

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 27TH OF MAY 2004 AT 7.30PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT – Chris Hunneyball, Sheila Taylor, Susan Milton, Hazel Al-Kowarri, Pat Findlater, Alistair Thomson, Roger Dunham, Janet Newberry, Mavis Wainman, Bill Blackwood, Jim Piggins

ATTENDING – Inspector Dave Allan, Councillor Alister Leitch

APOLOGIES – Alan Davies, David Evans, Iain Morgan, Billy Ridler, Jack Rigby, Tim McKay & Councillor Gurudeo Saluja.

A. POLICE MATTERS

Inspector Allan gave us a more in-depth report on the quarterly update that Community Council has just received for Jan to March 2004. Over the past 6 years, a steady decrease in the reported crimes has occurred with the most recent peak in 2000 of 1808 reported crimes in the Gordon area. For 2003 there has been a 30% reduction in reported crime since 2000, which is now at its lowest level since 1998. The Kemnay/Monymusk beat area has seen a 36% decrease however the 'Top Two' volume incidents in the area are vandalism and road collisions with a total for Gordon of 299 and 220 respectively. In Kemnay since 29th April to 27th May there have been 26 reported crimes of which 9 were vandalism, 3 breaches of the peace, 6 road traffic offences and 3 thefts. We are asked to be vigilant and report all incidents to the police in order that a full picture of the types of crime are all recorded and can be dealt with. Currently there are many forged £20 notes in the area and the police do have a suspect for this but have asked that we look carefully at any £20 notes we get. There is also a new standardisation of crime reporting coming in to place and this should enable the police to see a clearer and more accurate picture of types of crime and total crimes reported. Currently the system may mean that what we in Grampian classify as an act of vandalism and record as such another police command area may not record but will note it. This will result in the recording and reporting of everything (example - previously vandalism of telephone boxes was not recorded as an act of vandalism this now will be). Inspector Allan also talked about the parking problem at Kemnay Primary School and the fact that any enforcement needs to be consistent and sustained, it has now been passed to the Traffic department to look into how this is best handled and what solutions can be found. We asked the Inspector about the illegal and unsightly dumping of rubbish at the riverside, in local woodland and at the sides of the road. This is very difficult for the police to deal with, as the person really needs to be caught at the time of the offence to ensure the correct person is caught. We also discussed the speed of motorists on the A96 at the Broomhill roundabout and how dangerous and difficult it is to go onto the A96 from the Kemnay/Kintore road at that point. Unfortunately, the police are unable to help in this as unless people are breaking the speed limit they are unable to do anything to slow them down at this point. The roads department of Aberdeenshire Council and the Safety Group have discussed this area in depth before and found that the road layout is not unsafe and they have painted yellow chevrons on the road to get people to slow down. It was also noted that people are still using their mobile phones whilst driving and are still not on handsfree sets.

B. MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 29TH OF APRIL 2004

ADOPTION PROPOSED – Susan Milton SECONDED – Roger Dunham

Corrections to last minute/agenda –

**Please also note were it states that Sheila has contacted someone it is on behalf of Community Council and is either at its request or a request of a member of the community within her capacity as Secretary of Community Council.

C. QUESTION TIME –

a/ Opportunity for members of the public present to address the Community Council should they wish. – No members of the public present.

b/ Nominate any matters to be raised under AOCB or for a future meeting to be recorded and timetabled

- White Lines – Kemnay to Inverurie Road
- Planning Question re- Relocatable Double Classroom Units at the Academy.
- Garioch Area Partnership Meeting
- Waste Aware Grampian Book
- The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award
- Kemnay Village Sports Day
- Roadside Grass Cutting
- Bill Shand

D. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTE

1. Consultation on the Report of the Summary Justice Review – You really do need to read the whole report (228 pages long) to answer these questions properly but we do have time, as it is not due until The 16th of July. In the pack is some correspondence received for Aberdeenshire Council regarding an awareness meeting on the McInnes Report on Legal Reform. Cdr Hunneyball, Mavis Wainman & Sheila Taylor have volunteered to attend. This will enable us to have a better understanding of the proposals. However, Cdr Hunneyball has drafted a reply from the information we have received so far and asked for our input on it. The attached document is at the back of the minutes. The awareness meeting was held (8th of June) at quite short notice and Mavis and Sheila were able to attend, Sheila's report on this meeting is also attached. The outcome and discussion at this meeting proved to confirm our findings so the reply was sent as we had discussed at our meeting unchanged.

2. Rights of Appeal in Planning Consultation Paper – deadline 30th of July – Cdr Hunneyball is to ask if David Evans would be kind enough to look over this on Community

Councils behalf and draft a reply. As David Evans was unable to attend tonight's meeting we will carry this into next months meeting and the deadline is 30th of July so this should be ok.

E. ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS

Cllr Leitch informed us of the news from Aberdeenshire Council. The interview for the post of Head Master at Kemnay Academy will take place on the 8th of June more news on this at our next meeting. Mr Leitch attended the Park and Pavilion Committee meeting and they are to clean up the old toilet block and use as a store, they are to write to Community Council for us to apply on their behalf for funding. Aberdeenshire Council are still looking into a toilet facility at the Pleasure Park however the level of vandalism and cost of continual repairs to the last toilet block lead to it being closed as it was unfit for use more times than it was able to be used. We ask that people do try to respect property and facilities for others to use. Garioch Area Committee are to hold their meeting in Kemnay on the 1st of June. Cllr Leitch attended a seminar on "Chose Life" regarding suicide. His 'pub crawl' with Inspector Allan went well although someone was arrested in one of the pubs however licensing laws are being looked into with regard binge drinking.

F. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Only four applications and none of these caused any concern to Community Council.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Double Yellow Lines on Victoria Terrace & Grove Road** – This still under discussion with Grampian Police and Aberdeenshire Council and to date we have nothing more to report on this subject. See Police Matters for Inspector Allan's feedback.
2. **Victorian Lamppost Update** – Aberdeenshire Council Roads Department are waiting on specialist parts arriving to get this all up and running hopefully this will happen shortly, we will advise when this has happened.
3. **Aberdeenshire Local Plan Update** – Still waiting the new dates for this. We have plenty of time for this as it will be around the end of September before will need to do our part, Cdr Hunneyball has all the relevant information on this.
4. **Toilet Facilities at Bogbeth Pleasure Park Update** – nothing new to report at present. The Community Council thinks it is quite outrageous that Aberdeenshire Council have provided us with new play equipment and more play equipment for younger children, picnic benches and BBQ facilities in the park but no toilets. It means nowhere to wash your hands but they are encouraging you to go and picnic and eat at the park. The parks usage is ever increasing and will continue to do so with the imminent opening of the Skate Park. The toilet block at Inverurie is an excellent and well-kept facility; we would like this in Kemnay.
5. **Disused Chicken Shed** – Nothing new to report on this issue of concern. No reply from Aberdeenshire Council's environmental health department on this issue as yet,

will chase them again for action. However, on the planning permission front they lost their appeal with the Scottish Executive for the four houses they wished to build on the site.

6. **Youth Café Update** – Will open on the 18th of June. This date has since been amended to 25th of June.
7. **War Memorial Update** - almost complete and looking very good (see photo's that will be in distribution on the night)
8. **Skate Park** – Nearing completion and should finish at the end of June. Official opening date has now been advised as the 3rd of July.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Garioch Area Community Forum AGM 17th of June** - Note - they are looking for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and have sent us a form to complete – we had no new names to propose and expressed that we would like the current Chair and Vice Chair to remain if they are able to do so.
2. **Consultation Document – Principles of Charging by Water Services Division of the Scottish Executive** – We received a letter notifying us of this consultation but no consultation document has been received to date. We will put this back on the agenda when it has been sent to us.
3. **Consultation Document – Investing in Water Services 2006-2014 (Quality & Standards III) by Water Services Division of the Scottish Executive** - We received a letter notifying us of this consultation but no consultation document has been received to date. We will put this back on the agenda when it has been sent to us.
4. **Village Hall Committee Representative from Community Council** – Nominations required, unfortunately those present at tonight's meeting are unable to offer their assistance in the committee due to other commitments. Janet Newberry is now the treasurer of this committee, but they are looking for more committee members. There are currently 6 committee members around Mavis's age and the committee needs more helpers and a new generation of helpers involved. The Village Hall is a very well used resource but the committee are in need of help with the organising and bookings. Mavis Wainman and Isabel Herron do a fantastic job but they desperately need some more volunteers to help them in this task as after their long and valued service to the community, they would like to retire or at any rate slow down the amount of activities, they are involved in. We would ask that if anyone can help with the Village Hall and the Village Newsletter to please get in touch with Mavis as all help is welcome.
5. **NHS Grampian – Out-Of-Hours Medical Services in Grampian Information & Consultation Process** – copy in your pack. Deadline for this is the 11th of August so this is to be carried forward for our next meeting.

6. **Old Sign in the grounds of the Old School House** – As secretary of Community council I was contacted by the roads depart with regards to the sign which is no longer within regulations. It dates from between 1957 and 1964 as new standardised regulations came in to force in 1964 and it predates these. It appears to have just been over looked when signs have been replaced and new signs erected but this one has not been removed. The roads department now wish to remove it as it is in a poor state (the cast iron and the wooden board on the reverse are rotting away and are in too bad a state to repair). The have approached the owners of the ‘Old School House’ to ask if they wish the sign to remain on their property. It does not affect the historic reference of the house, as it is not within the time frame of the property so can be removed. The question is do we have any objection to its removal? I was also asked if any of us would wish to keep the sign or know anyone who would want it for a keepsake? – The Village Hall will take it and place it with the other memorabilia from the village’s past.
7. **North East Scotland Flood Liaison & Advice Group (NESFLAG) – flooding Issues in the North East – Public Meeting – a report by Cdr Hunneyball.**

North East Scotland Flood Liaison and Advice Group

This meeting was held in Woodhill House on Monday 24th May, and was discussing, without coming to any conclusions, the potential flooding problems in the northeast.

Much of the meeting was taken up with an extremely interesting talk by Gillian Holland, of the National Flood Forum (England and Wales only), who lives in Bewdley and is regularly flooded by the Severn. There was also a talk on, and demonstration of, the new Geographic Information System, which is being collated and will show areas prone to flooding.

In general, flooding is not a widespread problem, but for those who are prone to flooding, like the residents in Canal Road, Port Elphinstone, this is not much solace.

It was encouraging to see that the problem is being addressed and that building on the flood plain is being looked at more closely. I did not think to ask if drainage was also being looked at – vide Kirkstyle.

8. **Official Opening – Scottish Parliament Building** – We Have received a letter from David Davidson MSP to ask us for a nomination to join him in the procession on the 9th of October. The nomination is for a person from this area who we believe has made a real contribution to the lives of other Scottish people either locally or nationally. Please can you think about someone to nominate before our meeting. (Nominations must be submitted by the 11th of June). – A letter has been sent off for our nomination of Mavis Wainman.
9. **Councillor’s Remuneration Progress Group - Meeting 18th of June 2004 in Aberdeen** – can anyone represent us? Cdr Hunneyball is to ask Alan Davies if he can attend on the community council’s behalf.

I. REPORT FROM THE SAFETY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

Nothing to report at this time as the meeting is not until the 1st of June. However enclosed in the information pack to community council members is details of the 4th Annual Seminar and a colour picture of the winning project was shown round on the night.

J. CORRESPONDENCE -

- Andy Hinton letter of resignation from Community Council. – We are sorry to lose a member but respect his decision.
- Letter from David Davidson MSP (see item H8)
- SAC – Greenmoss Estate, Kemnay UKWAS membership.
- Bus Forum Minutes.
- Concept – 1st Regional Cluster Group Meeting – Tuesday 15th of June at 6.30pm

All others are in circulation to members or in the pack provided.

Enclosed in you member pack this month should be the following –

1. Community Grants & Area Top-up Budget letter and figures.
2. NHS Grampian – Out-Of-Hours Medical Services in Grampian Information & Consultation Process.
3. Grampian Police Plan 2003/2004 – 4th Quarter Update (Jan, Feb & Mar 04)
4. Kemnay Primary Bulletin No.9 (plus a copy of our letter)
5. Aberdeenshire Council - Transportation & Roads Letter. Temporary closure of Fraser Place owing to resurfacing works.
6. South Aberdeenshire Command Area Crime Bulletin (from week ending 23/4/4 to week ending 14/5/4)
7. NESFLAG Letter
8. Association of Scottish Community Councils.
9. Councillor's Remuneration Progress Group - Meeting 18th of June 2004 in Aberdeen (Item H9)
10. Aberdeenshire Council Local Plans Inquiry Letter.

K. A.O.C.B –

As timetabled earlier

- White Lines – Kemnay to Inverurie Road – It has been suggested that we request from a safety point of view that Aberdeenshire Council look to putting white lines along the verge on this route. They have done this on many busy roads where accidents occur (Inverurie to Oldmeldrum is one such route). Are we in favour of outing this to Aberdeenshire Council? - Yes, we would support this. Sheila is to send an email to the roads department asking that they look into this and it's funding in the future.
- Planning Question re- Relocatable Double Classroom Units at the Academy. – This has now gone to the final stage, and is with the Scottish Executive for approval.
- Garioch Area Partnership Meeting – 31st of May at 7pm in Westhill Community Centre if anyone would like to attend, it is open to all members of the public to contribute to group.
- Waste Aware Grampian Book – If you do not already have this you will have it coming through your door shortly. Unbelievably when it is promoting and

discussing recycling it is neither able to be recycled nor appears to be made of any recycled materials! How much did this all cost? How useful is the information in it? Will people keep it and update it as it suggests be done? This was a good opportunity wasted – advertise the quality of recycled materials and in itself be recycled and easy to follow advise on how to recycle items such as this. So many items are not able to be recycled the money used to produce this could have been better spent on recycling things and finding ways to recycle than on a book. It is ‘Waste Aware’ seminar in Aberdeen on Saturday.

- The Queen’s Golden Jubilee Award – We did really well on this and got far but unfortunately, we have not been successful on this occasion. Nevertheless, we have an application for this year and will submit our application again.
- Kemnay Village Sports Day 26th of June - This will be held at Kemnay Academy and will have sporting activities carried out by Primary 6 & 7. The PTA are involved but as yet no other local groups. If you would be interested in the day either helping or promoting your club please let us know and we will pass your details on to the organising committee.
- Roadside Grass Cutting – Can we find out details of where and when this will be done for around the village as it is desperately in need of grass cutting now but they do not appear to have started this year yet.
- Bill Shand – Community Council would like to add their congratulations to him for his 57 years of dedicated service to Kemnay Scouts.

L. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24th OF JUNE

Note for your diaries – here is the list of meeting dates for 2004 - No meeting in July or August then 30th of September, 28th of October, 25th of November & No meeting in December.