

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF MEETING HELD AT THE HOUSE ON SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 1981 at 3.0 pm

Sub committee for International Year of the Disabled

- Attending Mrs Mary Forbes, Mrs Mainman, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Jean Brown,
Mr Mrs Wilson, Mr Mrs Burnett, Mrs Seaward
- Apologies Dr Kern, Mr I. Dow

Mrs Forbes gave a resume of ideas brought up in the Regional meeting and also at the Gordon District Meeting Swimming, Horse riding, access to buildings in Inverurie.

The discussion then ranged over the ways in which we could improve the quality of life of less able folk in Kemnay.

1. The tree in the park which obscured Robert's view.
2. Desirability of bus shelters
3. Desirability of 601 toilets in centre of village
4. Anomalies in allocation of mobility allowance
5. Access to shops and public buildings

It was agreed that the most difficult building to enter was the surgery, and suggested that a notice directing disabled to side door should be displayed.

Although the path was now sloped the Library doors were still very difficult to enter. Impossible for a self propelled chair, and very difficult for a pushed one. The staff are very helpful.

It was thought that portable ramps to shops and bank might be appropriate as only occasional use was envisaged in this village

Stickers are now available for shops to display if access is possible for a wheel chair.

It was decided to carry out an experiment with a person in a wheel chair. to ascertain

1. Easy independent access
2. room to manoeuvre inside buildings
3. alternative access
4. toilets access
5. curb access
6. A register of disabled so that support groups could be formed
7. A good morning call service
8. hospital discharge 24 hour help service
9. Phone - in Ideas distress calls
10. Aids for daily life, exhibition with films, 'How I cope' etc. possibly May.
11. Discussion on how to involve school children, education packs
12. Trust Fund to help disabled in future when need arose.

It was decided that Mrs Forbes should find out about Aids for exhibition.

Survey of village would be carried out on accessibility.

All present would talk around and try to get more ideas of need

Next meeting would be held on Sunday 22nd March at 3.0pm at House

FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURLY HELP

It's not that people do not want to help, maybe they don't like to intrude, maybe help is not asked for, the one in need being too proud or independent to ask, or not wanting to bother people. So often it is a lack of being willing to communicate or not sure how to go about tackling the authorities, not knowing which channel to use, being afraid of being rebuffed, passed to another office & another.... so many obstacles. If you think somebody is in need of help don't be afraid to offer, or let some one know. YOU may be in need tomorrow and be so glad that somebody cares.

Mavis Hcn Sec.