

120

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (POLICY COMMITTEE)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 1979

PRESENT, D. Bailey, I. Dow, P. Innes, L. McKay, S. Stubbs

( J. hay was invited to attend to give technical advise on industrial sites.)

ITEMS COVERED

A. Industrial Development

Mr Stubbs reported that Mr Tinlin, Deputy Planning Officer, Gordon District, had carried out a re appraisable of the possible sites and had concluded that there were only two suitable locations

a. On Corsefield Croft, beyond the croft house directly opposite the quarry.

b. On Milton Farm opposite the Golf Course entrance.

The site at Glenallan he considered unsuitable because of difficulty of access. Similarly the land at Aquithie Road as being too close to the village centre. The general attitude to Industrial development in the village was discussed.

It was felt that Kemnay had developed as a principally residential village and it was this largely non - industrial character which

attracted people to it- this pattern should be maintained.

It was recognised that the provision of a number of jobs in the village could benefit the community though care would have to be taken to ensure that the benefits in terms of increased local employment were not outweighed by the disadvantages in terms of increased environmental pollution, noise, traffic etc and the general blighting of existing homes.

Fears were expressed that the District and the Region due to financial pressure would follow a policy of expediency and go for a site which was cheap to develop. This would be very much against the best interests of the village

It was decided that of the sites favoured by Mr Tinlin, the one opposite the quarry was the most suitable for a small development. The Milton Farm site was not generally favoured being too near existing housing, plus the fact that a factory in that area would generate heavy traffic past Kemnay School.

CONCLUSION ON INDUSTRIAL SITE.

Subject to the agreement of the whole council we write to Gordon District expressing our views that

1. Small development favoured
2. Site opposite quarry considered best
3. Seek information on use to be made of land at Glenallan
4. No industrial development on land at Aquithie Road/ Paradise Rd
5. Consultation with Community Council at all stages

B. Housing

The Gordon District Local Plan envisaged the construction of a further 100 houses in Kemnay. Areas to be considered for this purpose are

- a. Between Pyffe Park and Fraser Place
- b. Between Aquithie Road and Alehousewells
- c. Between Aquithie Road and Paradise Road

The view taken in discussion was that

1. That 100 was the absolute maximum number which should be contemplated
2. In order to restore the pre Alehousewells balance these should in the main be private houses.
3. Sheltered housing for old people was understood to be in demand and should be given priority.
4. Provision of sites for one-off houses should be speeded up.
- 5.

5. The Community Council should put forward ideas with plans if possible of how it sees the area site c. above developed.
6. The question of the proposed sites for housing development particularly site a. should be discussed by the full council.

Leisure and Recreation

The provision of a Community Centre was discussed. Mr Stubbs agreed to check what facilities were to be provided at the new academy and report back. This should enable a clearer picture to emerge of what is required.

It was suggested that a joint meeting between the Kemnay Community Council and the Kemnay Public Hall Committee might be beneficial.

Full discussion on this and other items of interest was cut short due to lack of time.