

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON THE 24th NOVEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball, Pat Findlater, Janet Newberry, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman, Neil Johnson, David Evans, Bill Blackwood.

Attending: Nil

- 1) Introduction – Chris welcomed Council members who had managed to attend despite the poor weather.
- 2) Apologies - Cllr Alister Leitch and Susan Milton had tendered apologies.
- 3) Police Matters – No Police presence. Insp Allen has been asked by Chris to provide an officer to update Council members on the drugs situation in the Kemnay Area and nationwide. Several Anti-Social incidents around this village were discussed and the Police non-emergency number would be printed in the newsletter again.
- 4) Addition to item 2, David and Neil had both sent apologies.

Prop: Janet

Seconded: Mavis

- 5) Question Time – no members of the public were present
- 6) Community Learning (Jim); Swimming Pool (Jim); Traffic Calming (Chris); Gritting in Kemnay (Jim).
- 7) No matters raised
- 8) Janet raised an issue on behalf of Cllr Leitch **re.** Community Network Group who are in a position to apply for funding for a variety of projects within the village through the Community Education Office in the Academy.
- 9) Planning –
 - a) Applications raised by David, previously circulated by e-mail:
 - i) extensions of a non-contentious nature and
 - ii) a house for an agricultural worker at “Boatleys”. Some discussion about the possibility that this might be ‘back-door’ method for development, but David reminded the Council that the applicants would need to show need for the worker to be on-site and that condition would be placed upon the deeds that the property must remain for use by an agricultural worker.
 - b) Hazel raised the issue of a ‘temporary’ marquee erected in the garden of a house on Bremner Way which had now been present for 8 months. Chris would write to the Planning Dept.

- c) Barratt Development – David proposed that we object on the grounds that this was contrary to both the Structure Plan and the sites' zoning. He proposed that any movement on this during the Christmas vacations would be dealt with by Office Bearers under devolved powers. Agreed *nem. con.*

10) New Business

- a) Community Council Nominations – forms were circulated and would be placed in the Post Office. Returns *via* Mavis or Neil.
- b) GACCF – report taken as read.
- c) ASCC AGM - report circulated. Discussion paper for next meeting distributed. Anne Callaghan to visit Aberdeenshire on 23rd January, venue TBC.
- d) ALP – carried forward in the absence of Aberdeenshire Council representative.

11) Safety Committee – Pat reported on recent developments:

- a) Children's wrist-bands have been circulated to all primary pupils to reinforce the safety message.
- b) The Housing Anti-social Behaviour Officer is coming to the next meeting
- c) Rural development small awards had been made towards: water safety equipment, RoSPA booklets to schools and Pass Plus driving safety info to schools.
- d) Neil Johnson reported on the excellent "Safe Drive Stay Alive" event which had taken place at the Thainstone Centre last month – aimed to improve road safety in school pupils in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire who are about to become eligible to learn.

12) Unfinished Business

- a) Christmas Lights - Hazel reported that this project was unlikely to proceed given the almost complete lack of response from the recent request for help in the Newsletter. Only two volunteers had offered to help and would be unlikely to be able to make a large commitment of time. There had been no response from anyone who would be able to offer technical support eg electricians, builders etc. In view of the lack of support it was agreed not to try and progress the project further for the time being.
- b) Litter Bins - A suitable map was presented by Chris and sites of current and future waste and dog-waste bins would be indicated. A request would then be made to install the additional bins.
- c) Anti-Social behaviour around Alehousewells – Chris reported that he had e-mailed Dave Allen and that the local bobby had spoken with children in the area. He would continue to follow up and the incidents had tailed off as a result.

13) Items a-c covered under item 10

- d) Letter received from Richard Lochhead describing the plans made by Bank of Scotland to introduce mobile banks to Aberdeenshire after the closure of several Clydesdale branches (including Kemnay)

14) AOCB

- a) Community Learning & Development – too little warning for Jim to attend the last meeting. Minutes of previous meeting discussed. Request for participation the Youth Café steering group under the auspices of CL&D passed on the Mavis.
- b) Traffic Calming in St Bryde's Rd – changes had been made to the planned measures removing the central speed cushion. Neil expressed concern that this was still offering little or no protection to pedestrians and that priority should be given to a footway. Chris was concerned that the corner should be sharpened and narrowed to prevent vehicles moving into the road too quickly. Neil would communicate this with the Council.
- c) Swimming Pool – Jim reported that 8 people attended the recent meeting and only 60 questionnaires had been completed and returned. More would be circulated at the school fairs.

15) Next meeting – Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm