

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 1996

Present: Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr and Mrs F W Wainman, Mr D Evans, Mr L Shrago, Mr A Davies, Mr M Moss, Mrs J Newberry, Dr J Piggins

Apologies: Mr Pashley, Mr and Mrs R Marco

Attending: Cllr A Leitch, Cllr R Hunter, Cllr J Elrick, Mrs J Campbell, Mr and Mrs P Whitehead, Mrs E Downie, Miss D Downie, Mr and Mrs A Murray, Mr Melvin, The Reverend Renton, Miss A Ferries, Mr and Mrs Ross, Mr H Hughes, Mr A Ross, Mr B Blackie, Miss M Duncan, Mr B McNally, Mr B McNally Jnr, Mr A Thomson, Mrs L Hulse, Mrs M Stewart, Mr D Service, Mr I Wakeley

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and expressed her hope that all had had a very Happy Christmas and that we have a very Happy New Year. The apologies were read.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Wainman, seconded: Mr Evans. Passed no dissent.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes. Yellow lines approaching Kemnay Primary School from Victoria Terrace. Cllr Hunter reported that the Roads Department are not happy about extending these however he will mention the matter again.
4. Unfinished Business. Gordon Local Plan Review - Discussion. The Chairman asked that those making presentations do so within seven minutes. Mr P Whitehead then gave his presentation as to why Kirkstyle/Fraser Place was the logical site for the extension to the village. He said much of the ground is already owned by Gordon District and they will now be able to realise an asset that prior to these proposals would have been difficult. They will have the benefit of raising money from the sale of the ground within the 400 metre boundary of the quarry. The proposal is that a couple of football pitches, children's play area, tree planting, etc could be sited in this area. A new road would be constructed from Fyfe Park to the access of the B993. A new surface water/foul water drain will have to be installed down to the River Don which will necessitate the closure of certain roads for some months. However the cost will be borne by the developer and not the local authority. The present drain often overflows and floods the road. Mrs Downie asked whether the District Council had taken into account any future extension to the Churchyard. Mr Shrago expressed concern that a developer could be found who would be willing to shoulder the additional expense of terracing the site and laying out the football pitches and new drains to the River Don.

Reverend Renton then responded to any fears that there may be regarding the "decimation" of trees around the proposed Glebe Area. He said at the Public Meeting in June a number of different proposals were put forward and there was "overwhelming

support* for the Glebe area to be developed for housing. This site would provide easy access for children going to and from the Primary School as they would not have to cross the Terrace. There is no intention of removing the Car Park alongside the Pleasure Park which is on a 20-year lease. Concern was expressed about access to the site from the Bogbeth Road and it was decided to write to pursue the creation of a new access road from the back of the garages at the present Glebe development. Concern was also expressed about children crossing from the Car Park to the Pleasure Park across the Bogbeth Road.

Miss A Ferries then spoke as an inheritor of Wellbush Farm, which has also been zoned by the Planning Department without consultation with her family. She said all the facilities are there - road, water, electricity, gas, sewers and storm drains. She argued that site B should not be shelved. Mrs Milton then brought the discussion to an end and thanked everyone for their views. A secret ballot of Community Council members was taken by Cllr Hunter, and the result was three for site A, one for site B and five for site C. A letter to be drafted by Mr Evans and taken to the Planning Department tomorrow.

5. Correspondence Received. This was read by the Secretary.

6. New Business. None.

7. District News. Cllr Elrick reported none.

8. Regional News. Cllr Hunter reported that the new dining-room at Kernay Primary School is progressing well. The barrier at the bottom of Church Lane should be finished either by the Region or the new Authority. Regarding the pavement in the High Street he said the Roads Department do not know how to resolve this at the moment but they are thinking about it. Mrs Milton asked for new road signs for Kendall Road before Cllr Hunter leaves office.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported two contentious applications, one being the Glebe site. The other is by Mr Robertson for a house at Pictilum with a new access onto the B993 rather than via the Homer. After discussion it was felt that our former objections did not apply to this application.

10. A.O.C.B. (a) Following a request from Reverend Renton as to whether the Community Council were exploring employment opportunities in Kernay, Mr Wainman had drafted a letter which he then read. It was decided to send the letter to Gordon and Grampian Enterprise Trusts.

(b) Crime Prevention. Mr Shrago expressed his dismay at the vandalism of the Christmas Tree, which did not even stay lit until Christmas Day. He asked people to be vigilant and watch for any signs of vandalism, if and when the Council put up a tree next Christmas.

11. The Chairman said that the public should feel free to come to any Community Council meeting and it was nice to see a room full. She thanked everyone for coming and airing their views. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday 29th February 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

Proposed adoption:

Seconded:

Signed:



