

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of THE MEETING ON THE

27th April 2006 AT 7.30PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball, Neil Johnson, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman, David Evans, Bill Blackwood, Susan Milton Hazel Al-Kowarri, Eric Pashley, Paul Smart, Annie Ferries, Ian Wakley, Alexandra Burnett and Janet Newberry. Attending: Cllr Alastair Leitch

- 1) Welcome - Chris welcomed members of the Community Council and 3 members of the public
- 2) Apologies for absence - Cllr Gurudeo Saluja & Pat Findlater,
- 3) Police Matters - Mavis raised the complaints she had received about people riding motorcycles around the village, sometimes at speed, during the evenings. Chris agreed that two small motorbikes had been circling the village for a considerable time last night from about 18.00. Discussion about how to approach this led to a discussion about why the non-emergency Grampian Police number was not a free-call number, as this would make it less likely for people to contact the Police with complaints about this type of nuisance behaviour. A letter will be sent to the Chair of Grampian Police Board (Cllr Saluja). Cllr Leitch raised the issue of buses 'parking up' on the High Street when they arrive early in the Village.
- 4) Minute of Meeting held on 30th March 2006
 - a) Adoption Proposed Mavis Seconded Bill
- 5) Question Time - Opportunity for Members of Public to speak. - Alan Lyon raised several issues pertaining to the Chairman's report published in the last Newsletter:
 - a) ·Why had the Community Council not made a positive representation re the planning application for the land adjacent to Bogbeth Park? Chris explained that the only representations received by the Community Council had been against the proposal as it stood, and that objections had also been based upon the development running contrary to the Area Local Plan and the Structure Plan. Had anyone made positive representations, these would have been considered equally. Alan Lyon asked how members of the public were supposed to know when planning applications were due for discussion? Mavis pointed out that planning applications were posted on the notice board in the High Street every week and had been since 1979. Planning is a standing item in the agenda for each meeting. Annie asked why members of the Council were not actively canvassing views of residents about planning. Eric pointed out that many people did not have the spare time during the day to go around the Village or to knock on doors. Hazel pointed out that we all live in the community and as such discuss these matters with neighbours, colleagues, friends and organisations such as TRAK within the village. The consensus was that the idea of more active canvassing was a good one and that we should try to be more pro-active about this in the future.
 - b) ·Why are the Leading Edge still receiving financial assistance from Aberdeenshire Council? Cllr Leitch answered that this had now ended as the Council had taken over maintenance of the skate park (along with all other similar parks in the 'shire).
 - c) ·What were the Community Council doing about the level of vandalism based around the skate park. He reported that his and other vehicles had been stoned and had cans etc thrown at them. Ian concurred with this.
 - d) ·Why had the Community Council not approached him and other local businesses for support about the Xmas lights as he (and he was sure others) would have been happy to offer financial aid. Hazel pointed out that there had been two separate appeals for physical support through the Newsletter, which had received

almost no uptake. The Council felt that this would not progress, and that money should not be raised, unless there was the prospect of physical help to erect and store any lights that were bought.

6) Any matters to be raised under AOCB or at a future meeting to be tabled.

a) Older People's Survey (Chris)

b) Support Programme for CC's (Chris)

c) Refuse Collectors (Rodger Dunham)

7) Matters arising from Minute

a) Bus Timetable – new 421 timetables was now in place. Problems with the 221 service (especially on Saturday) were raised by Paul and will be monitored. Janet reported that young people had been asked their opinions on public transport in the village at the academy recently.

b) Mini Motos on the river path and grass areas around Bremner Way – Gordon Daniels will act as the complainant from Aberdeenshire Council and so complaints should be referred to the Police who can now act.

8) Aberdeenshire News – Cllr Leitch reported on some changes to the lettings procedure of Council Owned property and circulated a map containing details about footpath repairs due on Fraser Place from Aquithie Road to Bennachie view.

9) Planning Applications – David raised only 3 applications for minor extensions which were not deemed contentious and had elicited no representations to the members.

10) Report from Safety Group Representative – Pat not present

11) Report from Community Learning and Development Representative – no meeting since last council.

12) Garioch Area Community Council Forum

a) Nominations for Officers - nominations for officers was discussed and Chris's name was put forward for the Chair – with some reluctance in his part.

13) New Business - Cllr Leitch asked what view KCC would take on buses no longer going down the High Street as this had been suggested to him due to the congestion it causes at times. Various options were discussed and the consensus was that we should consult more widely around the Village about this in line with Annie and Ian's observations about canvassing opinion.

14) Unfinished Business -

a) Keep the Village beautiful - works around the village had been begun by Bob Rose. These were discussed and Chris will contact him about bulb-planting and the works in progress on the Kintore Road.

b) Swimming Pool – Jim reported that AGM of the Swimming pool group was inquorate and had been rescheduled for 18th May at 7.30pm in the Hall. Ian questioned whether this was the right thing to spend money on in the village. Would other sporting facilities be more suitable? After discussion Chris suggested that those who had a strong view on this should go to the swimming pool meeting to discuss this further.

c) Bogbeth toilets – Cllr Leitch will contact the Pavilion Committee as this was now a Health & Safety issue.

d) Litter – infrastructure committee had this in hand and clearing was currently taking place along the A96.

15) Correspondence

a) E-mail from Bob Rose re Village improvements – circulated and discussed

b) SEPA View – tabled for info

16) AOCB

a) Chris had written a response to the Older People's consultation, which had been circulated. He was asked to be more forceful about the needs for suitable housing and residential accommodation with an aging population.

b) Rodger Dunham had asked about the new recycling arrangements

c) Chris would ask Elaine Sinclair to come to a meeting to address several issues relating to waste & recycling.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 25th May 2006