

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 25th MARCH 1999**

Present: Mr A Davies, Mrs S Milton, Mr D Evans, Mrs J Newberry, Mr A Thomson, Dr J Piggins, Mrs G Hinton, Mrs M Wainman, Mr W Wainman, Mrs J Campbell,

Also attending: Mrs H Al-Kowarri (TRAK), Mrs A Auld (TRAK), Ms L Gibb (Inverurie Herald), PC Raffan & WPC Sangster, Cllr A Leitch

Apologies: Mrs L Moss

1 Welcome & apologies

2 Minutes of previous meeting - proposed by Mrs S Milton, seconded Mrs J Newberry

3 Matters arising

Village Orderly We were disappointed to learn that Aberdeenshire Council think Kemnay would be too big for a pilot scheme - we will write to Steve Grimmond expressing our dismay.

Lamp Post Another £200 received from Council (this was later updated to £700 when Cllr Leitch came to meeting). This is still not enough to cover Council's costs for relocating lamp post which they moved originally.

Football Pitches We had received two letters, one from Aberdeenshire Council informing us of sum available and one from Dave Robertson, Chairman of Boys Club (to be published in Newsletter) informing us that he had written to all parents asking for help and had received just one reply.

Victim Support We had received replies from local MPs supporting their work, and these had been forwarded to Victim Support.

Cycle Lights Mr D Evans suggested waiting till autumn and asking Headteachers to warn children of the dangers of cycling with no lights on dark evenings.

Police Mr W Wainman welcomed two Police Constables, PC Raffan and WPC Sangster who are now responsible for Kemnay. PC Raffan said that previously there were 2/3 Officers for Kemnay, Monymusk, Fetternear & Cluny area but after open meetings and return to more community policing, there are now six working this area (always in pairs). The renovations to Police Office were almost complete. Dr J Piggins pointed out ongoing problems of parking at bank corner and vandalism (cameras around the Academy have been recommended). Sgt Fiona Barron at Inverurie is contact now.

4 Unfinished Business

Wetland Area Mrs Al Kowarri said that at TRAK meetings concern had been expressed about the increasing water level because of dangers to children and pollution. It had been suggested that area be fenced off but this was not felt to be solution. We will write to Ron Reid, Environmental Dept pointing out problems. Mr D Evans thought that if excess water is coming from Lawrences, then it could not be drained into river. Perhaps the schools could encourage children's interest in the area - Dr J Piggins said there was an Environmental Award Scheme for school children.

Number of houses in Grampian Structure Plan We had received reply from Aberdeenshire Council (we had asked for clarification of number of extra houses planned). Additional 100 houses may be brought forward from 2001-6 allocation. At the moment there are 126 new houses - 26% over target. Council does not appear to consider local feeling.

5 New Business

Mr D Evans reported that rubbish is being left beside skips in car park rather than being put in and therefore blowing about in the wind.

Mrs H Al Kowarri reported that TRAK constitution is now being printed and we should get copy soon.

6 Correspondence Received

Aberdeenshire Council re vandalism

Kaleidoscope appeal for money

Aberdeenshire Council re National Spring Clean

Maureen Watt SNP re May elections

Grampian Credit Unions re workshop

Aberdeenshire Council re site visit

Forestry Commission re consultation paper

7 Chairman's Report - this was unanimously approved - printed on page. 17.

8 Financial Statement Mr A Davies reported that there was £416.88 balance - still awaiting £230 from Council. Mr W Wainman suggested asking Cllr Leitch to chase this.

9 Aberdeenshire News Cllr Leitch was not present at this time.

10 Planning Applications - there were four - second application for house in garden in High Street, two applications for house in garden in Grove Road and one for Family Resource Centre. Cllr Leitch later explained that this was funded by Scottish Office (there are to be three centres in Aberdeenshire, Kemnay is first). It will be a multi-agency facility, including Social Work, Community Education, Home Start, Health Promotions. Although article in paper had promised local consultation, none had taken place so far. It was felt that this site was not appropriate for confidential business and ideal for a Youth Club - Mrs M Wainman pointed out that there is a drop-in centre for 18-25s in Village Hall (temporarily closed because of building work).

11 AOCB

Mrs G Hinton reported that Network Development Group had now money to build garage on school land for mini-bus. Special Needs Group now have Youth Group. Pupils had attended Youth Forum in Peterhead. After School Club at Kemnay Primary should start after summer.

Mrs S Milton asked whether permission had been granted for lorry park at Aquithie. Mr D Evans had made enquiries and apparently as it is an existing industrial site it may not need extra Planning consent.

12 Next meeting Thursday 29th April -Meeting finished 9.30pm.

SIGNED

PROPOSED ADOPTION

SECONDED

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1998 - MARCH 1999

The Council continued with its previous practice of meeting in Kemnay Academy on the last Thursday of each month with the exceptions of July, August and December, although this year a special meeting was called on 13th August 1998 to consider the proposed Ward Boundary changes and the naming of roads in the new housing developments. The draft minutes of meetings are published in the Newsletter issued at the beginning of the month immediately following the meeting.

Towards the end of 1998 Mr & Mrs L Shrago resigned from the Council, and moved from the village, thus we lost two Councillors who had given long and valuable service. We wrote and wished them well in their new surroundings. At the 24th September meeting, Mr A Thomson's co-option was proposed and approved, but vacancies still exist on our Council should you be interested.

During the year Aberdeenshire Council Area Committee initiated the formation of a Community Council Forum comprised of volunteers from each of the Community Councils, Community Associations and Residents Associations in the area. Two members of our Council attended several meetings of the Forum and found it a useful platform for expressing both concerns and thanks. However, the most recent meetings have clashed with village meetings which have been given priority.

Constable W Thom, one of the policemen who had responsibility for Kemnay and who attended our meetings when able, transferred to the mobile division and we have not yet had the pleasure of the presence of his successor.

The topics raised at our meetings have ranged widely although some ongoing ones seem never-ending. I refer particularly to the installation of safety surfaces beneath the children's play equipment (this was raised following broken limbs in summer 1996), the appointment of a Village Orderly (consultations on which followed a request in our Newsletter of November 1997) and the reinstatement of the Victorian lamp post which was first considered in January

1998 when the owner of the land to which the then Grampian Regional Council moved it from the High Street indicated his intention to build a house on his land. These three items remain unresolved despite copious correspondence and several meetings with both Aberdeenshire Councillors and their officials.

During the year there have been meetings with members of the Scottish Sculpture Workshop regarding developments at Kirkstyle; with Mr D Robertson and Mr S Elrick regarding the provision of an all-weather playing surface and with various Aberdeenshire Council officials.

Cllr David Evans has brought to our notice all planning matters and applications in our area, most of the latter have been approved or noted without comment whilst a small but significant number have been commented on adversely.

I would wish to register our thanks to Aberdeenshire Council for a grant given for the purpose of bulbs and flowers which over the year have added to the outstanding beauty of our village.

Finally, I thank all our Councillors for their continued support, Councillor A Leitch for his interest and support and Mrs J Campbell for the excellent way in which she has succeeded Mrs S Shrago as our Secretary.

F W Wainman, Chairman

Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small
Though with patience He stands waiting with exactness He grinds all.

(Friedrich von Logao (1605-1655))