

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST
JANUARY 1993

Present: Mr F Wainman (in the chair), Mrs Shrago, Mr Evans, Mr Pashley, Mrs Wainman, Mrs Newberry

Apologies: Mrs Milton, Mr Brown, Mrs Malcolm, Mr Marco, Mr Yates, Cllr Elrick

Attending: Cllr Hunter

1. Mr Wainman welcomed everyone and the apologies were read.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Pashley, seconded: Mr Evans, passed no dissent.

3. Matters arising:-

(a) Local Government Reform. Mr Wainman urged Councillors to write both to Gordon District and the Scottish Office with their views. It was noted that the powers of Local Government are slowly being eroded by Central Government. Mrs Milton's letter was read and it was agreed that Community Councils with more authority and then something larger like the present Regional Councils would be a good idea. Government should be brought closer to the people and the boundaries should coincide with the parliamentary boundaries if possible.

A letter to be written to the Scottish Office saying that the best structure would be Moray, Gordon, Kincardine and Deeside and Banff and Buchan but without Aberdeen. The Aberdeen boundaries should be enlarged to include Westhill, Bridge of Don and Peterculter. It was felt that Community Councils should be given the Statutory right to comment on Local Planning Applications and any other matters affecting their areas. Community Councils should be the information centre for local democracy and that they should have more power and authority, basically being the bottom rung of the local government ladder. We want the Councillors in the new Councils to be elected and to continue to be accountable to the people for the services the Councils provide. The new Councils should still be responsible for the same number of services as the present Councils. It was felt very strongly that the number of Police Forces and Fire Brigades should under no circumstances be reduced and that they should follow the same lines as at present.

(b) Future of the old Sewage Works. Councillor Hunter confirmed that these will be incorporated in the new Sewage Works.

(c) Review of Electoral Arrangements. No concern was expressed over the proposed Review.

(d) Ideas for spending Grants. Mr Pashley reported that after investigation most of the schemes were not applicable to the Community Council.

(e) Dyce Bus. No further interest had been shown. Leave in abeyance.

(f) Consistency of Green Field Sites. With regard to the spate of building houses in the countryside we had wanted to formulate a policy

as to what is Green Belt and what is not. Cllr Hunter said that by and large the Regional Council was being tough with such matters.
AGENDA ITEM - next meeting.

4. Unfinished Business. (a) Play Equipment. Mrs Newberry said that the report on this should be available in March. (b) Ramp at Village Hall. Mr Wainman reported that Mr Caie had been awarded the contract at a cost of £2443. Mr Wainman has been negotiating with Grampian Region with regard to rewiring the Hall. Funds have been made available by Gordon District for the present financial year but these may not be sufficient. Cllr Hunter had mentioned a Regional Council grant scheme of £10,000 and perhaps this could be utilised for the work. Work should commence within the month and disruption will be kept to a minimum.

5. Correspondence received. This was read. With regard to the Gordon District Community Woodlands Scheme it was decided to invite Mr Chris White to the February meeting to discuss this, as suggested in their letter.

6. New Business. Mr Pashley confirmed that the Community Council accounts had now been audited. We were £269 in credit and the balance had decreased by £9 over last year's figures.

7. District News. None in the absence of Cllr Elrick.

8. Regional News. Cllr Hunter said there had been a request for a pedestrian crossing to the west of Kendall Road in Victoria Terrace. Mrs Wainman mentioned a proposal to purchase some land from the corners of the gardens of Lilliesleaf and Gowanbank to widen the pavement and possibly put in barriers so that people coming down Kendall Road would be prevented from going straight across the road. On the park side the wall is to be taken back to give a better view from the double gates for people coming and going to the park. Cllr Hunter to discuss the matter with Doug Imrie of the Road Safety Group and report back.

Mrs Shrago mentioned the very slippery road surface when turning right from Don View Road into Burnett Road. However careful people are it seems that this particular part of the road causes people to skid. Mention was also made of the lack of gritting in Kendall Road during the recent bad weather. Mr Wainman thanked Cllr Hunter for his help and for attending the meeting.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported five in all. Nothing contentious.

10. A.O.C.B. None.

11. Next meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday 25th February at 7.30 p.m.

Proposed adoption:

Seconded:

Signed: