

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Ian Murray, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Andy Green, Katherine Low.

1. Welcome: The chairman welcomed those present and announced with regret the resignation of Alex Thomas.
2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, PC Sandra Duncan, Malcolm Edwards, Jim Piggins.
3. Police Matters: PC Alex Allan has been replaced by PC Sandra Duncan.
4. The Minutes of the Pro Re Nata Meeting of 26 August 2009: Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Eric Pashley, seconded by John Hern and unanimously approved.
5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2009 was proposed by David Evans, seconded by Ian Murray and unanimously approved.
6. Question Time: No matters were raised at this point in the agenda.
7. Matters Arising from Minutes:
 - a) Core Paths Plan: John Hern was thanked for his response to the consultation.
 - b) Bogbeth Road: The ramp had been improved, but the yellow lines were still missing. Aberdeenshire Council was to be contacted.
8. Planning matters and applications:
 - a) Halliday Fraser Munro response to MIR: Halliday Fraser Munro had responded to the MIR claiming, inter alia, that Kemnay was within the Aberdeen – Inverurie – Huntly corridor. They also stated that the majority at the Open Day had been in support of mixed use development of the Bremner Way/Aquithie Road site – a finding which was not in accord with the response forms which the Community Council had received. They had also asked for, and received, the Community Council's response for the site.
 - b) Structure Plan: This had been approved without amendment by the Scottish Government.
 - c) New Regulations for Planning Applications: The consultation period has been extended from two to three weeks. As the Community Council is a statutory consultee, it may request an extension of that period, provided such intention is noted within that period.
 - d) New Applications: Most were uncontroversial, but there was discussion with Mr Green about the plans for Wreaton. David Evans pointed out that the proposed building site was on greenfield land, but Mr Green explained that the intention was to create a low-energy house which, for a variety of reasons, could not be done on the existing site. It was agreed to support the concept, but not the site, of the proposed new building.
9. Community Planning:
 - a) Area Forum Summary: The Chairman directed attention to the tabled paper.

b) Community Council Liaison Officer: Susie Brown is the new Community Councils' representative on the Community Planning Executive. Ian Fowell is now the Community Council Liaison for the Shire.

c) Communication Forum: Volunteers were sought for Theme Groups.

10. GACCF: Report of meeting - the Chairman directed attention to the tabled paper.

11. Report from Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: Four new lamps had been bought on a buy-one-get-one-free offer. Bob Ingram agreed to house the "Christmas Tree" which would not go into the shed where the other lights were stored. There was money available to have the lamp-posts modified and hire a cherry-picker. It was agreed that local shops should be asked to display collecting boxes for more lights and Eric Pashley agreed to organise this. Ben Hudson has offered to provide Christmas Trees in exchange for some advertising in the Kemnay Newsletter.

12. Report from Safety Group Representative: There had been a drop in vandalism in schools during the holidays, as a result of co-operation between staff, pupils, parents, police and local authorities. A crime-reduction show will be starting in mid October. The police are extending their use of bicycles in towns in the area. The four Community Safety themes for 2009-2010 were revealed.

13. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: The representative being absent, there was no report.

14. New Business:

a) KCC - Can we do our business better?: John Hern remarked that the Community Council had few powers, as it was not an executive body. David Evans pointed out that things had nevertheless been achieved. It was agreed to suspend the discussion until Malcolm Edwards, who had raised the subject, was present.

b) Place of Origin: Greenbelt had cleared some paths but not all. The hill itself was still the responsibility of Aggregate Industries. The chairman pointed out that once the trees were well-established, the problem would become much less acute. Bob Ingram suggested that the paths could be cleared by volunteers. There was some discussion about the feasibility of this. Aberdeenshire Council was to be approached. If they agreed, a request for volunteers could be made in the Newsletter.

c) Fraser Place Parking: Margaret Christie raised the matter of the possibility of having double yellow lines opposite the disabled parking spaces at the Church. It was agreed that Aberdeenshire Council be approached. Mavis Wainman asked if they could also be reminded about the road markings at Kendal Green.

d) Opening Hours of Crèche and Library: As the Community Learning and Development Representative was not present, this item was deferred.

e) Model CC Scheme: It was agreed that although this appeared flawed, it would not be discussed in detail until the Aberdeenshire Consultation.

f) Bedding Plants: A vote of thanks was accorded to Margaret Basley who is taking over the management of this from Mavis Wainman, who was also thanked for the many years she has attended to the distribution of plants given by Aberdeenshire Council for use in the village.

15. Unfinished Business:

a) ASCC Membership: It was agreed to ask the area rep. to speak to the Community Council before any decision was made on block membership. A letter had been received from the National Secretary, explaining why Kemnay Community Council's motions could not be submitted for ballot. The ASCC

Conference was to be held on Saturday 14 November at Holyrood. The new Development Officer, Dr Nicola Welsh, was to hold meetings in Banchory and Turriff. Members were invited to attend.

- b) Youth Café Extension: A letter had been sent supporting this.
- c) Zebra Crossing: The road at Milton Meadows would not normally merit a crossing, but because the children had asked for it, the matter would be re-assessed by the School Travel Planning Officer.

16. Aberdeenshire News: Cllr Al-Kowarri had reported that there had been complaints about electric cables being re-strung on Aquithie Road and Kendal Road. This had been done because the posts were still viable.

17. Correspondence:

- a) Isabel Page: Ms Page was now our area rep on the ASCC.
- b) Tackling Poverty and Inequalities: Members were invited to a one-day forum.
- c) Licensing Over-provision: The Garioch was not over-provided with licensed premises.

18. AOCB: The secretary agreed to provide interested members with details of the next bus forum. A diagram of the structure of Community Council interactions was requested by Bob Ingram. The Chairman agreed to request one.

19. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held on 29 October 2009 at 7.30 pm in Kemnay Village Hall.