

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING 24th APRIL 1997

Present: Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr L Shrago, Mrs G Hinton, Mrs L Moss, Mr A Davies, Dr J Piggins, Mr D Evans, Mrs M Wainman, Mr F Wainman, Mrs J Campbell, Mrs J Newberry

Also attending: PC Thom, Cllr A Leitch

Apologies: Mr E Pashley

1 Mrs Milton welcomed everyone, especially visitor Mr Alistair MacLean from North of Scotland Water Authority.

2 Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mr F W Wainman - proposed by Mr D Evans, seconded by Mrs S Milton
Vice Chairman: Dr J Piggins - proposed by Mr D Evans, seconded by Mrs J Newberry
Secretary: Mrs J Campbell - proposed by Mrs S Shrago, seconded by Mr FW Wainman
Treasurer: Mr A Davies - proposed by Mrs J Newberry, seconded by Dr J Piggins
Co-opted member: Mr Pashley - proposed by Mr D Evans, seconded by Mrs S Shrago
Planning: Mr D Evans - proposed by Mr FW Wainman, seconded by Mrs M Wainman
Park & Pavilion Rep: Mrs J Campbell - proposed by Mrs M Wainman, seconded by Mr FW Wainman
Crime Prevention Rep: Mrs L Moss - proposed by Mrs M Wainman, seconded by Dr J Piggins
Press Reporter: Mrs J Newberry - proposed by Mrs S Milton, seconded by Mrs M Wainman
Litter Clean-up Day Organiser: Mrs M Wainman - proposed by Mr FW Wainman, seconded by Mrs S Milton (Mrs Wainman read out report of this year's Clean Up Day - very disappointing as only eight people turned up.)

3 **The Minutes from the previous meeting** were read & adopted.

4 **Matters arising from the Minutes** - It was decided to stop payment of £10 annually to ASCC as it was felt more relevant to Central Belt.

5 Mr Alistair MacLean from North of Scotland Water Authority based in Aberdeen (regional HQ) gave presentation and the following facts were noted:
Area covers 60% of Scotland but only 20% of population (1.2million) which uses 94,000,000 gallons daily.
They have 13,750 miles of water main, 344 water treatment works and 648 waste water treatment works. They must meet many criteria, including water quality, waste water treatment and pollution controls. All this costs £58.7million (1997/98) and is expected to cost £72.9million in 1999/2000.

He said that new sewage plant in Inverurie would not affect Kemnay and when asked about possible dangers of using sewage sludge on fruit and vegetables, he said it should only be used on food which was not eaten raw. As there was no heavy industry in the area there was no problem with heavy metals in the sewage sludge. He reassured the meeting that even if the

processed sludge pellets are used on grass eaten by livestock this caused no problems as treatment kills bacteria.

The Inverurie plant will use methane to heat the drier but there would not be enough power to supply the community. Mr Wainman asked whether aluminium was still added to water supplies - it is for colour removal.

Asked about the movement of staff because of NOSWA centralisation he said that 15 people from Inverurie were now based in Aberdeen office.

With regard the time scale in putting in new sewers at Kirkstyle, Kemnay he said this would be up to developers and planners but there would not be any problems with the extra capacity - the surface water sewers would go along Victoria Terrace/Grove Road/Riverside Road and the foul water via High Street and Mrs S Shrago noted that a period of 16 weeks had been given for the work.

Mrs M Wainman asked if we should put bricks in WC cisterns to save water but he said there were ample water supplies in this area, even after the dry winter as most of our supply is taken from rivers rather than reservoirs. The general trend though, was to manufacture smaller cisterns and 'grey' water (from baths, etc) could be used to flush WCs.

When asked about Yorkshire Water's reported leakage rate of 25% he thought NOSWA's would be similar as it was very difficult to locate leaks, the general policy being regular replacement of old pipes.

The Chairman thanked Mr MacLean for his most interesting talk.

6 Unfinished Business

Cllr Leitch had passed on letter re Insurance Policy to Alan Grant. Mr Wainman reported that holes outside Mace had now been repaired but the yellow lines have not yet been repainted. It was reported that the articulated lorry is still being parked on Bogbeth Road and PC Thom had contacted the owner. Mr Shrago said that he was pursuing late postal delivery - apparently the legal requirement is to deliver between 7am-2pm. Cllr Leitch will make enquiries about the Car Park and WC sign outside school.

7 Correspondence Received

Letters from Aberdeenshire Council Social Work Dept re Joint Community Care Plan, Aberdeenshire Council Transportation & Roads Dept re Car Park sign, Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area re Decentralisation Plan (we will ask him to come to meeting to give presentation), and Aberdeenshire Council Planning & Economic Development re Planning Application.

8 Aberdeenshire News

Cllr Leitch reported that car park sign has been dealt with and Pleasure Park WC open. The application for Fast Food outlet had been refused because of parking restrictions. There had been a great deal of concern about changes in school transport provision, but it should not affect too many children. A 'No Parking for Lorries' sign had been requested for Bennachie View Car Park and in discussion PC Thom said that lorries could park on the highway so long as they don't cause obstruction and they must be lit at night. When asked about Archeolink,

Cllr Leitch said a special group has been formed by Aberdeenshire Council to investigate. As yet there had been no report on safety surfaces under play equipment. A tender had been accepted for the Kirkstyle development and this would be announced shortly.

9 Planning Applications

There were two - one for a porch and another application for a house at Craigmyle Quarry but as a watchman's hut would seem adequate for security purposes we would object on these grounds.

10 AOCB

Mrs Shrago reported that felled trees along the A96 have now been cleared away. Mr Davies said there was a lack of waste bins in Kemnay and Mrs Wainman stated that installation and emptying was very costly - it had taken a year to get new bin in High Street . It was noted that only one rose bush remained in Kendall Road (due to weather) but that the trees which had been snapped off have now started sprouting lower down. Concern was voiced about dangerous condition of wall outside Kemnay Taxis and also the overspill of marble, etc onto the pavement at Andrews Fireplaces - especially as it will soon be time for the Beautiful Village Competition.

11 Next Meeting will be on 29th May. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Proposed Adoption:

Seconded:

Signed: