby contractor being identified – have a contract and published on 14th August – no returns received. Re-issued to three companies who are known to the council these are Brigs Environmental, Adver and Allan and OWM.
- The response are scored on Price and Quality on a 50/50 basis. One of the bidders has scored higher on both aspects and the council intends to appoint this one accordingly.
- The contract is for three years with approval of £15k from Garioch Area Committee for the first year – subsequent year budgets will need to be approved on an annual basis.
- Contract consists of a retainer fee plus (£7k) callout fee (£10K)
- Pumps to be provided will have higher capacity than specified.
- The successful contractor has existing contracts with the council for dealing with oil spills.
- Have base where they can dry the barrier after use.
- Have phone numbers to contact them and agree 4 Hours to deploy the barrier and pumps.



- Community engagement – the contractor will communicate with the council.
- There will be an annual trial run will be undertake – date for this year to be confirmed.

Council plans to issue the award letter next week.

Ken asked a question about what site prep will be done in advance. Lee confirmed that there is some vegetation that needs to be cleared.

Paul said Watergate has a free online training website which the contractor should look at. Paul to provide the link to online training.

Annual contract needs annual approval from Garioch Committee for funding but this is not thought to be uncertain.

Irene – ground at the container – is very soft in heavy rain.

Question: Alistair Gill, Is there to be review of the of this – company can be done FRA can be done for £10k – plus £70k for barrier – would it not be cheaper to just do a study.

Answer: Lee Watson – the cost of a river model flood study would be much more expensive – more like £100k.

Question: Ken Ledingham, when will council make decisions about next work plans.

Answer Lee Watson - Strategy document and a plan which will include the work at Kemnay and 2022 will be the time for action.

There are 23 PVA in Aberdeenshire now – all these need work and funding.

The council has a need for work in all these areas.

Question: Ken asked - What can we do as an organisation to increase our priority?

Answer: Lee Watson – keep doing what you are doing to keep awareness high.

Comment: Jude said – we are unique – we cannot protect our houses – so we need to have more priority.



Steve McFarland: Scottish Environmental Protection Agency – Update on the Review and Kemnay Status of Kemnay.

Update from SEPA – do flood warnings – based on gauges upstream and forecasts. Provide advice on flood risk. Provide advice on flood risk planning not just moving flood from one place to another.

Prior to 2009 there was no strategic approach to flood risk planning/reponse.

It will take time to identify the current biggest risks – not just where the last flood took place. Currently SEPA is updating the maps for Kemnay and Upper Don.

Flood Risk Management planning – entering second 6 year cycle. PVA is part flood Risk Assessment to be published in December 2018.

Kemnay will be a PVA in the new cycle.

Consultation for next phase closed in end May/June – some responses were received from the local community here.

Responses say Kemnay should be designated a PVA – Scottish government has to approve PVA on advice from SEPA – December Publication Kemnay to be PVA.

Next steps

- Publish December 2018
- Look at PVA areas in more detail
- Look are any records/photos – flood levels this will take 12 months for this
- Then agree points for action.
- December 2020 the new plan with priorities to be published.
- Drivers will be how many properties in a community – presence of vulnerable people, type of properties.
- Public consultation in early 2021
- Plan to be published in December 2021.

Question: Ken Ledingham - Is it possible that we might miss the next work cycle?

Lee the flood study will be implemented which will take 6 months – the output from the study will dictate the work that the council will task forward. Lee confirmed that it is possible that a bund at Kembhill Park might be quite cheap and could be seen as a Quick Win.



Question: Paul Laidlaw – does current methodology allow house design influence priority?

Answer: Steve – the new criteria more sophisticated and does take into account people who are vulnerable and also the design of houses which may mean that there is no way to apply house level protection.

Steve – first consideration is individual property protection if that is not an option then a barrier style solution will be appropriate.

Question: Irene – there is a question about diesel pollution in Kemnay which may be an additional factor in the event of a subsequent flood.

Paul Laidlaw: Speak about Insurance and Flood RE.

Key Messages:

- Avoid Price comparison sites – always talk directly to the insurance company.
- Insurance companies only accept limited risk.
- Flood RE to make insurance more affordable.
- Insurance premiums pay for FloodRE (the government paid for it in the first phase – but now it is embedded in the insurance commercial model)
- Part of people premium now pays for FloodRE – a proportion of all premiums goes into a central pot for paying out on flood claims.
- Risk should reflect the premium price.
- FloodRE has published its action plan.
- Advice available on web site Flood Forum, FloodRE
- Ask if your insurance company participate in FloodRE
- Ask questions – is my property eligibl for FloodRE is my area qualifying.
- What progress has been made?
- About 10% of Scottish properties now ceded 150,000 across UK
- The Insurance company has the final say as to whether they will cover your property.
- Insurance companies will only accept permanent flood defence to reduce risk – temporary schemes make no different.
- Flood forum is constantly taking this forward with the insurance industry.
- Forum can do one to one advice to people if needed. Can setup a one to one surgery – this offer is on the table for Kemnay.
- Aberdeenshire Council may provide a letter of assurance to encourage company's to insure and reduce the cost to residents.
- Have to get all this into the public awareness.
- We need financial investment from the government.

Question: Jude Galas, will having PVA status increase premiums

Answer: Paul gave a personal view is no

Answer: Steve: SEPA – should not affect – maps cannot be used for insurance risk assessment. SEPA will follow-up on this if an insurance company uses the PVA to increase premium.



Question: Ken to Lee – will council do letter of comfort?

Answer: Lee have done a letter at Stonehaven so can do this – but will discuss the possibility of a letter for Kemnay with his superior.

Comment: Lee - insurance companies also have their own records to base assessments on.

Ken – thanks to Paul contact him directly

9. Vote of thanks and conclusion of meeting. (Chairman)



Appendix 1

KPFG Chairman's report – 2018 AGM

1. Introduction-

As you will know from previous papers which have been sent out Aberdeenshire Council has prioritised five areas in Aberdeenshire to concentrate on during their current work cycle which lasts from 2016 to 2022. These areas are Inch, Inverurie/Port Elphinstone, Ellon, Stonehaven and Ballater. These areas were prioritised from a list of 23 Potentially Vulnerable Areas in Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen which were identified in a report which went to the Infrastructure Services Committee of the Council in May of last year.

KPFG has been working hard to try to get Kemnay added to this priority list as soon as possible so that work can start at an early date on the building of permanent flood defences at Kembhill Park but as you will know from my previous e-mails and papers there are some obstacles which need to be overcome before this will happen. Hopefully Gavin Penman from the Council and Steve McFarland from SEPA who will speak later will be able to tell us how soon we might expect to see work started on building our new permanent flood defences.

For the moment however I would like to tell you about some of the other work which KPFG has been doing over the last year.

2. Resilience Plan-

The committee of KPFG has produced a Resilience Plan which has been incorporated into the Kemnay Community Council Resilience Plan for the whole village. Amongst other things the plan provides for coordination with the overall Kemnay Emergency Operation Centre and the deployment of community volunteers to assist people affected in the event of a future flood event or other emergency. In January 2016 it was necessary to evacuate old and infirm people from their homes which was achieved in an uncoordinated manner. Fortunately, there was no loss of life but we recognise that, depending on the severity of any future event, the risk to life may still be there and having a well designed resilience plan is essential to reduce the possibility of harm to residents in Kembhill Park. The KPFG committee continue to work on this plan to make sure that we have robust systems in place to respond to an emergency in an effective and co-ordinated manner. If anyone is interested in helping with this task we would be pleased to hear from them.

3. Watergate-

KPFG has also worked closely with staff and Councillors from Aberdeenshire Council to raise the need for improved flood defences around Kembhill Park. This has resulted in the Council investing in a temporary flood barrier defence system called Watergate. As far as we know this is the first device of its kind to be purchased by a Council in Scotland as it was recognised by them that our houses are not suitable for conventional flood protection measures by residents themselves and they wanted to help protect our community.



Watergate is now stored in a container at the local Council depot in Kemnay. The Council initially asked that KPFGB recruit a group of volunteers to help deploy the barrier in an emergency and we were able to recruit a number of folk who were willing to help with this task. After various concerns were raised however about insurance cover for members of the public who volunteered to do this work the Council has now decided that our volunteers will not be required to help deploy the barrier. The Council are in the process of appointing a contractor who will be responsible for transporting the barrier to Kembhill Park in the event of a flood alert and for putting it in place. Our volunteers will now be asked therefore to take part in a rota to keep an eye on the barrier when it has been set up and check that it remains secure during the time that it is in place.

Members of KPFGB have recently witnessed a “dry run” of the barrier being set up at Kembhill Park by Council employees who deployed the system to see how easy it was to put it together. This exercise was very successful and showed how quickly the barrier could be put in place in an emergency. Discussion has taken place since then with the Council about the best place to locate the barrier and it has been agreed that instead of the route originally proposed the barrier will now be split into two sections and make use of higher ground in the middle of our “Wild Flower Meadow” and be located nearer to folks’ houses. This will allow more use to be made of the “Meadow” to act as a flood plain and the barrier to cope with lower levels of water coming across this area. Hopefully the barrier will therefore prevent flooding of our homes if we were ever faced with a similar event to that which took place in January 2016.

4. Volunteers-

Apart from keeping an eye on Watergate barrier KPFGB also has a list of volunteers from Kembhill Park and the wider community who, in the event of a future flood (or other disaster), are willing to be deployed to perform other tasks. These tasks include helping elderly and infirm residents to get to a place of safety, protecting residents’ valuables by moving them to a higher level within their properties, putting sandbags in place at strategic places to divert flood water away from peoples’ homes and setting up the high-pressure pump which was kindly donated to KPFGB by the Kintore and Kemnay Rotary club. This is not an exclusive list but indicates the range of tasks which volunteers may be asked to perform.

5. Equipment-

As indicated above KPFGB has been given a foul water pump. A “dry run” has been conducted at the river and test results show how effective this pump will be in an emergency. This pump will be used to remove any flood water which gets into Kembhill Park or leaks past the Watergate barrier. Aberdeenshire Council has also agreed to provide additional pumps and floodlights as part of the measures they will put in place in an emergency as a direct result of discussions which KPFGB has had with the Council.

6. Co-ordination with other bodies-

KPFGB has worked closely with Kemnay Community Council, Aberdeenshire Council and other local organisations. These have included the local Parish Church and local businesses who have all pledged their support to provide various types of assistance including transport for those needing to be



evacuated, organising hot food and drink and providing temporary accommodation for folk or to take people to places of safety in an emergency, etc.

7. KPFGB website-

Through the generosity of our secretary this year Jim Buchan has set up a website for members and anyone else who is interested in what KPFGB is doing. You can view the website at www.kpfg.org.uk. Hopefully people are making use of this site which is designed to improve the sharing of information about the work which KPFGB has been doing to improve the overall safety of our local community. We have also tried to keep members and residents informed about our activities by sending out regular emails and newsletters as well as publishing the minutes and agendas of the management committee on the website.

8. Political action-

KPFGB has also initiated formal communications with politicians in the UK and Scottish Parliaments, SEPA, Scottish Water and the Scottish Flood Forum. This has resulted in questions being asked in the Scottish Parliament by our MSP Alexander Burnett. In addition to a written question Mr Burnett has also quizzed the Cabinet Secretary responsible for the environment, Roseanna Cunningham, about Kemnay, which was flooded, being added to the list of Potentially Vulnerable (PVA) areas at an earlier date than 2019 when SEPA is due to report the results of its current review for the whole of Scotland. There is a video available of the committee meeting at which this issue was discussed which we can show if time permits this evening. The link to this video can be sent to members if they wish to see it.

Contact was made with each of the candidates for the local and UK Parliamentary elections which took place earlier this year and each of the candidates was issued with a three page briefing document on the issues confronting Kemnay in persuading the powers that be to bring forward work on permanent flood defences for the village. A copy of this document was sent to members earlier this year but if anyone did not receive a copy please let me know. We have had a positive response from both local and national politicians with Andrew Bowie, our new Member of the UK Parliament writing to Roseanna Cunningham to support our case. Vicky Harper one of our new ward Councillors has attended a meeting of our committee and offered her support and said she will do all she can to help us.

9. Ideas which need further work-

In order to provide additional protection for Kembhill Park houses, KPFGB has also been exploring a range of ideas to improve flood resilience. These include a wheelchair accessible raised flower garden project in the area of the "wild flower meadow" positioned in such a way that temporary flood gates could be erected between the raised flower beds in the event of an emergency and so create a second line of defence to the Watergate barrier or to replace it in due course. Since the raised flower beds would not be continuous we would hope that they would not be viewed by the Council or SEPA as a permanent flood defence requiring planning permission and an FRA. This project would also improve the look of the area which currently is a blot on the landscape and an eyesore.



A second idea we have been looking at is the construction of one metre high walls round the perimeter of houses in Kembhill Park extending from those nearest the existing riverside bund all the way to Bremner Way. We understand that walls of this height would not require planning permission as they would be on people's own property. The addition of flood gates in an emergency at the entrance to pathways between houses would then provide a continuous protective barrier for all the houses in the scheme and divert water away from the housing. Preliminary costings for such a scheme have been obtained but more work is required on this proposal. Help in looking at both these ideas is required from folk who have expertise in the design and development of such projects if they are to be taken further. Offers of help would be gratefully appreciated.

A third idea we have looked at is the creation of a Community Art Project such as a "Sleeping Dragon" which would snake its way through the "Wild Flower Meadow" and be constructed in such a way that it could quickly be turned into a flood barrier if it was needed. We have had discussions with staff from Sanctuary Housing who have offered advice on how we might go about such a project but we really need someone with experience in putting such a proposal together. If you know of anyone who could help with such an idea please let us know.

10. Environmental protection-

When the flooding took place in 2016 there was a concern that raw sewage might have mixed with river water and then contaminated properties and possessions in Kembhill Park. KPFGB has been active in communicating with Scottish Water to ascertain the risk of contamination either from flood water or through the back flow of sewage into peoples' homes via the drainage system. Scottish Water indicated that there had been no discharge of sewage into the flood waters from their plant but residents remain concerned about this possibility.

The protection which the Watergate barrier provides will avoid the risk of contaminated river water reaching Kembhill Park houses. KPFGB's work with Scottish Water to raise our concerns about the possibility of backflow of sewage within peoples' houses has caused Scottish Water to review their system of how to identify the possibility of contamination directly from the sewage system and to put in place measures to avoid this happening.

11. Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)-

According to all the advice which we have been given before any permanent flood defence system is constructed SEPA and the Council require a comprehensive Flood Risk Assessment to be carried out to ascertain what effect such defences would have on communities further downstream. The Council will not commission an FRA here until such time as Kemnay is declared a PVA and is prioritised for action along with other areas in Aberdeenshire which require attention. The earliest that we are told this can happen is 2019 after SEPA completes its Scotland wide review of PVAs. KPFGB would like to conduct an FRA before this date in order to improve our case for inclusion on the SEPA list of Potentially Vulnerable Areas but currently we do not have sufficient funding to do this. We are in the process of exploring funding sources which would allow us to commission our own FRA.

12. Conclusion-



These are just some of the things which the KPFGB committee has been doing since September of last year and I hope you will agree that we have not been sitting idly by and twiddling our thumbs. The committee feels that a lot has been achieved but of course more needs to be done to achieve our main objective which is the construction of a permanent flood barrier at Kembhill Park. If you have not already thought about it please consider joining our committee and sharing in that task.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the KPFGB committee for their help and support during the year and for taking forward the work of our group , Jim Buchan, John MacNicol, Alastair Gill, Helen Chalmers, Jude Galas and Steve McGill, I would also like to thank our co-opted members Irene Ferguson representing both Milton Meadow Resilience and Community Group and Kemnay Community Council and Tamara Forgie-Watt from Sanctuary Housing for their help and advice over the year.

Ken Ledingham,

Chairman,

KPFGB.

21/09/17