

# KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON THE

26th January 2006 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman, Pat Findlater, David Evans, Janet Newberry, Alan Davies, Bill Blackwood, Neil Johnson, Hazel Al-Kowarri, Susan Milton, Cllr Leitch

Attending: 2 members of Kemnay Youth Café (Sarah & Christina)

- 1) Introduction – Chris welcomed Council members and wished them a belated Happy New Year.
- 2) Apologies - Roger Dunham and PC Alex Carnie had tendered apologies.
- 3) Police Matters – No police presence. Jim raised the continuing issue of parking on double yellow lines, both on the High St and around Kemnay Primary. Chris had attended a site meeting with Aberdeenshire Council and Grampian Police to look at traffic issues in the village. Speed cushions were to be installed in St Bryde's Road and a 'virtual footway' to protect pedestrians. The entrance would be narrowed and a bollard may be installed. Yellow lines were to be extended on Victoria Terrace to prevent parking on the blind bend. Work currently underway at Kemnay Primary may well make it possible to increase the pavement width on that side of the road. Traffic Wardens would be visiting Kemnay around school opening/closing times. Sarah said that Kemnay Primary had written to Parents in the past – asking them not to park around the school.
- 4) Minutes of meeting held on 24th November. Item 8 to read "Hazel raised an issue...."

Prop: Hazel

Seconded: Janet

- 5) Question Time – Sarah reported that members of the Youth Café would be taking part in the Balmoral Race in April and that training would be taking place every Thursday afternoon. Janet asked if they would write something on this for the Newsletter. Isobel Kendrick asked via Janet if there were any areas that the Council thought would be suitable as a focus for fundraising by the Youth Group.
- 6) Youth Café Meeting (Mavis), Point of Origin (Chris), Toilet in Bogbeth Park (Jim), Network Dev. Group (Jim) & Rubbish (Alan)
- 7) Matters Arising – Chris briefed members on Anne Callaghan's briefing at the Thainstone Centre with regard to the role of Community Councils.
- 8) Aberdeenshire News - Cllr Leitch reported that the marquee in Bremner Way had now been removed. Inverurie Community Council had asked to attend and speak at Garioch Area Committee meetings – this was being considered and if successful would make it possible for other Community Councils to do the same. The sign for the Laird's restaurant would remain as this venue was likely to re-open. Work was now continuing around The Carrier to improve the general appearance of the area. Cllr Leitch will ask Bob Rose to speak to Council about how such jobs are planned and prioritised.
- 9) Planning - Applications raised by David, previously circulated by e-mail:
  - a) 3 had already been passed during the break.
  - b) A balcony at Bennachie Lodge seemed to affect no other residents as did a bid to change farmland into garden in a rural dwelling.

c) 2 applications by Barratt were discussed at length, the first, at the end of Bremner Way we had already objected to. This development of 70+ houses was both outwith the Local Plan and extended the settlement boundary. The second for 96 houses behind The Glebe and Kirklands was both 50% above the level agreed as suitable and not in keeping with the nature of the area. The density and size of the houses would be intrusive and lead to a considerable increase in traffic. David would produce an objection on the grounds agreed.

#### 10) New Business

a) Community Council Nominations- 9 have been received and the deadline is looming, any further nominations to Neil, Chris or Mavis ASAP.

b) Chris was developing a response on behalf of GACCF and would pass a draft to Neil to amend and submit on behalf of KCC.

c) Swimming Pool – Chris will write to the Recreation Officer about the reduction in hours of business at Inverurie Pool, raised by Roger prior to this meeting.

d) Grampian Fire & Rescue Consultation - Chris will look at this with a view to producing a response.

e) Aberdeen Airport Consultation - Chris will look at this with a view to producing a response.

11) Safety Committee – no report, Pat had not received minutes of the last meeting.

#### 12) Unfinished Business

a) WPR – Jim thought that the implications of this should be discussed further. A general discussion about this based upon the generally positive ramification for Kemnay. The extension link to Stonehaven would be the subject of future consultation and KCC may have an input at this point.

b) Litter Bins - A suitable map presented by Chris has now been annotated and would be passed on to Aberdeenshire Council.

c) Unauthorised Structure on Bremner Way – covered under 8..

#### 13) Correspondence

a) Letter from Richard Lochhead MSP - letter received relating MSP's involvement in the new mobile banking service in the village

b) Garioch Area Bus Forum Meeting – meeting will be held on 1st Feb in Kemnay Village Hall

c) Meeting with Ann Callaghan – Covered during items 7 & 8

d) Double Yellow Lines on Victoria Terrace – covered under 3

e) Road Salting – letter received that Gritting had taken place on the evening of the previous meeting. Chris has spoken with Aberdeenshire Council and the footpath gritter will once again be gritting Paradise & St Bryde's Roads.

f) Modernising the planning system-analysis of responses – discussed under 9.

#### 14) AOCB

- a) Point of Origin – Chris raised the possibility of an official opening by HRH the Duke of Rothesay which was being investigated by John Maine.
  - b) Toilet in Bogbeth Park – The Pavilion Committee will be contacted about the old Toilets in Bogbeth Park which Jim reported to be open to the elements.
  - c) Network Development Group – Jim had not been informed of any future meetings.
  - d) Rubbish – Alan raised the issue of the appalling level of litter on roads around Garioch, Cllr Leitch will mention at Council.
- 14) Next meeting – Thursday 23rd February 2006 at 7.30pm.