

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 1984 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT : Mrs Milton ( Chairman) Mrs Wainman (Secretary) Mr Murray ( Minute Secretary)  
Mrs Shrager, Mrs Allan, Mrs Moir, Mrs Brown, Mr Jones, Mr Bailey, Mr Wainman  
Press, Lindsey Sill

APOLOGIES: Councillors G. Wilson, D. McLean,  
H. Cumming, A. Calder, G. Irvine, Sgt. Downie.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and intimated apologies
2. The minute of the last meeting, held on 24th November 1983 was read and adopted as a true record, proposed by Mr Bailey and seconded by Mrs Allan.

3. Matters Arising

a. Cats Eyes - Tyrebagger Hill. Mr Wainman said that part of Tyrebagger between Marshall Trailers and Conn's garage still lacked cats eyes. Mr Bailey commented that the recent poor weather had caused serious problems to motorists, particularly on Tyrebagger Hill, and that he considered that snow fences on the south side of the carriageway would do much to reduce drifting snow. A central barrier would also make the road far safer. A major problem, he said, had been caused by abandoned (Jan 16) vehicles and he felt that more could have been done to reduce this. Mrs Wainman said that she understood several cars had run out of petrol whilst held up on Tyrebagger Hill and commented that the police had no tractors or other suitable vehicles to cope with the very poor weather. Mr Wainman said he thought that the police could have given much more information about the road conditions and possibly prevented some of the congestion, possibly through local radio stations. Mrs Brown said that 'NorthSound' had in fact been issuing traffic information.

A general discussion followed and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Director of Roads with copies to Police and Automobile Assn.

Concerning snow clearance on B 994, Mrs Wainman said that there was often a bad patch, now shifted towards the Craigmile area as different ploughs were employed to clear different stretches of the road.

Mrs Shrager and Mrs Brown commented on poor snow clearance in the village with drives being blocked by snow ploughs after being cleared by residents, and only single lanes being cleared. Mr Bailey thought a second digger could be usefully employed following the main snow plough and clearing access roads and drives of these snow banks which were often quite high. Mr Jones pointed out that the authorities had been busy with winter emergencies in many areas and that it was easy to be critical afterwards, those responsible had had a very difficult task at the time, Snow had been piled up in various parts of the village for example by the 'Carrier' statue and the shrubbery at Kemnay School making it even more difficult to see round the bends towards Monymusk.

bl. Rights of Way Society

The information folder is still being circulated - discussion deferred till next meeting.

c. Tree planting - nothing has been heard. Mr Bailey thought we should plant the trees ourselves if the holes could be dug for us. Letter to be sent. Mrs Wainman said that we had money in the bank (£122.72)

d. Tenants Rights house repairs No unfavourable reports, present system works well

e. Fraser Place - proposed housing experiment

Sub committee report. Mr Bailey reported on behalf of the sub committee that there are no firm development plans at the moment but under consideration was a scheme whereby the District Council would provide the land for private development on condition that the houses/ flats be offered to the most needy on the housing list, and to current council house tenants. The sub committee

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considered this a good idea providing a mixed variety of houses, bungalows and flats be constructed so as to attract a cross section of the community. Some would have to be very reasonably priced so as to be available to these on very low incomes. Mrs Wainman thought the site unsuitable for the elderly because of the distance from the village centre and was told that this point has been raised by the committee and the Local authority. The sub committee's report was passed unanimously.

## f. Polling Stations

The Chairman read a letter from Mr McNaughton, the Returning Officer, replying to one from the Community Council sent on June 23rd, and received by first class mail dated 28th December. The Chairman considered the reply disgraceful and this was the view echoed by the entire council. It was agreed that a firm letter be sent to Mr McNaughton rejecting each of his arguments and demanding that he review the situation logically. Mr Wainman suggested that a copy should go to our M.P. and Mr Murray thought that this subject was a suitable topic for review in the Newsletter. The Chairman said that consideration would be given to publishing Mr McNaughton's letter.

## 4. Correspondence Received

## a. Mr Kennedy - Public Toilets.

A letter has been received advising the Community Council that funds had been allocated in 1984/5 to build public conveniences adjacent to the car park in Aquithie Road. Mr Murray asked that the toilets be confirmed as suitable for the disabled and wondered what had happened to the excellent idea of providing a bus stop / shelter there too. Mrs Wainman suggested that both male and female toilets should be suitable for disabled persons rather than have 'he' 'she' and 'disabled'. The question of a bus shelter had been discussed between Mrs Milton, Mr Ross Mrs Wainman, Councillor Wilson and Mr Bob Tinch at Gordon House and would be further pursued.

## b. Kennedy - Allotments.

Mr Kennedy also wrote advising that the spare ground at Aquithie Road / Lane would be maintained by the local authority until it was sold for development. There was no land available for allotments at the moment although the Community Council request would be borne in mind. Mrs Allan commented that it was a pity if development was delayed until next year because the land could have been used as allotments in the meantime.

## 5. Unfinished business - nil

## 6. District news - nil

by phone

## 7. Regional News - Councillor McLean confirmed that extension to yellow lines would be allowed, as requested by Kennay Community Council at April meeting 1984 round the corner towards Monymusk outside Kennay Primary School. Double yellow lines would also be painted opposite the Public Hall between the Bridge Road junction and the car park.

## 8. Planning Applications

All recent applications were read out and none were contentious.

An application by Castlehill Housing Assn. for sheltered/ amenity housing between Aquithie Road and Aquithie Lane was unanimously supported but Mr Bailey insisted that a pedestrian crossing or other warning signs be installed at a suitable place on Aquithie Road and that particular attention be paid to curb height to assist the elderly and disabled.

## 9. A.O.C.B.

- a. Mrs Shrago complained that the turf on the village green was being damaged by a boy with a go-cart. She was advised to contact the police if it re-occured.
- b. Mrs Wainman thought we should write another letter complaining about the junction at Littlewood Court being obscured unnecessarily by shrubs. Agreed.
- c. Mr Wainman proposed that following the resignation of Mr Wozinski the vacancy could usefully be filled by co-opting Mr Sutherland on to the council. This was passed unanimously.

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- d. Mr Wilson was not present to advise us on the likely effects of 'rate capping'. Mr Wainman thought it was wrong that responsible local authorities should be penalised because of the action of other local authorities.
- e. Mr Bailey commented that the new developments proposed recently must mean that Kemnay is approaching the housing limit as stated in the local plan and this must be watched carefully. Mrs Wainman said she understood the local plan was under review and would shortly be out for public consultation.

## 10. Next meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2120 and declared that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 23rd February.

Bank Balance Year ending 1982 £ 60.56  
1983 £122.72

Proposed

Seconded

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DEC 1983

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Gordon District Council	£ 267.85	Health Talk	£ 1.10
		Stationary	122.48
		Secretaries Expenses	32.11
		Secretary honorarium	50.00
Receipts for year	267.85	Payments for year	205.69
Opening Balance	60.56	Closing Balance	122.72
	<u>£ 328.41</u>		<u>£ 328.41</u>

H. Cumming, Treasurer  
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