

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON

23rd February 2006 AT 7.30PM IN THE KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman, David Evans, Bill Blackwood, Susan Milton, Hazel Al-Kowarri and Janet Newberry.

Attending: Annie Ferries

1. Introduction: Chris opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Pat Findlater, Cllr Leitch, Roger Dunham and Neil Johnson had tendered apologies.
3. Police Matters: No police presence. Mavis mentioned an instance of verbal abuse directed to an individual for no apparent reason, from a group of youngsters.

Insp. Allen to be contacted about police presence in the village, and requesting a representative at our next meeting. Action Chris.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January.

Proposed by Susan. Seconded by Mavis.

5. Question Time – nothing to report on this occasion.
6. Any matters to be raised under AOCB or at a future meeting – none.
7. Matters Arising

a) Bogbeth Planning Applications – acknowledgement of KCC letter.

b) Bus Forum – Chris has received a draft timetable for the 220 service which would take effect in April. All buses would now be through services, but the 0710 service to Aberdeen has been removed. This was thought to be a popular bus and Chris undertook to write to Stagecoach requesting its reinstatement. Action Chris

c) Community Council Elections – 12 nominations received so far, but there was still time to receive more.

8. Aberdeenshire News – Chris read Cllr Leitch's report.

Information received regarding Mini motos using the land between Bremner Way and the River Don. The Council owns most of this open space and without lawful authority a person who drives a motor vehicle on this land is guilty of an offence, as per Section 34 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Post Meeting Note. Inspector Allen was aware of this, but what he had been seeking was the name of an official Aberdeenshire Council "complainer" who could be cited in court if the offender pleaded not guilty.

An explanation of the position of the Life Belts along the river path has been received.

The old spiral chute in Bogbeth Park failed its annual inspection and is to be replaced with a large climbing frame with curved chute.

The War Memorial improvements are almost complete. A new raised bed for plants has a steel tree support with a provision for electrical supply to allow for a community Christmas tree. There was discussion as to whether it would have been better to plant a tree for use as a Christmas tree, but it was agreed that this would quickly grow too big. It was also agreed that this area was vastly improved and Bob Rose should be thanked. Action Chris

Alehousewells play park is to receive another piece of toddlers play equipment.

The junction with Bremner Way and Aquithie Road is being considered for future landscaping. A seating area was being proposed, but the CC felt that flower beds and a granite structure to celebrate the link with the quarry would be more appropriate. Chris would pass on this opinion. Action Chris

9. Planning Applications – nothing contentious.

10. New Business – none.

11. Report from Safety Group Representative – none.

12. Unfinished Business

a) Western Peripheral Route – nothing more to add.

b) Litter bins – KCC proposals have been sent to the Council.

c) Scottish Executive paper on help for community councils – Neil has sent a copy of Kemnay's response. The general feeling is that CC should have more power, particularly in the planning area.

d) Fire and Rescue Board Risk Management Action Plan – Chris has read and it was agreed that no formal comment would be made.

e) Airport Consultation – Chris to read and respond on behalf of KCC if appropriate. Action Chris.

13. Correspondence

a) Gritting – no more to add.

b) Inverurie Pool Opening Times. The pool actually stayed open till 5.30 at weekends, but the final session on Saturdays and Sundays is not open to the public. Chris has written to suggest it should be.

c) Bogbeth Toilets – It was understood that the Council owns and therefore should be maintaining this building. Chris had tried to make contact with the Pavilion Committee but had so far been unable to find a member.

d) Council Tax Figures for Scotland. Aberdeenshire has the 15th lowest council tax in Scotland (out of 30) for 2006/7 but it was noted that the percentage increase was the 8th highest.

e) Working with and in Communities Training and Briefing Sessions – 5 of the 9 events had already taken place, and there were no takers for any of those still to be held.

f) Public Safety for Art Groups – Risk Assessment Training. Representatives from the Village Hall Committee would attend.

g) Save Aboyne Maternity Unit. Support for the protest against the unit's closure was support. Members agreed to do so on an individual basis.

h) Local Outdoor Access Forum – Susan may attend.

i) Planning Advice Note – Practical Advice on Planning Engagement. A request for information about positive experiences of developers and communities agreeing on planning matters had been received. No one could think of any example of this taking place, anywhere. It was decided to point out that this was an unlikely scenario, although such consultation would be a most welcome development. Action Chris.

j) Aberdeenshire Community Planning. Chris has attended another meeting, wearing his Forum hat..

14. AOCB

a) Kirkland to the Glebe Footpath. There is an unmade stretch of a few yard on this footpath which is treacherous in wet weather. It was agreed to see if this could be properly surfaced by the Council. Action Chris

15) Date of the Next Meeting

30th March 2006. This meeting will follow the AGM which will be held at 7.30 pm on the same day.