

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2010

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Bob Ingram, Ian Murray, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: PC Peter Milne.

1. Welcome: The chairman welcomed those present.
2. Apologies for absence: Bill Blackwood, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Janet Newberry, Cllr. Hazel Al-Kowarri.
3. Police matters: During the night of Halloween a car parked in Bremner Way had had both wing mirrors damaged, and on the same night orange graffiti was sprayed onto a shop premises in the High Street. Garden fences at Craig Lea and Boat Croft were targeted in separate incidents on the 12 and 21 November. The public were urged to report graffiti to the police, as there was a unit within Aberdeenshire dedicated to removing it. Two motorists had been dealt with in relation to traffic offences: one had been warned about anti-social driving, while the other had been remanded in custody. Two drivers had been spoken to about parking in the High Street. Local Officers and Parking Wardens are to continue to give attention to this. Officers had spoken to large groups of youths about noise and litter. It was noticed that the young people had not been drinking. Two separate drugs offences had been detected; both were as a result of intelligence from the public who were urged to report any concerns to the police or to Crimestoppers, so that police could build up a case before taking action. The public were also urged to report areas of concern and in particular potholes, loose grit and diesel spills which are a particular hazard to motorcyclists. PC Milne took note of the Community Council's concerns about speeding in Fyfe Park and parking in the High Street.
4. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak: There were no public present.
5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October was proposed by Ian Murray, seconded by Bob Ingram and unanimously approved.
6. Matters Arising from Minutes:
 - a) Milton Farm flood concern: A letter had been received from SEPA which intimated that SEPA would require a statement that a detailed flood risk assessment had been made for any development on the site which involved land raising or other proposals which would reduce the flood storage capacity of the plain. The letter went on to state that a detailed flood risk assessment would have to assess any risk of flooding outwith the site, and put forward acceptable mitigation measures.
 - b) Remembrance Day wreath: This had been laid on Remembrance Sunday. The Community Council noted with pleasure that a wreath made by the pupils of Alehousewells School had been laid earlier in the week by children from the school.
 - c) After-hours opening of schools: In the absence of any representation from Aberdeenshire Council it was not clear what the position was, but a statement had been made at the GACCF meeting that most schools now had staff in place. Cllr Al-Kowarri would be asked if this meant that the Kemnay schools now had cover.
7. Planning matters and applications: There was nothing controversial.
8. Reports:

- a) Christmas Lights: It was agreed that the Christmas trees would be erected on 2 December, and that the Christmas Lights would be illuminated that evening.
- b) Safety Group: Funding of £450 had been granted to Kemnay Academy to support their Driving Ambition day. The Community Safety Executive had requested to be internal consultees of the Aberdeenshire Community Plan and Road Safety Plan. The Community Safety priorities for 2011 were to include road safety, public violence, fire safety and alcohol crime. There had been a positive response about the benefits of Pass Plus, and an electronic survey was to be carried out to obtain wider feedback. RoSPA Home Safety booklets would be distributed to pupils in S1.
- c) Community Learning and Development: It had been decided that Community Learning and Development Groups should be retained. Aberdeen Council was to bear the cost of the back pay of playgroup staff following their successful appeal, thus improving the state of the Community Learning and Development budget.
- d) GACCF – report of Meeting of 9 November: The meeting had been well-attended with a talk by Ian Rendell on roads, followed by a 20 minute coffee break and a half-hour conventional meeting.
- e) Community Planning Meeting: It had been difficult to collate information as few Community Councils had replied to correspondence.
9. Management of Unauthorised Gypsy/Traveller Encampments: It was generally felt that a stronger line should be taken, and such encampments be required to comply with the law. A response along those lines would be submitted.
10. ASCC: The Scottish Government Survey questionnaire was completed. Members were requested to submit individual responses in addition.
11. Aberdeenshire news: There being no Aberdeenshire Councillor present, there was no news. There had, however, been a complaint about the ongoing works in Riverside road where new lighting was being erected and where the road had been left in a dangerous condition. It was agreed to forward the complaint to Cllr Al Kowarri for her to investigate.
12. Correspondence:
- a) Northern CJA Community Payback Bulletin: This had been sent as a 7Mb electronic communication. The secretary had declined to forward it to members, and had asked to be removed from the mailing list.
- b) The Community Councillor: Three copies of this had been received, although members had already been sent an electronic version.
13. AOCB: Bob Ingram had placed notices on the out-of-use toilets directing the public to the Bennachie Lodge. It was noted that the trees affecting visibility on the the Craigearn - Dalriach road had been pruned. There was some concern about the state of the lane from station road to St Bryde's Road; notwithstanding the fact that the lane had not been adopted by Aberdeenshire Council, it was agreed to ask the Council to extend their litter-picking and weed-spraying activities to it in the spring. Jim Piggins pointed out that the bent lamp post in The Glebe had remained untouched for eight months. Cllr Al-Kowarri would be asked for an update.
14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held on 27 January 2011. It was agreed that office-bearers should be empowered to act in urgent situations until then.