

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH
JANUARY 1989

Present: Mrs Shrago, Mr Wainman, Mr Cumming, Mr Evans, Mr Bailey, Mr L Brown, Mr Downie, Mr Stock, Mr Moir, Mr Yates

Attending: Cllr Wainman, Cllr McLean, Mr G Caie, Mr Christie, Mr G Charles, Mr Hearnden (members of the public), Mrs S Cobb (Press)

Apologies: Mrs Milton, Mrs T Brown, Mr Pashley, Mrs Spurgeon

1. The Chairman welcomed those present. It was decided to take Regional News next to enable Cllr McLean to attend a second meeting. The apologies were read.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Evans, seconded Mr Cumming. Passed with no dissent.

8. Regional News:-

(a) Pavement in High Street by the Square. Mr Mitchell, the Roads Surveyor and Mr C Robertson had had a site meeting. The solution to be a pavement from the school end limited to 1.2 m from the wall of the shop up to the point where you come into the Square and space for a car to park outside the pavement which would not unduly obscure the sight line of vehicles emerging from the Square. There will be a double yellow line over the full length of the Square. Mr Wainman thanked Cllr McLean for his efforts in this matter.

(b) Work on the Inverurie By-pass to start on the 17th April 1989.

(c) Road Surface in Aquithie Road. It is accepted as being unsatisfactory. To be resurfaced in the Spring.

(d) Bus Service. This to revert to the pre-Christmas service. New schedule to come into force on the 6th February 1989.

(e) The road from Sunnyside to Woodside of Horner. There is a Forestry operation about to start along this road, which is a road to which the private householders have contributed, and they are concerned about possible damage to the surface. If anyone hears that extraction works are about to start could they contact Cllr McLean.

(f) Wood Gardens lighting. There will be an upgrading scheme shortly.

(g) Mrs Shrago mentioned that some school taxis used by Grampian Regional Council for ferrying children to and from schools do not have seat belts in the rear. Cllr McLean said he had received a letter to this effect today and will be investigating the matter.

(h) Mr Wainman mentioned that the pavement in Victoria Terrace (north) was in a disgraceful state.

(i) Mr Wainman also mentioned that the road markings deteriorate over the brow of the Tyrebagger Hill until you get back to Gordon District.

(j) Cllr Wainman mentioned that the junction at the end of the long walls at Fetternear had now been altered and thanked Cllr McLean for his efforts.

(k) Mr Caie mentioned the bus shelter which is outside his garage, and the fact that sometimes there are two or three buses parked there up to his driveway. When the buses are parked he cannot get out of his garage and drive. People getting off the bus come straight onto the road (no pavement) and often fall against his wall. Cllr McLean to put this to the Transport people as a problem. AGENDA ITEM next meeting.

(l) Mr Moir mentioned the pavement in Grove Road. Cllr McLean said the meeting to discuss this will be coming up in the next couple of months.

(m) The Horner junction. Cllr McLean read out a letter which could offer no solution to the problem.

The Chairman thanked Cllr McLean for his attendance.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes:-

(a) Litter letters. The Secretary reported that no more replies had been received. The Secretary then read a letter from Keep Scotland Beautiful, advertising Environment Week which will be from the 22nd April to the 2nd May 1989. It was decided to have a general Village tidy-up on Saturday 29th April. Letters to be sent to all the organisations who did not respond previously with a copy of the letter from Keep Scotland Beautiful. The District to provide two skips - one in Alehousewells School and the other in the Pleasure Park. AGENDA ITEM next meeting.

(b) Bulb Planting. This had taken place the weekend after the November meeting. Thanks to the Guides who planted by torchlight and the Scouts for their hard work. Cllr Wainman mentioned that about 70 trees had been replaced along Bremner Way recently. Within a week 12 of the trees had been broken off. If anyone has any knowledge of the people responsible she would like to know.

(c) Wood Gardens Lighting. Cllr Wainman said there is sufficient justification to warrant additional street lighting on this development. This upgrading to be incorporated in the 1989-90 works programme.

(d) Bus timetable. The Secretary outlined the position and the fact that the new timetable will be coming into force on the 6th February.

4. Unfinished business. None.

5. Correspondence. Letter from Y Craig, Community Worker, re College Council election. Mr Evans then took up the story. Due to a procedural matter the election was postponed and is now fixed for the 21st February. It was decided to nominate David Evans again and everyone present was asked to vote on the 21st February.

Letter from Gordon District re Planning Applications new arrangements. Mr Evans had provided a draft reply which was also read. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Moir, that Mr Evans be responsible for the plans, with Mr Moir as his deputy. Mr Evans to be reimbursed £2 for his petrol if he makes a special journey. Proposal passed unanimously.

6. New Business. Mr Wainman mentioned that the Health Minister, Mr Forsyth is considering abolishing all the local Health Councils. He

asked whether the Community Council would like to write to the Gordon Local Health Council and give support to keeping the organisation going. Mr Evans proposed and Mr Yates seconded that we write to Dr Pat Robins, Secretary, expressing our support for the continuation of the Local Health Council. Passed with seven votes for, one against and two abstentions.

7. District News. Cllr Wainman reiterated that the Council would like to know if anyone has any knowledge of the vandals of the trees. There had been a site meeting relating to the proposed taxi business yesterday the matter to be discussed at the Planning meeting on Tuesday next the 31st January. The Dog notices for the Village Green to be installed when labour is available.

Concern was expressed at the large number of children riding around the village on cycles without lights during the hours of darkness. It was felt this should be left in abeyance until the Autumn when a timely reminder could be given.

9. Planning Applications. Application by Mr Wong for change of use to fast food takeaway at Happyland, Station Road was discussed. Initial opening hours 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. They will consider applying for later opening on Monday to Thursday to midnight and 1 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. A discussion ensued and everyone was concerned about the late night opening. It was felt there would be extra litter and parking problems in Station Road. Cllr Wainman said that anything later than 11 p.m. has to have special permission which has to be decided in committee. Everyone felt that the hours should not go beyond 11 p.m. A letter to be written to the Planners making three points:- (a) total opposition to any proposed extension of the shop hours beyond 2300 hrs. (b) considerable reservations about the parking in Station road as we have complained about the difficulty of parking in that particular road before. (c) if it is granted we would feel that it is only fair and reasonable that some contribution should be made by the proprietor to a litter bin facility outside the shop. Passed unanimously.

10. A.O.C.B. Concern was expressed about various posters which had been put up around the village by strangers advertising a mini-market in the Public Hall recently. This was felt to be a Police matter.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m. Next meeting - Thursday 23rd February 1989.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: