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KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN ROOM 103 KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 25th MARCH 1982 at 7.30pm

Present :- Mrs Milton, Mrs Wainman, Mrs Forbes, Mr Cobb Mr Cumming, Dr Hern,  
Mr Robertson, Mr Williams, Mr Wainman.

Attending :- Councillor Reid, Councillor McLean.

Nominated Prospective Members :- Mrs Shrago, Mr A. Murray, Mr B. Sutherland

Apologies :- Mr McKay, Mr Bailey, Nominee Mr Wosinski.

The Minute of the meeting held in Kemnay Academy on Thursday 25th February was adopted subject to the following amendments

A 96 last line should read ' north side of the existing one'

International Year of Disabled ' committee was considering preparing book for'  
' might be asking for ablebodied help' First Meeting April 19th .

Adoption proposed by Mr Wainman seconded by Mr Cobb

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green :- Councillor McLean reported that the contractor was unable to complete the work and other contractors were being invited to tender.

Park Pavilion :- Councillor Reid said that it was well on the way and he hoped the management committee would be formed soon.  
Secretary instructed to write again to Mr Kennedy

Boat Croft Housing Application :- Hugh Cumming reported that all residents of St. John's Gardens had signed a petition objecting to the access to this development being through St John's Gardens. and sent it to the Director of Planning, Gordon District.

Gas in Kemnay :- Councillor McLean reported that the Gas main lay some two miles from the village and that it was most unlikely that there would be a supply to Kemnay particularly in view of the fact that there would be no major industrial user here.

Planning Representations :- The secretary was instructed to write to Mr Kennedy trusting that there would be no repetition of the supply of information on objectors to planning applications.

Grant from Region for election :- It was noted that the Region were not prepared to give a grant.

Grant from District :- It was also noted that the District would not give a grant on this occasion, not because they were not sympathetic but that they were considering increasing the annual grant in the future. The secretary referred to a telephone conversation pending a letter.

In fact the grant for election would not be pursued as only 9 nominations had been received and there would be no election.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr Kennedy trusting that the increases in District Grant would more than compensate for the proposed withdrawal of Regional Grant.

Britain in Bloom :- the secretary reported that Kemnay had been entered for the competition again this year.

Pleasure Park :- Mr Robertson reported the disgraceful state of the children's play area ( deep mud and waterlogging) The secretary was instructed to write and complain to Gordon District on this.

Annual Report Mrs Milton, Chairman, gave the annual report - appended.

Financial Report The Statement, prepared by Mr McKay, treasurer, was proposed by Mr Wainman, Seconded by Dr Hern and unanimously adopted.

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Medical Sub Committee :- The secretary reported that Dr Young of the Kemnay Medical Centre had suggested forming a liason sub committee between Kemnay Community Council and the medical practice to channel comments with a view to improving the medical service in Kemnay.

Community Council Elections:- Due to Mr Duffus being on holiday, Mr A. Whiteley had acted as Returning Officer and the following statement from him was read.

I, Archibald Whiteley, Returning Officer, report that nine nomination forms were received by twelve noon on Monday 22nd March 1982, for fifteen vacancies on the Council. These have been scrutinised and found correct. As the nominations fell short of the vacancies there will be no election. I declare that the following will serve as members on the Council

David Bailey, Rosebank Cottage, Glenhead, Kemnay

Patrick J. Cobb, 62, Bremner Way, Kemnay

Hugh F. Cumming, 21, St. John's Gardens, Kemnay

Susan L. Milton, Kemnay House, Kemnay

Adrian D. Murray, 42, The Glebe, Kemnay

Sandra C. Shrago, 35, Paradise Road, Kemnay

Frederick W. Wainman, 25, High Street, Kemnay

Mavis J. Wainman, 25, High Street, Kemnay

Jan Wosinski, 13, Craigearn Park, Kemnay

The following nomination was received after the closing time of twelve noon  
Bert. H. Sutherland, 14, Littlewood Court, Kemnay  
I leave it to the discretion of the members of the Council listed above to accept or reject this late nomination.

Signed, Archibald Whiteley, March 23rd 1982

Mrs Milton welcomed the new members.

A.O.C.B.

In answer to a question Councillor Reid stated that the Gordon District was still responsible for plumbing repairs to council houses.

Mr Cobb expressed great concern on the health hazard arising from the 'Lifeboat' intended as a children's play equipment being used as a toilet and asked that Gordon District be requested to remove it. After much discussion on the various ways of tackling the problem it was agreed to pursue the matter with the District again. Councillor Reid also volunteered to pursue it.

That being all the business Mrs Milton thanked the retiring members for their service over the years and the A.G.M. closed.

The new Council convened. Members present were :-

Mrs Milton, Mrs Wainman, Mrs Shrago, Mr Cobb, Mr Cumming, Mr Murray, Mr Wainman (Mr Sutherland.)

Apologies had been received from Mr Bailey & Mr Wosinski.

After considerable discussion on the constitution it was agreed that Mr Bert Sutherland be co-opted as a non voting member for a 6 month period, in view of his late nomination.

It was suggested that a bye election be held later in the year to fill the six vacancies.

A medical sub-committee was formed by the following volunteers, Mrs Shrago, Mr Cobb and Mr Sutherland. It was suggested that this committee might consider dental and ophthalmic services.

The next meeting was fixed for 29th April in room 103, Kemnay Academy

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Chairman's Report for the Year ending 25th March, 1982

As last year was the International Year of the Disabled, it seems fitting to begin this report with an account of the Community Council's role in IDYP. A sub-committee was formed with Mrs. Forbes in charge and with the help of certain council members an Access Study was organised last Spring. The initial date chosen was so stormy that it had to be postponed, but the Saturday following was none too springlike either and umbrellas were the order of the day. The findings of this study were that the Public Toilets were quite inaccessible and also that the Police Station, Post Office and Bank would be very difficult. However, the Bank Manager, Mr. Low, very kindly offered to visit any disabled person in their home if this would help. The Public Hall, Hotel and most shops were inaccessible for independent access and kerbs in general were bad. Although several offers to make improvements were forthcoming originally, no great improvements have been noticeable. The result of the questionnaire was that there was a need for more chiropody for the elderly. An exhibition of Aids for Disabled People was put on in the Public Hall which was successful and many useful questions were asked and some interesting films shown. There had been a request from Mrs. Thomson, Kirkview, who has a disabled child, as to whether something could be done about the tree in the park that shades her garden. Her child loves to sit out there but suffers from cold very much. An inspection of the offending tree was carried out on site and it was agreed that the tree was dying back anyway and that the appropriate officials in Gordon District be contacted to deal with it. So far nothing has been done. It has been noted by Community Councillors with incredulous horror that no provision had been made in the new Park Pavilion for Disabled Person's Toilets.

Early in the last year's session the Scottish Council for Social Service had investigated the possibility of funding an Information Centre in Kemnay. After discussion it was proposed and seconded that KCC should provide for rent, heat and sundry expenditure for two hours per week in Friendship House, for a trial period of six months, run by Mrs. Wainman with assistance from certain Councillors. A total of only 11 enquiries was made during the trial period although several enquiries were made each day to Mrs. Wainman at her house. It was agreed to discontinue the sessions at Friendship House but to support the service from Blythwood. Mr McKay proposed a vote of thanks for the service which was unanimously endorsed.

I noted with some amusement that last March in a discussion about the Kemnay Green that Mr. Bailey had asked Mr. Morrison of the Regional Estates Department who addressed the meeting, "If a pond would be a feature". No conjecture could possibly have been more accurate! I also note that last month's minutes state that another drain is to be laid and tree planting will take place at the end of February.

I am glad to say that the removal of the tall shrubs on the island outside Kemnay Primary School took place before there was a fatal accident and feel sure this is one instance when continual nagging paid off. We have continued to nag poor Councillor McLean, who in his turn nags at people further up the official line, about the Railway bridge and the Airport Junction to the A96 to name but two items. Unfortunately there was not sufficient response by residents regarding the water situation at Whitestones to get any improvement in their water supply, but on the other side of the fence there was great response by local residents regarding the Craigmyle Quarry Explosive Store and that got them nowhere either. We have nagged about the use of Schools for polling stations in general elections and apparently the position is to be reviewed after the forthcoming Regional Elections. We did succeed in getting money for the safety slabs at Alehousewells swings. Gordon District Technical Services will lay them and be responsible for the upkeep. Play equipment proposed for the Glebe resulted in a lot of time wasted, a lot of bad feeling and no play equipment.

The long awaited Park Pavilion is reported to be nearly finished and councillors have been asked to give attention to and comment on the draft constitution which I hope they have all done. I think we all feel strongly that there should be a community council representative on the management committee.



We have all welcomed the opening of Kemnay Academy and the new head and members of his staff and we appreciate the comforts of the establishment which we are able to enjoy.

The ugly aspect of Glue Sniffing is very worrying, and we can only stress the importance of bringing the results of such abuse to the knowledge of parents in the Parish. This we have attempted to do through the newsletter.

Kemnay has been entered again for the Tourist Board's Britain in Bloom competition and it is to be hoped that we can regain a "Highly" commended this year and not just "commended" as in 1981. Who knows, perhaps even greater success could come our way with the backing of the whole village!

Most of the work of a community council seems to consist of pressing Grampian Regional Council and Gordon District Council to act on various matters. People still ask if community councils are really necessary and I would say "Yes, definitely" to that. Someone has to keep an eye on things, someone has to nag councillors, someone has to keep on harping on things until they get done, and who on earth is going to do it except a Community Council?

Before closing this report I must thank both Councillor McLean and Councillor Reid for attending our meetings so regularly and for their efforts on our behalf.

Special thanks to our Secretary for all she has done and to Mr. McKay, our Treasurer, who retires from the Community Council this year after two sessions, one of which as Chairman at the start of community council life was very demanding of someone who already leads a full life. We shall miss you Mr. McKay. Thanks to Mr. Bailey for keeping this chair warm (?) for me while I was on holiday and to all those councillors who have taken a turn at being minutes secretary. Thank you, all of you, for the work you have done for the community council during the past year.

Susan Milton