

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman) Hazel Al-Kowarri, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Annie Ferries, Pat Findlater, Neil Johnson, Susan Milton, Jim Piggins, Paul Smart, Alex Thomas, Mavis Wainman, Ian Wakely

Attending: John Carnie, Hugh Dinsmore, Allan Lyon, Ann McArthur, John Mitchell, George Paterson .

1 Apologies: PC Alex Allan, Cllr Alister Leitch, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley.

2 Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed those present, and in particular Margaret Christie who was to take on the role of secretary.

3 Police Matters: PC Allen had tabled a report indicating that there had been 16 reported crimes within the Kemnay area between the 1st and the 26th April of which nine related directly to Kemnay itself. These included assaults, theft, a dangerous dog, vandalism, breach of the peace and careless driving. Three of the crimes are currently undetected: the removal between 10th and 11th April of a side step from a Vauxhall Frontera parked at the rear of houses on Downie Way; a window in Heron Way which was broken by a brick on 14th April; and damage caused to the bodywork of a Vauxhall Tigra on Burnet Road between 18th and 19th April. Anyone with any knowledge of these crimes was asked to contact Grampian Police on 0850 600 5700, or Constable Allan at (email address removed from internet version). When these figures are compared with the figures for the same period in 2006, that year there were also 16 crimes in the Kemnay area, with 14 relating to Kemnay. There was a reduction in crimes of vandalism from seven in 2006 to two in the same period in 2007.

Mavis Wainman observed that cars were being given parking tickets that morning on the High Street.

4 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March was proposed by Jim Piggins, seconded by Paul Smart and unanimously approved.

5 Question Time: The question of motorbikes racing on the road out of Kemnay by the war memorial was raised. Concerns were expressed about speeding in several areas of Kemnay, but it was decided that as the Police were aware of the problem, little more could be done.

6 Matters arising from the Minutes:

a) Skateboard Park Skips: These have now been removed and the Council has cleared up the area. Concerns were expressed about litter in Kemnay generally. The Chairman pointed out that the litter bins at the skatepark had been overflowing. Alex Thomson compared the Pleasure Park with parks in Glasgow which were virtually litter-free. Mavis Wainman informed the meeting that the environmental forum was encouraging people to "adopt a street". The Chairman is to contact the Council about clearing litter in Kemnay and providing more bins.

b) Recycling Site: It appears that the proposed site is to be used by Aberdeenshire Council as a composting site. The Council require to know the provenance of any waste dumped there, so it would not be possible to accept householders' garden refuse. Mavis Wainman pointed out that other places seemed to manage community composting sites. Neil Johnson suggested asking potential Councillors their views on the matter.

c) Glebe Path: This has now been defined by logs with gravel between them. The Chairman is to write to Bob Rose to thank him for attending to this.

7 Aberdeenshire News: In Councillor Leitch's absence there was no report, but Jim Piggins proposed and Paul Smart seconded a motion to thank Councillor Alister Leitch for his many years of service to the community.

8 Planning Applications: There appeared to have been nothing controversial lodged.

9 Youth Café Sub-Committee. There had been a useful meeting, but the matter was not as straightforward as it had seemed. Those involved will not only have to assist with the application, but also require to have a long-term commitment to the project. More research into the responsibilities of the sub-committee and the status of the support group would have to be undertaken before any commitment could be made. Hazel Al-Kowarri suggested that she could introduce Naida Snedden to John Bruce of the Aberdeenshire Housing Partnership whose role is accessing wider funding for youth.

10 Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: Hazel Al-Kowarri informed the meeting that TRAK intended to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of its founding, and would donate any profits to the village, which might help fund the Christmas Lights. The Chairman said that he had observed the works at the corner of Bremner Way and Aquithie Road, and had reminded Brian Strachan and Bob Rose about the need for wiring.

11 Report from Safety Group representative: Kemnay pupils had been selected for the Pass Plus scheme. Fraserburgh had put into effect a bye-law forbidding alcohol consumption in public places, but this was not possible in Kemnay because there were no cameras to police the law.

12 Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: There not having been a recent meeting, there was no report.

13 New Business:

a) Local Community Health partnership: The Chairman was to attend the meeting.

b) Forthcoming Council Elections: Mavis Wainman assured the meeting that there would be trained staff on hand to explain the system. Hazel Al-Kowarri expressed concern that no postal voting forms appeared to have been received in Kemnay.

c) Garioch Area Community Council Forum: The Chairman asked if anyone wished to propose a chairman or vice chairman of the GACCF. It was agreed that he would write to Professor Roy Bridges to enquire if he would be willing to be nominated.

14 Unfinished Business:

Handrail for Boat Croft: Discussion of this was deferred in the absence of the Councillor.

15 Correspondence:

a) City and Shire Structure Plan: There is to be a meeting about this in the Torryburn Hotel, Kintore on 9 May. Annie Ferris, Chris Hunneyball, Neil Johnson, Mavis Wainman and Ian Wakely agreed to attend.

b) NESTRANS: Grants are being offered for "green" transport schemes. Neil Johnston suggested that he would inform Ian Black. Mr Black runs a website on alternative transport and might be able to set up a car pool on it.

c) Friends of the Earth Training: The Chairman had replied that we might be interested but required more information.

d) All our Futures – Planning for Scotland with an Aging Population: This communication did not seem to be relevant to the work of the Community Council.

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- a) Hazel Al-Kowarri raised the matter of complaints which she had received as Chairperson of TRAK about a cockerel which was being kept in a garden in Bremner Way. In view of the fact that no complaint had been made to the Community Council, it was agreed to take no action on this.
- b) There was concern about bus shelters which had been removed and not yet restored. Neil Johnston informed the meeting that the supplier has been dilatory and that the shelters will be replaced when the supplier has supplied them.
- c) Paul Smart wanted to know who was responsible for maintaining roundabouts on the A96. It was established that it was BEAR, but the suggestion was made that Bear reports to the Scottish Executive, and that complaints to them might have some effect.

17 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 31st May, 2007 at 7.30pm.