

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 1996

Present: Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr D Evans, Mr L Shrago, Mrs M Wainman, Mr F W Wainman, Dr J Piggins, Mrs J Newberry, Mr M Moss, Mrs J Campbell

Apologies: Mr and Mrs R Marco, Mr A Davies

Attending: Sgt Massie (Grampian Police), Mr A Grant (Manager, Garioch District Aberdeenshire Council), Mr J Duncan, Mr P Gedge, Ms M Jones (members of the public), Cllr A Leitch.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone especially Sgt Massie and Mr Grant and the apologies were read.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed Adoption: Mrs J Newberry. Seconded: Mrs M Wainman. Passed no dissent.
3. **Matters Arising:** (a) Mrs Wainman confirmed she had spoken to Mrs Wakely Snr after the previous meeting. (b) Mrs Milton noted that the Press & Journal had misquoted our letter to the Planning Department regarding the "eyesore" in Aquithie Road. We had meant the fireplace business and NOT the former garage. (c) Regarding mud on the roads Sgt Massie said that the present law requires this to be cleaned up as soon as it becomes a danger. If the Police receive comments about mud on the road, they will respond to them and endeavour to get the matter resolved. It was suggested that the matter is publicised in the Newsletter. Mrs Milton then asked if there were any other Police-related matters. Sgt Massie said a replacement for Constable Shand has been appointed but it will be about a month or so before he is in place. Mr Evans asked whether the cables along Victoria Terrace and Aquithie Road were to catch speeding cars. Sgt Massie said that they were probably Roads Department instruments for measuring traffic flow.
5. **Correspondence Received.** The correspondence was read, including a letter from Aberdeenshire Council regarding provision of Public Conveniences. It would seem that the budget needs to be trimmed and certain conveniences are likely to be closed or demolished. Our comments were requested before the 4th June. It was decided to write to Environmental Health saying we would be loth to see them closed, as the public convenience is a benefit to people coming into the centre of the village who might need this facility. It may well bring in a certain amount of trade to the village. Mrs Wainman to put something into the newsletter asking for comments from the public.
6. **New Business.** There was none.

7. Aberdeenshire News. (a) Mr Alan Grant then gave a talk on his new role as Area Manager of the Garioch Area and the way that the Aberdeenshire Council is seeking to work with the community in general and the Community Councils in particular. Each of the 6 areas will be run on a day to day basis by an Area Manager. The Garioch area committee is now in full operation - the Area stretches from Insch in the north through Inverurie, Kintore, Newmachar, Westhill, Echt and Skene through to Kemnay. The Area Committee will meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at 10.15 a.m. in Gordon House, to discuss all matters relating to the Area. Mr Grant looks forward to a lot of community contact. He promises an attitude of co-operation and partnership. The Council have decided that all Community Councils will get the full set of papers every fortnight. However it may be possible just to receive the Agendas and a summary of matters which would involve less paperwork. The Secretary said she personally would prefer the latter option. Mrs Milton thanked Mr Grant for a very clear-cut presentation.

(b) Mr Leitch said that the Andrews fireplace application was passed with certain restrictions and our comments had been noted and formed part of these restrictions.

8. Planning Applications. Mr Evans said there were three applications. Two had been approved already. The third is for a house in the garden ground of Craigendaroch, Aquythie. Mr J Duncan, Mr P Gedge and Mrs Wainman then mentioned the proposed application for Change of Use of the ironmongery part of the Mace supermarket to a takeaway facility. Mr Duncan said he had canvassed all the people in the vicinity and 100% of those question were against this change of use. Most people were writing into the Council to object. However, as the application has not yet been submitted to the Planning Committee the matter to be left in abeyance until the next meeting. **AGENDA ITEM - May meeting.**

The proposed Development at the Glebe. Mr Evans then showed a map of Stewart Milne's proposed development for 28 houses. He said the Company had since sent representatives to speak to Mrs Wainman and she had suggested that they take the road round the present car park, so that people do not have to cross the road to get to the Pleasure Park facilities. The new suggestion is to go through the existing car park and use the old road for car-parking spaces, having blocked off the original junction. This will give 6 spaces short of the 32 parking spaces we have at present. Mr Evans has inspected the site and it seems that 12 or 13 trees would be lost. The Secretary read the letter from Stewart Milne which accompanied the revised draft plan. The matter was discussed at length. The general feeling was that this new proposal represented a planning loss rather than a gain. A letter to be sent to Milnes to be drafted by Mr Evans and the Secretary, objecting on the grounds of the loss of car parking spaces, the loss of a significant number of trees, and the hazardous junction for the proposed bottom four houses. Any tree surgeon consulted would have to be approved by the Community Council before any action is taken.

9. A.O.C.B. (a) The Swimming Pool. Dr Piggins gave details of a survey carried out by Aberdeen College which found that 95% of those surveyed were in favour of having a

Swimming Pool in Kemnay. Unfortunately Aberdeenshire Council has announced cuts in the provision of school swimming sessions and these have been stopped. The matter is in abeyance for the time being.

(b) **The Clean-Up.** Mrs Wainman reported approximately 30 people attended and spent a very enjoyable two hours.

(c) **Wheelie Bins.** Mrs Shrago commented that personally she did not like them, did not feel they were large enough, nor was the village any cleaner as a result of their provision.

10. Next Meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th May at 7.30 p.m.



Proposed Adoption:

Seconded:

Signed: