

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

Present: Mrs Shrago, Mr Wainman, Mr Moir, Mrs Brown, Mr Cumming, Mr Evans, Mr Stock

Apologies: Mr Bailey, Mr Brown, Mrs Milton, Mr Pashley

Attending: Miss Souter (Kemnay Academy), Cllr Wainman, Cllr McLean, Constable D Birnie and Sgt Donald (Grampian Police), Mrs Cobb (Press)

1. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr Evans took the chair. He welcomed those present and the apologies were read.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Wainman, seconded: Mr Moir. Passed no dissent.

3. Matters arising. (a) Parking of lorries in the Village. The Police said that recently some lorries had been issued with tickets for parking in the Village without lights.

(b) Sites for tree planting. Miss Souter showed a map with two areas designated by pupils of the Academy. These were the piece of land on the corner of Aquithie Road and Bremner Way, presently owned by St Machar Development and a smaller triangular piece of land in Shannoch Drive. After some discussion it was agreed to plant the 12 trees offered by Gordon District on the Village Green. If any further trees should become available they could be planted in Shannoch Drive, after consulting the residents. A letter to be written to Gordon District asking for naturally feathered trees rather than standard.

(c) Land on the corner of Aquithie Road and Aquithie Lane. Eyebright - Association for the protection of Rural Scotland. Nothing could be done now as the site is up for sale and its future is uncertain.

(d) Black and White photograph of Community Council members. Leave in abeyance until next meeting. AGENDA ITEM next meeting.

(e) Tennis Courts. Cllr Wainman clarified the position regarding the Courts. Casual daily users can go to the Spar shop and pay £1 for a daily ticket. It costs £15 a year to join the Tennis Club. Gordon District as owners pay for the refurbishment of the Courts.

(f) Provision of Car parking at the Maiden Stone. A letter from Cllr McLean to Mr Sprott was read out. Cllr McLean suggested that Mr Sprott should write a letter to the Director of Historic Buildings in Edinburgh, drawing their attention to the slow deterioration of the Stone and expressing our concern at the situation, the majority feeling being that the stone should not be moved.

(g) St Brydes Road. The problem here is that cars travelling from Monymusk swing wide into this street and cannot see any pedestrian who is walking in the road (there being no pavement). Cllr McLean to investigate. AGENDA ITEM next meeting. Cllr McLean said that an Elderly People road sign is accepted in principle, and this would be some way back in Grove Road and would serve both Littlewood Court and the Nursing Home. Mr Stock asked Cllr McLean what the policy is regarding "sleeping policemen". Cllr McLean said that there is no legislation at present to put them on public roads, however there is an experiment taking place in two areas as a result of which legislation might be introduced enabling them to be put down under specific conditions.

4. Unfinished Business. Mr Cumming mentioned item 11(a) in A.O.C.B

and thanked Cllr Wainman for dealing with the matter on the Pensioners' behalf.

5. The correspondence was read.

6. New business.(a) Mrs Shrago asked the Police what powers the man in the street has if he sees someone dropping litter. She was told "not much". The Police powers are limited and the public's powers are practically nil. If the Police report someone they have to prove that the person dropping it intends to leave it lying there. Sgt Donald said that some people had been reported to the Fiscal in Inverurie for littering and should be coming up before the District Court soon.

(b) Lights on Bicycles. The Police have this in mind at the moment and will try to take action. It was decided to have a word with the local Newsagents and see if they can put pressure on the paper boys and girls to fix lights on their bikes. Mr Moir to do this.

(c) Sgt Donald said that he took exception to Mr Marco's comment in 11(e) that unless something serious occurs it is a long time before any Police appear on the scene. Sgt Donald said he feels Kemnay is well-policed and strength has been doubled to two Policemen instead of one. Mr Evans thanked the Police for attending and for their assistance.

(d) Mr Moir mentioned that the flashing lights outside the Primary School are often left on all night. The school has been contacted and the matter solved.

7. District News. The bulbs are to be delivered shortly and a class of Alehousewells pupils who are doing a project on bulbs, greenhouses, etc have volunteered to plant them, together with the Guides. Gordon District have started up an Arts Council for the Gordon District. It will be necessary to close Gordon House for a couple of days when the furniture removal takes place. The public toilets in Inverurie by the Town Hall are now manned between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

8. Regional News. Already mentioned above.

9. Planning Applications. Four in all nothing contentious.

10. A.O.C.B (a). Mr Cumming mentioned the Poll Tax and the fact that Grampian Region is paying a percentage to Strathclyde Region. Cllr McLean said that this point is already noted and some adjustment might be made next year.

(b). AGENDA ITEM next meeting - co-option of additional members - discussion.

(c). Mr Evans mentioned the Banking facilities and that most banks offer interest-bearing Current Accounts. He suggested putting a notice in the Newsletter advertising this fact.

(d). Miss Souter asked where the Christmas Tree would be sited this year. Cllr Wainman said the Village Green might be a possibility.

11. Next meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m. The next meeting to be on the 30th November 1989.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: