

MINUTES OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

7.30pm Thursday 27th May, 1982

Members present: Mrs. Milton, Mrs. Wainman, Mrs. Shrago, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Wainman, Mr. Wizinski, Mr. Sutherland, Councillor McLean, Councillor Reid, Press: Mrs. L. Robertson.

Apologies: Mr. Murray

2. Minutes of last meeting - Adoption of minutes of KCC meeting of Thursday 29th April, 1982 at Kemnay Academy as true record. -

Proposed Hugh Cumming seconded W. Wainman with the following amendment. -

Item 9d. Delete "Secretary" insert "Treasurer".

3. Matters Arising

- a) Boat Croft: Mr. Hugh Cumming reported that he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Kennedy of Gordon District Council informing him that this matter would be dealt with at the Planning Committee Meeting on 1st June, 1982.
- b) Progress on Village Green: Extensive drainage has been completed and an improvement in the condition of the Green has been noted.
- c) Notice Board: Mrs. Wainman, Secretary has spoken to Mr. Bruce of Gordon District Council who has withdrawn the repair account. Mr. Cobb requested that payment for the notice board be fully discussed at next month's meeting and also the Community Council's donation towards the Kemnay Newsletter.
- d) Public Hall - letter from Mrs. Brown: After much discussion a vote was taken on whether the account for £10.50 being half of the original amount of hiring the hall, should be paid. Subsequently the account is to be paid - Mrs. Milton is to write. There was a desire expressed by all at the meeting, to improve relationships between the Public Hall Committee and the Community Council. Voting - 3 For, 3 Against, 2 Abstain, Chairman cast vote For.
- e) Medical Liason - Mr. Cobb pointed out that the matter of "undeclared interest" raised by Mr. Murray in his letter, was usually only in matters where gain could be achieved. In this case his wife's employment at the Medical Centre did not influence Mr. Cobb's work on the Liason Committee. Mrs. Shrago pointed out that her report on the Liason Committee given at last month's meeting had been mis-quoted in the Garioch Advertiser and the Press & Journal. The word "complaints" had been used and Mrs. Shrago requested that Mrs. Linda Robertson, Press Reporter have the following amendment printed in both newspapers. "The medical committee is to obtain patients views on any problems or suggestions for improvements in the Medical Centre Services". Mrs. V. Taylor of Monymusk is to join the Medical Liason Committee. The committee will be publicised through the Newsletter.
- f) Report from Park Pavilion Public Meeting: Mr. Wainman, who represents the Community Association on the Pavilion Committee gave a very comprehensive report on the Public Meeting. Arrangements are now in progress for leasing of the Pavilion from Gordon District Council and a Constitution has been formed.

Mr. Wainman listed at least 18 defects in the completed building, some of them appeared really serious and asked that the Community Council help in seeing that these are put right. However as the Community Council are not users of the Pavilion it was felt that this should be left to the Park Pavilion Committee.

- g) Report from H. Cumming, Treasurer. Mr. Cumming gave a report of the current state of the Community Council finances. The Council has no funds in reserve and therefore if any project is undertaken, fund-raising will have to be considered. Mr. Wainman asked whether the Community Council might approach the newly elected Grampian Regional Council to ask for a grant to help with their work. A letter had already been written but no reply received.

4. Correspondence Received

- a) Radio Aberdeen - There is to be a daily diary in the Radio Aberdeen Good Morning programme each week highlighting Community Council meetings giving dates, venues etc. They also asked for details of interesting items - not ordinary everyday matters. The Community Council minutes and Agenda would be sent each month and it was felt that interesting items could be extracted by the programme organisers when they arose.

5. New Business

- Raft Race. Mr. D. Bailey outlined a matter causing concern to many people. The Raft Race is an event organised for a good cause but he felt the level of supervision was very bad. This year the weather was appalling and many of the entrants were completely inadequately clad. There were several children in the race who had to be pulled out by spectators along the way and one child was sent to hospital. There did not appear to be First Aid points on the route and Mr. Bailey felt that a greater sense of responsibility should be shown by the organisers, not only from the safety aspect but from the aspect of showing courtesy to land-owners and arranging for jettison to be removed from the river after the event. A letter is to be written to the Organiser, Mr. Ingram stressing that the Community Council do not wish to have the race stopped only to ensure that it is properly supervised.

6. Planning Application

- One application had been received for a dwelling house to be built at Dalriach Farm by Mr. Ian Forbes. This will be dealt with at the June Meeting of Gordon District Council. Mr. Hugh Cumming requested that the Secretary write and ask for a list showing how many houses had been built in the village since 1979 within area of District Plan.

7. Regional News - Councillor David McLean. It was reported that the notices in Fraser Place had been replaced. Mrs. Wainman asked for Councillor McLean's help in having road markings added to highlight the road signs signifying that St. Bryde's road is now NO ENTRY from the Square. People parking in the square are not seeing the signs which are rather high and entering St. Bryde's in error. The very robust trees at the corner of Station Road/Riverside Road are still causing a hazard to drivers. Councillor McLean to pass on this complaint. Councillor McLean is to find out what the expected date of work commencing on the Bridge in Station Road in views of the housing at Roat Croft.

8. District News

Councillor Reid had no district news. He was unable to report on the Park Pavilion meeting as he had not been informed that the meeting was to take place.

9. A.O.C.B.

- a) Opening of Gordin District Council Offices. Mrs. Milton enquired if Gordon District Council had a Common Good Fund. Councillor Reid stated that no fund existed. Mrs. Milton then stated that she felt that many people shared the view that in this time of restraint it was wicked to entertain 50-60 people to a lavish meal at the expense of the ratepayer when a simple ceremony would suffice. The opening is set for 9th July, 1982.

At 8.30 Mr. Coupar of Grampian Regional Council arrived with Mr. Broomfield of Alexanders Bus Company to explain their proposals in connection with the Scotmap exercise carried out recently.

Mr. Coupar explained that Alexanders and Grampian Region Transportation Dept. have been carrying out surveys to establish what customers would like in terms of bus services, times etc. The survey was carried out by Consultants travelling on the buses and questionnaires to houses.

Sets of proposed timetables were handed out to the Committee at the meeting and to the members of the public in attendance.

The main changes in the Aberdeen-Kemnay-Alford service is as follows:

Kemnay will have an improved service to/from Aberdeen on weekdays, all services also servicing the housing scheme at Bremner Way.

Sunday Service would be improved

Alexanders service to/from Inverurie will be withdrawn but Easton's Buses will possibly take over the route.

Comments from the public and the Community Council were as follows.

1. There was a strong feeling that there was a need for a better service at night from Aberdeen. The proposed last bus leaving at 20.05 did not suit people attending cinemas and theatre shows. Grampian Region thought they could look favourably on some kind of late evening service going to Kintore, Inverurie and then Kemnay to serve all 3 communities. This would also be useful to people spending an evening in Inverurie and wishing to return to Kemnay.
2. People who work night duty in Aberdeen will now have almost an hour to wait until the first bus leaves Aberdeen in the morning. This is to be looked into.
3. The last bus at 20.05 did not help people visiting relatives at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Grampian Region are looking into the possibility of re-routing a city bus to connect with the country bus at Great Northern Road/Hilton Crossroads.
4. The proposed afternoon service did not offer any solution to the children attending City Schools. This will also be studied.