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KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30pm.

1. In the absence of Mrs Milton Chairman, who tendered her apologies, the Vice chairman Mr Bailey took the chair. Apologies were also received from Mr Dow, Mrs Forbes, and Mr Williams, & Councillor R. Reid. The members present were, Mr Cobb, Mr Cumming, Dr Hern, Mr Hughes, Mr McKay, Mr Robertson, Mr Stubbs, Mr Mrs Wainman, Mrs Innes. Also in attendance Regional Councillor Mr McLean, and five members of the public, Mr Mrs Thorne, Mr Hannabuss, Mrs Gill and Mrs A. Brown.
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on June 26th 1980 were accepted on the motion of Mr Wainman seconded by Mr McKay

Matters arising

Notice board - The secretary reported the offer of a reconstructed notice board for £ 40 from the Gordon District had been accepted. The size varied slightly from that originally intended but the new size was acceptable to the Gordon District Director of Planning, Mrs Scott. Kemnay Public Hall Trust committee did not wish to share the notice board, but Kemnay Community Association might contribute to the cost.

Swings at Alehousewells. The secretary had contacted . Halls who are building the Academy and they may provide some filling for the deep puddle beneath the swings. A permanent solution will be provided by Grampian Region Council when funds become available.

Shrubs on traffic island outside Kemnay School The secretary reported that Mr Mitchell of Grampian Region Roads Dept had promised that the shrubs would be trimmed to allow better vision. Councillor McLean had also raised the question with the roads dept, it is a joint responsibility with Leisure and Recreation but he assured the council that action would be forthcoming. He also said that the grass and flower beds in Kendal Road had been sprayed with weed killer but would be reinstated. The layby at the Horner junction had been tidied and there would be a finger post pointing to the Horner.

Academy Playing fields Councillors noted with satisfaction that grass had been sown and was growing nicely but some reservations over the drainage of the field were expressed. There was disappointment that there was as yet no progress on establishing the natural barrier to the river and action will be looked for.

Burnhervie, Shakkin Brib Councillor McLean repeated that this was proving a very major project and it would take at least 9 months to re instate it.

Park Pavilion Mr Robertson & Mr McKay reported that there had been progress over recent weeks particularly on drains etc. Mr McKay suggested that the pavilion might be complete in 2 to 4 months and that the Community Council should think about how it should be managed. He thought that the local community should be involved in running it and suggested that perhaps a committee would be formed. Mr Wainman said he opposed the idea of yet another committee, we already had Community Council, Community Association, Public Hall Kemnay Management Committee, all representing the village populace and that one of these should be responsible. Mr Bailey suggested that we should ascertain the Gordon District's intentions about its management, who would hold keys etc and it was agreed that the secretary should write.

Paradise Road flooding Councillor McLean stated that conditions attached to the planning permission for the houses had not been adhered to and the planning dept were working to resolve the unsatisfactory situation.

Transfer of Polling station to Public Hall The secretary read the reply received from Mr McNaughton who said that the situation would be reviewed on completion of the redrawing of electoral boundaries.

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International Year for Disabled Mrs Forbes sent a letter reporting back from the meeting she attended in Inverurie. The committee was to operate in Gordon District and would accept suggestions for improvements needed to cater for the disabled. Mr Bailey suggested that the Public Hall should be checked to see if it was suitable particularly in view of the Community Council's request to use it as a polling station. Mr Wainman thought that the toilets might not be accessible to the disabled and suggested that the reconstruction of H.M. Theatre in Aberdeen should include provision for wheelchairs etc. Councillor McLean agreed to check if the community facilities at the new Academy would be suitable for disabled.

Treasurers Report Mr McKay expressed concern that the donation from Grampian Region normally paid in August had not been received and Councillor McLean agreed to investigate. Mr McKay said that expenses to date were £ 115.55 and the balance in hand was £ 150.17.

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Correspondence received

The secretary reported that Kemnay had been Highly commended in the Britain in Bloom competition for villages run by the Scottish Tourist Board and was second in the Best Kept village competition of Gordon District.

A letter from Councillor McLean explained the position regarding the difference in bus fares between Alexanders and Eastons on the Kemnay to Inverurie route. Mr Wainman asked if the removal of bus licencing in October might lead to open competition on bus routes. Councillor McLean said that he would report on this to the next meeting.

The secretary had received a letter inviting the Community Council to be represented at a meeting on 11th October in Aberdeen to discuss the establishment of Law Centres in Scotland similar to those in existence in England. The meeting would be sponsored by the S.T.U.C. and one had already been held in Strathclyde Region.

Mr Robertson thought that this was a political matter and therefore unconstitutional and moved that no action be taken. He failed to find a seconder. Dr Hern said that all matters might have some political content and that no harm could be done by seeking information on the proposals. Mr Wainman asked if any body was interested in going to the meeting. The secretary said that she would like to attend but had a previous engagement. A member of the public, Mr Hannabuss said that he would like to attend as he was interested in such things. The chairman suggested that he might represent the Community Council and report back at the next meeting. Mr McKay thought that if none of the 15 councillors was sufficiently interested to attend he was in principle against sending a non councillor as a representative. After discussion it was put to the vote that Mr Hannabuss should attend as C.C. representative and report back at the next meeting. The motion was carried by 5 votes to 4 with 1 abstention. (Mr McKay)

A letter had been received on Tennants Participation Advisory Service and the secretary suggested that those interested could see it at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Unfinished business

Mr Cobb reported that the open drain at Alehousewells was being used as a household tip and that it was smelling badly. After the matter was raised at a previous meeting a survey had been made but no action taken. Councillor McLean agreed to follow up the complaint.

In response to a question from Mr Wainman Councillor McLean agreed to check if the landscaping etc on the Aquithie Road site was likely to go ahead soon.

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Planning applications Elrick Sand & Gravel for extraction at Lower Glenhead no comment to be made.

Mr Mrs Milton } shops with flats above on Aquithie Road between car park and Bremner Way, the councillors were in favour of this application and considered it a very suitable site for more shops.

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Corsefield Croft. change from agricultural to industrial use. The application was widely discussed and the views of several members of the attending public were sought. It was agreed nem con that the secretary should write restating the views put forward on previous occasions namely : The Community Council object strongly to industrial development between the Croft house and Bremner Way on the grounds of a. Danger from traffic to children attending the Academy b. Development too close to houses. The C.C. consider the remainder of the site eminently suitable for industrial development with the provision that any traffic generated should be forced to use the access road past the Aquithie turning and not to travel through the village. Mrs Brown stated that although the Fyffe lorries had been instructed not to pass through the village they did in fact use Kendal Road and High Street and she wondered if such provisions could be enforced. The question of crossings, lollipop persons etc with regard to the Academy was raised and the secretary was instructed to ascertain the Grampian Region's intentions.

7. Regional news

Councillor McLean reported that the Roads committee had agreed that the Glenhead Road should become an adopted road and cost of making up would be shared equally by the residents and the Region. The junction of High Street and Victoria Terrace was unlikely to be altered as both of the landowners would resist the purchase by the Region of the land needed for any development. With regard to the Bridge at the Burnett Arms any major work would not be done in the near future although there was a possibility that the hump might be removed. Mr Cumming remarked that the street lighting at this junction was bad and Councillor McLean undertook to make a personal investigation.

8. A.O.C.B

Mr Robertson registered his concern over several aspects of the Park. He thought there should be a sign at the Victoria Terrace with the words 'Please drive slowly, public park' There was a great deal of vandalism in the Park, young tree broken, glass bottles smashed and litter. He thought the C.C. should make a public pronouncement condemning the situation. Mr Stubbs considered such a protest would be ineffective and he was concerned that the notice banning dogs was not enforced and that they left a mess. in a children's play area, people's attitude to the environment was at fault. Mr McKay commented that many owners allowed their dogs to roam freely and Mr Cobb thought it was about two years since there had been a round up of stray dogs. Mr McKay thought that there had been a great improvement in the Park since the Gordon District took over the care. Mr Robertson stated that although the toilets were cleaned regularly they were much misused by the public and often a disgrace.

Mr Wainman thought that we should press for larger waste bins in the shopping area of the village as the present ones constantly overflowed. The secretary was asked to write about this. He also raised again the question of a village map and Mr Bailey agreed to prepare a draft for comment.

The secretary announced the dates on which the school had been booked for meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.40

Next Meeting October 30th