

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24th OF APRIL 2003 @ 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present : -

Mr A Davies, Mr D Evans, Mr P Findlater, Cdr C Hunneyball, Mrs S Milton, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J Piggins, Mr A Thomson, Mrs M Wainman, Ms H Al-Kowarri, Mr W Blackwood, Mr R Dunham, Mr A Hinton, Mr I Morgan, Miss S Taylor

Attending : -

Mr P Aikenhead, Mr D Duncan (Inverurie Herald), Cllr A Leitch, Inspector D Allan, Mr I Rendall, Mr W Lennox, Mr C Simpson

Dr Jim Piggins welcomed the councillors and the members of public to the meeting.

2. Election Of Office Bearers

Dr Piggins announced his wish to step down as Chairman at this time.

Chairman	Cdr Christopher R Hunneyball
Proposed	Mrs Susan Milton
Seconded	Mr David Evans
Vice Chairman	Mr Alan E Davies
Proposed	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Seconded	Mrs Susan Milton
Treasurer	Mr Alan E Davies
Proposed	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Seconded	Mrs Susan Milton
Secretary	Miss Sheila J Taylor
Proposed	Dr Jim Piggins
Seconded	Mr David Evans
Planning Scrutiniser	Mr David Evans
Proposed	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Seconded	Mr Pat Findlater
Community Safety Group Representative	Mr Pat Findlater
Proposed	Mrs Susan Milton
Seconded	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Park & Pavilion Committee Representative	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Proposed	Dr Jim Piggins
Seconded	Mr Alan Davies
Community Council Forum Representative	Mrs Mavis Wainman
Proposed	Cdr Christopher Hunneyball
Seconded	Mr Bill Blackwood

This position is to be backed up by Miss Sheila Taylor when required

Cdr Hunneyball gave thanks to Jim Piggins for all his hard work and diligence as Chairman.

3. Police Matters

The Community welcomed back Inspector Allan after his three-month secondment and discussed the recent spate of vandalism that has once again resurfaced in the village. Whilst he is disappointed in this development after a year of relative peace in this type of crime, investigations are ongoing on the events he was pleased to report that there had been no such incidents reported in the last 7 days and hopes that this is just a short-term problem. He also reported the increase in police presence over the previous weekends and they will continue to have the prevention of vandalism as a priority. However he points out that the overall picture is good and that the number of crimes reported is falling. The Police are looking to focus on vandalism – the who, what, where and when it is committed to not only detect, prove and charge someone with the crime but to help prevent it. He also pointed out that despite the school holidays there is no trend to show any increase at this time. What can be done to stop and prevent speeding was also discussed and if the police could take measures to catch and prosecute the individuals involved. Whilst Inspector Allan agrees this is a serious concern he points out that most speeding accidents happen on the open road and as they have limited resources at their disposal certain roads are targeted for speeding and to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries as a result of speeding. 40% of road accidents in Scotland happen in the command area and road safety is a priority for the police, which has been very effective (in Grampian 15 years ago 75 people died in a road accident this figure is now in it's 30's). On a positive note the Police are working in conjunction with several other organisations (Multi Agency Group) on safety to and from schools and have been looking into effective ways of controlling speeds around our schools – he will keep us updated on this plan.

4. Minute of Meeting held on 27th of March 2003

Adoption Proposed Mr Alan Davies **Seconded** Mrs Mavis Wainman

5. Dr Graham Young – Medical Centre Update

Dr Young kindly came along to update us on the plans for the medical centre following the Aberdeenshire Local Plan (ALP) recommendations. He assured the council that while they have no plans to relocate at present they have gone through an option appraisal process with the council planning department and other interested parties but this was purely a fact-finding mission. Whilst they have no intention of moving he did point out that the present site has been extended on several occasions and now has reached it's maximum size as it is land locked, there is also the problem of parking beside the centre as it is very limited. The question of where could the surgery relocate to and still be central led to several sites being looked at by the practice and the council. However, with the exception of the site at the top of Bremner Way, no suitable site was identified hence the community council withdrew its objection to the site being zones for future development in this way. Currently there are 6200 patients on the patient list and they currently make around 34,000 consultations. As Kemnay expands they must look ahead to the increase in the patient lists and the needs of the community and they have already made some changes to refocus the space available and utilised what they have more efficiently. The site at Fraser Place does not belong to the Centre but to Primary Care Trust and it to needs extending but under current legislation this is not possible unless it is done through PPI. At present the Scottish Executive are looking at General Practice and reviewing how it is undertaken so this too may see changes in the future.

6. Aberdeenshire Council – Transport and Infrastructure Department

Mr Ian Rendall along with Mr Bill Lennox accepted the invitation from the council to explain traffic calming measures particularly in respect to Bremner Way. They were pleased to announce that they have just gained approval (on 24th of April) for measures to be taken on Bremner Way and we will see and hear in due course the design and proposal for the area. However, after explaining several types of traffic calming and the effectiveness of these it was concluded that it would probably be speed bumps called ‘cushions’. These are two small speed bumps, which are too large for a normal car to speed over, but are narrow enough for a commercial vehicle such as a bus to travel over smoothly. This is of particular importance on Bremner Way as it is a bus route but they are also designed to not slow down emergency vehicles such as Ambulance and Fire Brigade, which is very important on this road due to the presence of the schools. The budget to implement traffic calming was introduced to Aberdeenshire Councils expenditure over 8 years ago but this is a huge problem in every are and as a result the waiting list of applications is long. Each site on the list is reviewed and accessed annually and they then prioritise and act as the budget allows on each site. In recent times Kemnay has had road markings and signage improved into the village and traffic calming implemented on Aquithie Road. The timescale for implementation of Bremner Way improvements is unknown at this time but is a high priority and will be actioned as soon as the plans and costs are approved.

7. Matters Arising from the last Minute

a. The Glebe Obstruction

Chris Bartlett is building the house and the pile of soil is quarry waste some of which he has used to level off his site before building and the remainder will be used once the roof is completed and after the scaffolding is removed. He hopes to have this all completed by w/c 02/06 weather permitting.

b. The fence beside the ‘carrier statue’

This is now removed and the woodland area beyond this is now a free area to access.

c. Recycling Advisor Group Presentation

This is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 28th of May by Clair Wright. She will introduce herself and the scheme, explain about the changes in the recycling police and talk about Kemnay and it’s recycling. She will also discuss community waste projects and funding for schemes.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Area Partnership Proposals – Draft Aims and Objectives and Proposals (sent via email)

Mavis Wainman I our contact at this group and she attended the meeting where a working group drew up these proposals, aims and objectives. Copies are to be circulated to all possible interested parties including the schools, community education and sporting groups.

9. New Business

a. Trees on the Village Green

David Lothian attended the meeting to let us know what the Council had advised him on his request to have the trees cut back a little to allow him light and a view once more and he advised that Bob Rose had been in touch with him was told there was little they could do. Mr Lothian asked if Community Council could write a letter of support to the pruning not removal of these trees.

10. Report from the Safety Group

Pat Findlater gave us his report and advised that they had just had their AGM last week and they are looking for new members to join. He also advises of forthcoming talks they will be attending on Cashline fraud, flooding within Aberdeenshire and road junctions and roundabouts. He also advises of an event jointly held by Maritime Coast Guard Agency called 'Sea Smart@' which is being held on 7th of May at Westhill Swimming Pool. The ROSPA leaflet that was handed out at schools last year will happen again this year and he will keep us posted.

11. Press Reports

Article in the Press & Journal regarding the speeding in Bremner Way and the Evening Express are to do a follow up. Also in both the Inverurie Advertiser and the Press & Journal were articles on the recent spate of vandalism in Kemnay.

12. Aberdeenshire News

Councillor Leitch advised that he has spoken to Ian Rendell about the trees stuck under the Don bridge and they are to be removed as soon as is possible as specialised equipment will be required to remove them.

13. Planning Applications

Four new planning applications have been lodged

- a. The Youth Café – change of use from police house
- b. Classroom Extension – for a small nursery at Alehousewells Primary School
- c. 2 semi detached homes at Crombie Court by Alan Grant of Alford
- d. retail unit at Pine Lodge Driving Range – for use as a café

It was also noted that the Skate Park application had been put in today and that the outlined application for 15 Kendal Road had been approved.

14. Correspondence

- a. **Best Value – Planning Questionnaire** – David responded – no real comments
- b. **Your Place, Your Plan – White Paper on Public Involvement in Planning** – no comments passed.
- c. **Scottish Outdoor Access Code** – Comment passed – doesn't really change anything, due to our location it will have little effect on how we behave in the countryside although there are some areas that are vague and are open to personal interpretation.
- d. **The Network – Aberdeenshire Council Newsletter** – still in circulation
- e. **Scottish Parliament – Working for you Newsletter** – still in circulation

- f. Aberdeenshire Council – War Memorial Handrail and Victoria Terrace Flooding -** A letter was received from Ian Murray advising that the drain cover on Victoria Terrace is the responsibility of Scottish Water and they have been alerted to this and the community council noted that this has since been addressed. He also advised that the Landscape Services Department are going to be re-modelling the area in front of the War Memorial and the footpath will be regarded at the same time and once these works are complete there should be no requirement for a handrail.

15. A.O.C.B

- a. Potholes and trench beside Pictillum Farm – these are to be addresses with the other road maintenance in the next few months.
- b. ASCC AGM on 14th of June in Glasgow– please advise Sheila if you wish to attend
- c. Advise new office bearers to – Aberdeenshire Council and other interested parties
- d. Place of Origin – litter and dog fouling also dog's off leads and not being kept under control – letter will be put in the newsletter. Concern over lack of rubbish and dog bins and the overall condition of the site and how it will be maintained in future. Lastly an event in June is to be held at the site with the whole village invited – details to follow.
- e. Article to be put in the Newsletter from Marion Rothwell looking for over 50's with skills to share. There will also be an event in conjunction with this on the 12th of June details will be in the newsletter.
- f. What is to become of the Petrol Station and site? – in short, not much can be done it would be very costly to reopen or develop due to safety regulations.