

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2009  
AT 7.30PM in KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, Susan Milton, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Alex Thomas, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Allison Grant, PC Alex Allan, Margaret Basley, Peter Gedge, Steven Law, Claire Martin.

Apologies: Paul Smart.

1. Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed all those present.
2. Police Matters: PC Allan reported on the crime figures for February. There had been two cases of vandalism, one of which had been detected, and three of malicious mischief on the Lawrence of Kemnay site. Three youngsters had been apprehended and had also been charged with theft and fire-raising. Two breaches of the peace had been detected, and in the case of a third investigations were still on-going. There had been two cases of failing to stop after an accident, and both perpetrators had been charged. PC Allan also reported that historic crimes were still being cleared up.
3. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2009 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by Mavis Wainman and unanimously approved.
4. Question Time: Several matters were raised by members of the public. Claire Martin was concerned about the felling of trees in Fetternear and the scale of the proposed development. It was pointed out that Fetternear was outwith the Community Council's area, and consequently the Community Council could not really become involved. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to investigate Ms Martin's claim that trees were being felled without the necessary permission; Margaret Basley felt that there should be signage for the Library on Aquithie Road and Victoria Terrace. It was agreed that Aberdeenshire Council should be contacted. Ms Basley was also concerned with the breaking of the speed limit within the village. It was felt that little could be done about this but the Council and Police would be contacted. Steven Law raised the matter of the lack of facilities for the Youth Football Club and outlined the attempts which were being made to ameliorate matters. The Community Council agreed to support the club fully in any attempts at improving the situation.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
  - a) Police clear-up rates: PC Allan had dealt with this in the course of his report.
  - b) Maintenance around the Place of Origin: The artist had yet to inspect the site as on his recent visit it had been covered in snow.
  - c) Road Markings on Station Road: PC Allan was asked to look at these and the problem of parking right up to the zebra crossing.
  - d) Leshangie: The problem was being investigated. Some of the signs appear to have been removed.
  - e) Road Gritting: An apology had been received from Aberdeenshire Council following the previous month's complaint. It was agreed to write to say that gritting had improved during the recent bad weather. Particular mention was made of the consistently good pavements in Kemnay.
  - f) Community Safety Annual Seminar and Awards: Details were to be sent to potential Community Councillors.

g) Post Office: Council members were urged to complete forms to nominate the local Post Office for an award.

6. Planning Matters and Applications:

a) Community Councils and Scottish Government: It was noted that it is possible to register to have details of future consultations sent to one's computer.

b) Consultation on Planning Controls: It was felt that this was probably not relevant to Community Councils.

c) Draft Structure Plan Consultation Event: Responses had been received to the Community Council's comments on the draft structure plan. Comments on the final draft plan, which had not so far been released, had to be made by 24 April. It was proposed to hold an extra meeting in early April to formulate these.

d) Fyfe Park: The planning application had been refused as submitted. Grounds for refusal had been that the developers had not observed the green belt around the development and that the housing density was excessive.

e) New Planning Applications: There was nothing controversial.

f) Fetternear: This had already been discussed under item 4.

7. Community Planning:

a) Aberdeenshire Community Planning Executive: There was to be a meeting of the local Community Planning Group to explain Community Planning to District Councillors. The Local Community Plan, which had subsumed the Garioch Area Plan, had just been published.

b) Aberdeenshire Community Council Communication Forum: An Aberdeenshire-wide Community Council Forum, attended by one representative from each area, had been created for the exchange of useful information.

8. Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: There was a suggestion that Christmas Trees should be planted around the Place of Origin.

9. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: The film "Friends" made by 3 members of the Youth Cafe was commended. Aberdeenshire Council has approved the appointment of a supervisor for the fitness centre in the Academy for two three-hour sessions per week. The mini-bus is a great success. Two new half-time posts have been created in the Community Learning and Development Team.

10. New Business:

a) Support for application for top-up budget for Kemnay Peer Education Group: The Chairman had been asked to support this application at very short notice. He had said that had they been asked he was sure that members would have done so. This view was endorsed.

11. Unfinished Business:

a) Village Hall Sound System: The application had been approved and the work was now complete.

b) Wish List of projects: Toilets, more rubbish bins, a "welcome to Kemnay" sign and correctly-spelled road signs for Kendall Road were all suggested, and further suggestions were to be sought from the public.

c) Planning Workshop: The new date for the Planning Workshop was to be Saturday 25 April from 2 to 5.30pm.

d) Election Update: Polling would take place from 9 to 10am and 3 to 7pm on Thursday 19 March 2009.

e) Data Protection Act: It was agreed to let the newly-constituted council make a decision on registration intentions.

12. Aberdeenshire News: Community Councils in Formartine had been advised that those involved in any planning matter in the Local Plan should absent themselves from all planning discussions in the plan.

13. Correspondence: Correspondence had been received on The Garioch Area Committee, NHS Smoking consultation, Parking charges, Saltire Society Awards, the ASCC and SEPA.

14. AOCB: There was no other business.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26 March at 7.30 pm in Kemnay Village Hall.