

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2011

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Victoria Eastwood, Keith Milne.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Alison Cumming, Janet Newberry.
3. **Resignation of Ian Murray:** It was with great regret that members accepted the resignation of Ian Murray who had been a valued member of the Community Council. Hope was expressed that he might return to the Council in future years.
4. **Police matters:** There had been an increase in staffing at Kemnay, allowing foot patrols to operate in the village. During May there had been thefts of diesel from an HGV; there had also been thefts in the Milton/Donview estates from a number of vehicles, some of which had been broken into. The thieves appeared to have come from outwith Kemnay. One motorist had been reported for traffic offences, two drivers had received formal anti-social driving warnings, and seven parking tickets had been issued.
5. **Opportunity for members of the public to speak:** Keith Milne asked the help of the Community Council in improving road safety around Alehousewells School. He said that although there were lowered pavements and zigzag markings, there was no proper crossing. Cars were parked on the zigzag lines, and children coming out of school had to cross between parked cars. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to pursue with Aberdeenshire Council the possibility of a crossing, on the basis of the “safer routes to school” scheme. The Community Council agreed to ask for a stronger police presence at the school at times when pupils were leaving.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** John Hern proposed that the following be added after “unclear” but before the following comma in item 3A: “as also that the exit from the site onto Bogbeth Road would create a traffic hazard”. With that amendment, adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April was proposed by Bill Blackwood, seconded by John Hern, and unanimously approved.
7. **Matters Arising from Minutes:**
 - a) **ASCC:** Following an e-mail from the National Development Officer to the effect that hard copies of the constitution could be released only if the ASCC received a written request accompanied by a copy of the relevant minute from the Community Council, a motion that a copy of the constitution be requested was proposed by John Hern, seconded by Mavis Wainman and unanimously carried.
 - b) **Comfort Partnership signs:** These were in train.
 - c) **Grove Road Zebra Crossing:** This was on the maintenance list for the year 2011-2012.
 - d) **Planning Modernisation Group Forum:** There was no interest in attending this.
 - e) **June Exhibitions:** Members were reminded about the Carbon Capture & Storage and Scottish Hydro Board exhibitions to be held in June.
8. **Planning matters and applications:**
 - a) **New Applications:** There was nothing controversial.
 - b) **Fetternear Pre-determination Hearing:** The Fetternear application would be discussed at the next Garioch Area Committee meeting, and the recommendations from that meeting would be discussed at a meeting of the full Aberdeenshire Council.
 - c) **Strategic Development Plan:** It was agreed not to comment until the Main Issues report was published in September.
9. **Reports:**
 - a) **Safety Group:** There was no report as the meeting had been inquorate.
 - b) **Community Learning and Development:** Nearly £3000 had been allocated to various projects. Approximately half had been assigned to Youth Development and Adult Learning, and Alehousewells had been allocated funds for a leaflet rack.

- c) **GACCF:** Kenny Thomson, who had been nominated as chairman, was resigning from all Community Council activities. The meeting expressed regret at the loss of a hard-working member of the Forum. The next meeting would be on 14 June 2011.
- d) **Community Planning:** A revised CP Update Bulletin for May had been produced, but was similar to the advance copy already received. A CP Board summary of progress in implementing actions throughout Aberdeenshire had also been received, but it was very detailed and unlikely to be of general interest other than to those intimately involved. Another document, referring to a Commissioning Working Group was somewhat opaque.
- 10. Retiral of Ian Fowell:** It was agreed to contribute towards a retiral gift.
- 11. Cessation of Village Orderly Scheme:** Members were encouraged to apply via www.greenbutterfly.org.uk/ali.html for a litter-picker and high visibility jacket in order to undertake voluntary litter gathering.
- 12. Kemnay Cartie Rally:** Kemnay Primary School was congratulated on the success of the event, despite the weather.
- 13. Aberdeenshire News:**
- a) **Church Lane adoption:** Cllr Al-Kowarri confirmed that Church Lane had been adopted only between Kendal Road and the Church Centre.
- b) **Local News:** Further pavement and lighting renovation was to be done on Riverside Road. Community plants would probably once again be available for this year. Birley Bush was not an option for household composting. There had been a request for a zebra crossing from the Milton Meadows entrance to the other side of the main road. It was hoped to make use of the “safer routes to school” scheme to have a crossing installed.
- 14. Correspondence:**
- a) **“Cash in your pocket”:** Information had been received from this organisation, and, after it had been ascertained that it was a genuine free debt management agency, a poster had been placed on the notice board.
- b) **Empowering Community Renewables:** Bob Ingram had attended this and stated that it had been an interesting event.
- c) **Jo Walters Trust grants:** Applications from an individual or an organisation with the general purpose of personal development through helping others were sought by the Jo Walters Trust. Information had been sent to appropriate organisations.
- d) **Road Closure – Fyfe Park:** It had been noted that there were diversion signs only in one direction.
- e) **“Adopt a kiosk”:** Information had been received from BT inviting the Community Council to adopt a telephone kiosk. It was agreed that this was impracticable.
- g) **Viewpoint:** This had been received.
- 15. AOCB:**
- a) Gavin Adam raised concerns about the new trees planted on the Aquythie road at a right-hand bend beyond “Weggis”. It was agreed to contact Glyn Jones of Aggregates Industries pointing out the potential problems.
- b) Mavis Wainman complained about the potholes on Grove Crescent, between the War Memorial and St Brydes Road. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to get in touch with the roads department.
- c) David Evans raised the matter of cars, vans and lorries going the wrong way at speed on the High Street. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the roads department also.
- d) John Hern enquired if there was any risk assessment made of the likelihood of dead trees falling onto roads. He mentioned in particular a tree beside the bowling-green. Cllr Al-Kowarri stated that such an assessment was done every autumn, but agreed to contact the appropriate department.
- e) Eric Pashley stated that he had encountered a vehicle going in the wrong direction on Paradise Road, but had discovered on investigation that the “No Entry” sign had been obscured by a tree. Once again, Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to bring this to the attention of the appropriate department.
- f) Aberdeenshire Council was to be congratulated on the speedy removal of trees blocking the roads after the gales of Monday 23 May.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 30 June 2011.