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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 p.m. ON  
Thursday 25th November 1982 at Kemnay Academy

Members Present : Mrs Milton , Mrs Allan , D Bailey , Mrs A Brown , A Calder ,  
H Cumming , G Irvine , A Jones , Mrs S Moir , W Ross ,  
Mrs S Shrago , Mrs M Wainman , W Wainman

Attending : Councillor R. Reid (Chief Superintendant Hunter and  
Constable A Littlejohn of Grampian Police.) A.Sutherland  
and Mr Walker.

Apologies Councillor McLean, A. Murray, J. Wozinski.

- I. Mrs Milton explained that as the Police had other matters to attend to she would take their business first and she reminded the meeting that the danger arising from cycles without lamps was discussed at the October meeting. Constable Littlejohn emphasized that it was the parents responsibility to ensure that the children's bikes were equipped with lights and said that he would caution parents if he came across children's bikes not so fitted. It was agreed that difficulties arose because cycle lamps were stolen and complaints were made to the police on that score. D.Bailey highlighted the need for reflective armbands or clothing light in colour. Chief Inspector Hunter said that the police had thought that the Press Report after the last meeting had been unfair to Constable Littlejohn who had lived in Kemnay for three years and it was agreed that the report was a misrepresentation. The Chief Inspector explained the staffing of the Inverurie section, there was one Chief Inspector, one Inspector, three sergeants and ten constables. Five of these Constables were attached to the Inverurie office and there was one in each of Kemnay, Kintore, Echt and Oldmeldrum. Thus Constable Littlejohn spent a 40 hour week mainly in Kemnay but he was liable to be called to other parts of the district in emergencies and to cover for Constables off sick or on holiday etc. However the complement does not allow for complete cover in Kemnay when C.Littlejohn is on Holiday. The Constable works alternate shifts(day and night) so that total cover is never provided. Chief Inspector Hunter is encouraging the Police to walk the streets and so they are not available to answer the phone but he gave assurance that a call to headquarters would produce a response. Constable Littlejohn pointed out that smaller places such as Monymusk and Sauchen were on his patch and that this being a rural area firearms certificate renewals occupied a considerable time. W.Wainman asked if it might have been better to switch the telephone to Inverurie rather than use an answering machine when Kemnay was unmanned, but it was said that Inverurie was also unmanned for part of the time. Mrs Wainman remarked that the problem was too few policemen and it was a Government matter. The present establishment was compared both with pre war and 1959 in Mairn and Chief Inspector Hunter said that another factor was the increase in specialist departments such as traffic and CID. A Calder asked if cycling on the footpath was an offence and he was told it was and that children were taught this at school in the cycle training sessions. But it was soon forgotten. The Police said that there were fewer problems in Kemnay now, things are settling down, and in reply to a query they affirmed that it was an offence to park cars on the pavement and that they should be parked on the correct side at night. D Bailey raised the question of the Horner layby but was advised to await the outcome of the investigation undertaken by Councillor McLean. Mrs Milton said that the one way streets were still a danger and Constable Littlejohn said that he had kept a watch and offenders would be prosecuted. There being no further questions the Police left at 2008. The meeting then returned to the Agenda.

- 2) W.Wainman proposed and A.Jones seconded the adoption of the minutes of the October meeting.

3) Matters Arising

- a) No reply had been received to the letter about the Airport Junction nor to that about the Horner Layby.
- b) Mrs Milton reviewed the correspondence concerning the tree in the park shading Mrs Thompsons house and it was agreed to write to A.C. Kennedy and ask from whom he got his information that Mrs Thompson had withdrawn her request because Mrs Wainman had ascertained that Mrs Thompson had not been interviewed by a Council Official.

At 2016 a press reporter arrived.

4) Correspondence received

- a) Mrs Milton read the reply about C.C. Grants and our letter will be taken into account at the relevant meeting next year.
- b) The information about Grain did not seem to have circulated beyond J. Wozinski and the matter was referred.
- c) H. Cumming read the planning applications and the only one to cause comment was that of 4th November concerning extraction of light sand at East Blairdaff. As information concerning the extent of the workings and the destination of the sand was not forthcoming discussion languished. Mr Reid remarked that the application had not yet come before the planning committee.

Mr Reid had no further District News.

- 5) As Councillor McLean was absent there was no Regional News but Mrs Shrago said that Paradise Road had been surveyed for a pavement.

6) New Business

- a) Mr Calder proposed that a letter protesting against the closure of Glen o' Dee Convalescent Hospital be sent. Mrs Wainman seconded this. Councillor Reid said that the closure had been discussed and no objection had been raised. All agreed a letter should be sent and Mr Wainman suggested it go to our M.P. and be copied to the Chairmen, Health Board.
- b) D. Bailey explained that a group of parents intended to commission a bus to transport children to and from school in Aberdeen. There were about 15 children and bus times would be depart Kemnay 0745, depart Aberdeen 1620.
- c) Mrs Moir said that Mr Anderson 3 Shannoch Path had complained of the smell from the chicken house in Aquithie Road. Mrs Milton suggested that he should write to Mr Cruikshank of the Environmental Health Department, but Mr Reid said he would speak to Mr McKinnon.
- d) Mrs Allan Had been approached about the allotments by somebody who had been told that they would no longer be available. Mr Reid confirmed this and will enquire about alternative sites. D. Bailey commented that it seemed strange that the land was required for building if it was marked for recreational use by the public on the Local Plan.

7) A.O.C.B.

- a) Mrs Shrago reported on a meeting of the Medical Liason Committee. Volunteers are required for a car pool to take patients for clinics x rays etc; and to visit lonely patients in Inverurie Hospital. A note would be put in the Newsletter. There are also old folks

- 7a) cont. housebound in Kemnay who would appreciate visitors and the Medical practice will be pleased to put volunteers in touch. The doctors would like to know if Kemnay residents are happy with the arrangements made at the Medical Centre for clinics etc, should there be evening clinics on Family Planning etc Any other suggestions to your C.C.S.
- b) W. Ross asked if the bushes could be removed at Station Road opposite war memorial as they obscured view. Mr Reid agreed to raise the matter with Mr Bruce.
- c) G Irvine asserted that British Telecom had had an edifice obstructing the pavement at "Reunion" for several weeks and no workmen about. It was agreed that Sec should phone.

Next Meeting 27th January 1983. In meantime office bearers will deal with urgent business.

#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1982

##### INCOME

Balance from 1981	£ 19.41
16.4.82 Gordon District Council	209.43
6.9.82 Grampian Regional Council	50.00

##### EXPENDITURE

Secretarial Expenses	£ 9.65
24.3.82	
Kemnay Public Hall Trust	10.50
16.8.82	
Kemnay Community Assn Stationary	60.00
Secretarial Expenses	8.28
31.12.82	
Kemnay Community Assn, Stationary	62.48
Secretarial Expenses	17.27
Honorarium Secretary	50.00
	<u>218.18</u>
Balance for 1982	60.66

£ 278.84

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Treasurer Hugh F. Cumming  
Auditor Peter Low  
January 1983