

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1984 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT D. Bailey, M. Wainman, H. Cumming, S. Shrago, U. Allen, W. Ross, A. Murray
A. Brown, B. Sutherland, A. Jones, (Minute Sec) W. Wainman

ATTENDING Councillor McLean, Mr R. Mitchell (G.R.C.) Sgt. Downie (Police)
C. Ogg (Public)

APOLOGIES S. Milton, A. Calder, G. Irvine, S. Moir, Councillor Wilson.

1. In the absence of Mrs Milton, David Bailey took the chair, welcomed everybody and announced the apologies.
2. The minute of the last meeting (26th Jan) was read. A. Murray pointed out that item 7 had not been discussed. It was agreed to adopt the minute with the exclusion of item 7. Proposed A. Brown, seconded S. Shrago. The adoption was agreed unanimously.
3. Matters Arising
 1. Traffic Management A 96

Councillor McLean pointed out that in the event of major problems having occurred, a sub-committee is set up to examine the causes and effects. All points raised by K.C.C. will be looked at by this sub-committee. He also pointed out that Mr Mitchell is responsible for Gordon District which does not cover Tyrebagger Hill but that he had been discussing the points raised by K.C.C. with colleagues who were responsible.
 2. Mr Mitchell replied to the letter to Mr Kirkbride of 30th Jan.
 1. Cats Eyes. Installation of cats eyes between Marshall's Trailers and Conn's Garage is an admitted omission which will be rectified in the spring. The Council expressed gratification at this announcement.
 2. Tyrebagger Hill - 3rd and 16th January. One gritter and two snow ploughs are allotted to work the roads around Tyrebagger (500 miles in total). On the two days in question vehicles had stuck on Tyrebagger mainly because of :
 1. Loss of traction due to wet snow .
 2. blockage of the fast lane by impatient drivers thus preventing the ploughs from gaining access.Various possible preventative measures were suggested by K.C.C. and these were commented on.
 1. Snow fencing - The problem was caused by wet snow not drifting snow. It was considered unlikely that this would make much difference.
 2. Central Barrier - This would tend to cause drifting on the leeward side and thus aggravate rather than relieve the problem.
 3. Rescue Tractors - Agricultural tractors while capable of extricating a motor car would not succeed with H.G.Vs. for which heavy recovery vehicles would be necessary.
 4. Hard Shoulder - 12" verges with angled kerbs already exist - a hard shoulder would not improve the situation.
 5. Toilets - This was considered impractical on a dual carriageway for safety reasons.
 6. Lorry park at Blackburn - There is little possibility of having one though one at Aberdeen would be more likely.
 3. Roundabout at Dyce Drive. Side Road Orders relating to the dualling of this stretch of road are now out, - thus work on it is imminent. Consequently a temporary construction is not likely to be viewed with much favour by the S.D.D. who are responsible.

3. Sgt. Downie was invited to add his comments. He agreed with Mr Mitchell that only one car needed to stick to cause such traffic jams and commented on the need to educate motorists how to behave in difficult conditions. As his division does not cover Tyrebagger Hill he was unable to answer criticism of the lack of police presence on the 16th Jan.
4. A lively discussion ensued during which the aforementioned points were examined in greater depth but with no markedly different conclusion. However the following additional matters cropped up.
 1. Lighting on Tyrebagger (similar to that at Dyce Drive) would be a great help in times of difficult driving conditions. Mr Mitchell felt that the S.D.D. would be unlikely to approve this.
 2. A slip road at Midmill would help the traffic flow there. This is already under consideration and may come into next financial year's budget.
 3. The possibility of applying a surface dressing to Tyrebagger Hill is a very real one. At the one concrete suggestion for an antidote to the recent problems, the Council showed great enthusiasm and agreed to write a supporting letter to the S.D.D.
 4. H. Cumming pointed out that a large proportion of the traffic problems were caused by ageing roads unable to support the influx of oil-related traffic. He felt that the local authorities should have pressed, at the start of the oil boom, to be given the resources to improve roads as necessary.
 5. Sand Clearance is a District Council responsibility (other than trunk roads) and this is currently being undertaken.
2. Snow clearance of roads around Kemnay
 1. Discussion took place on local snow clearance problems. Mr Mitchell pointed out that the blocking of drives is a perennial problem to which there is no easy answer other than individuals digging themselves out (or in). A digger following every plough would be impractical, and sensible though it may appear, hiring casual labour from the ranks of the unemployed would require legislation.
 2. Dumping of snow into the River Don could well be feasible though approaches would have to be made to the Angling Authorities and also the N.E. River Purification Board.
 3. S. Shrago complained that oil spillage from contractor's equipment in Paradise Road had caused damage to the surface. Mr Mitchell thanked her for bringing his attention to it.
 4. Sgt. Downie was asked for his comments on access to the school with respect to its use as a polling station. He will consult with his Chief Inspector and report back.
 5. Mr Mitchell was asked for his comments on the siting of the proposed bus stance and the associated toilets and perhaps library. He suggested that we wrote to Mr Westerby of the Transportation Dept.
3. Rights of Way Society - The literature is still lost and the secretary will attempt to find it.
4. Tree Planting - This has again been deferred. W. Wainman pointed out that this matter has been virtually static for 7 years now and in another month the sap will be rising and yet another year lost.
5. Polling Station An acknowledgement of our letter of 8th February to Mr McNaughton has been received.

4. Correspondence Received

1. A response to our letter ~~concerning~~ the notification of planning applications to neighbours across the road has been received. Legislation to effect this is in hand.
2. Acknowledgements were received from the Automobile Assn. and from Malcolm Bruce of copies of our letters sent to them.

5. Unfinished Business

The bus stance had already been discussed and nothing else was outstanding.

6. District News

Suggestions for inclusions for the Local Plan are being requested. Members should give this some thought before the next meeting.

It was agreed that the District should be asked how many houses have been built in the village.

7. Regional News.

Councillor McLean reported notification from British Rail about a general improvement of rail services for the area and also of some alterations in bus times. The secretary has the details.

8. Planning Applications

No objection was raised to Mr Wyness' application to install his taxi business behind the Gushet Neuk.

9. A.O.C.B.

1. Mr Christie is unhappy about indiscriminate use of the parking space outside his shop. It was felt that if the Gushet Neuk were to use the space which will shortly fall vacant opposite the petrol station the problem would be eased.
2. The accounts were adopted. Proposed W. Wainman seconded A. Murray. H. Cumming pointed out that it is inadvisable to leave too much cash in hand and members are urged to think of ways in which a £ 100 could be spent to help improve the village.

10. The next meeting will be on 29th March at 19.30 in the Kemnay Academy.

Proposed

Seconded

Signed