

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2002

7.00 PM IN POLICE HQ, INVERURIE

1. Present :-
Mr P. Findlater, Mr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J. Piggins,
Mr A. Thomson, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

Inspector D. Allan, Mr D. Duncan (Inverurie Herald), Mr T. McKay, Clr A. Leitch,
PC A. Lyon, Sgt R. Munro, Ms C. Ogilvie, Mr G. Patterson, Pc J. Redford, Mr G.
Roberts (Evening Express), Ms S. Taylor

Apologies:-

Mr D. Caney, Mr A. Davies, Mr D. Evans, Mrs M. Michie, Clr G. Saluja

2. **Police Matters**

Dr Piggins thanked Inspector Allan for allowing the Community Council the use of the Police HQ Conference Room for this meeting.

Comment was made about vehicles parking on the pavement by Littlewood Court, and the burnt out car on the Inverurie Road. Inspector Allan said that it was a police responsibility to identify the car's owner, but the Council was responsible for its removal. It was hoped to initiate a fast track procedure, similar to that in Aberdeen, to speed up removal of derelict vehicles.

Local crime was continuing its downward trend, although some cars had been broken into at Lawrence's, and the village hall sign had been vandalised. The owner of an aggressive dog had been charged, and the dog destroyed. There had been a police meeting the previous Tuesday about policing in Kemnay, which had been very productive. One obvious problem was the lack of a meeting place for young people, which encouraged them just to hang around in the streets.

Inspector Allan encouraged the use of the Crimestoppers information line, which proved to be a successful weapon against crime. It could be used anonymously.

He was asked why complainants were not informed of the outcome of their complaints. He said that they should be told if action was being taken, although pressure of work sometimes meant that this was overlooked, but once the matter was referred to the Procurator Fiscal the police heard no more about it.

3. **Minute of Last Meeting**

The Minute of meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2002 was adopted.

Proposed: Mrs S. Milton Seconded: Mr A. Thomson

4. Matters Arising from Last Minute

a. Kemnay Youth Survey Group

The group had provisionally accepted the Community Council's invitation to give a presentation at the May meeting.

b. Pavement in Station Road

The footpath is due for resurfacing, and will probably be done in the autumn.

c. Garioch Community Council Forum

Isabel Herron has agreed to attend the meeting to discuss the Garioch area web site.

The top up budget this year is £30,000. Ideas for submission were sought. The most worthy contender was thought to be a youth shelter, with village signposting another possibility. Mr McKay suggested levelling the hill outside the Academy, as some young people threw objects from it to neighbouring houses. It was agreed that idea of the youth shelter should be put forward.

Nominations for Community Council Long Service Awards were being sought. It was agreed to nominate Mrs Milton and Mrs Wainman, both of whom had served for over 20 years.

d. Allotments

Mr McKay said that, although the Academy would like to be involved in the allotments, the current curriculum just did not allow this.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Aberdeenshire Local Plan

Clr Leitch confirmed that Parkhill was no longer being considered for commercial development. This was, however, being considered for Kirkstyle. It was pointed out that old quarry land had already been earmarked for this, but had not been developed.

b. Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

A Community Council handbook had been produced, and procedures in Kemnay seemed to accord with this. It would be useful for new members when elected.

c. Jubilee Celebrations

The idea of a street party in Paradise Road had been abandoned due to some opposition by local residents, and the intention now was to hold a Picnic in the Park on Sunday 9th June. The Academy Music Department will be helping, and Mr McKay said that the Academy would like to be involved. There will not be a beer tent.

d. Waste Disposal and Recycling

Mr George Niblock had offered to address the June meeting to explain Aberdeenshire Council's thinking with respect to this problem. This offer was gratefully received. A query about plastic recycling would be put to him at this time.

6. New Business

a. Renewing Local Democracy - The Next Steps

The Community Council Forum would discuss the Executive discussion document at their meeting in June, in particular how Councillors were elected and paid. The document was on the Executive web site (in Acrobat format), at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/localgov/rldm.pdf>.

b. Kemnay Academy Magazine

Kemnay Academy had produced a magazine, and a copy was given to the Community Council for perusal. The Academy was complimented on producing an excellent magazine, which had been compiled and produced almost entirely by the pupils.

7. Report from the Safety Group

The group had not met since the last Community Council Meeting, however comment was made about the dirty state of the signs at the Gauchill junction. Cllr Leitch undertook to report this.

8. Aberdeenshire News

Cllr Leitch reported on his activities. A plastics recycling centre was being opened in Banchory. A new Protocol for Youth should help to drive developments for young people in Kemnay.

9. Planning Applications

There had been ten new applications submitted, but the only controversial one was for outline permission to build a new house at Dalmadilly Farmhouse. There had been a similar application in October 2001. It was agreed that a decision on whether to oppose this again would be made after Community Councillors had had a chance to view the site. Members would pass their view on to Mr Evans, who was asked to find out the deadline for objections. If time allowed, the application would be discussed at the May meeting, if not Mr Evans would submit an objection if the majority felt that this should be done.

10. Correspondence

Information documents about the North East Coastal Plain and Postwatch were being

circulated.

11. Any Other Business

Dr Piggins gave a report on the North East Transport Seminar at Thainstone, which had been organised by the Institute of Management.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th May 2002 at 7.30 pm in the Wainman Room, Kemnay Village Hall.