

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE 1985 AT KEMNAY ACADEMY

Present: Mr Bailey, Mrs Shrago, Mr Pashley, Mr Wainman, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Milton, Mr Evans, Mr Stephen

Apologies: Mr Murray, Mr Woods, Dr Drey

Attending: Cllr McLean, Cllr Wainman, Jeroen Doomernik, Anneke Blokland, John Medhurst (members of the public), Lindsey Sill and Mrs S Cobb (members of the Press)

Before the official start of the meeting the Chairman introduced Jeroen Doomernik from Holland, who had asked if he could video the meeting of the Council and asked if anyone objected to a record being made. Mr Doomernik explained to what use the film would be put. He is making a film of life in Kemnay for his University project. There were no objections to the proceedings being filmed.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There was one omission. Mr Stephen had tendered his apologies for the last meeting but they were not recorded. As a matter of record his name to be appended.

In Item 3 second paragraph Dr Drey "queried". The last line of the Minutes to read 27th June 1985 instead of September 1985. Proposed by W Wainman; seconded by E Pashley - no dissent.

3. Matters arising.

(a) Paradise Green. The meeting was told that it would appear that the land is classed as amenity land. There was once a plan to build on it but it was found to be too boggy. There will be a new ten-year plan out in November. Cllr McLean thought that this matter would be resolved before the Plan appears.

(b) Littlewood Court. The meeting was told that if its Planning Representative wanted to contact Mr Donaldson, Director of Housing, the matter could be discussed with him. Mrs Wainman had put forward the idea of the possibility of having kitchens that would be capable of coping with the lunch club but had been told formally that this was not possible. Unaltered Housing did not need this sort of thing and the organisation would be exactly the same as before. There would however be two lounges, one upstairs and one downstairs. It was not possible to propose any change. She had been assured that her letter would go to the joint committee of the District, Region and the Health Board for possible discussion. She had been informed that the Council do not insure their buildings. Some concern was voiced at the fact that there was no recompense to the public purse through lack of insurance. Mrs Milton expressed her utter shock at the dreadful state of buildings in the area. The Meeting was also told that within Gordon District at the present time, some buildings at Kellands are being pulled down due to bad building. Mr Evans also said that he thought it was disgraceful that this had happened. Mr Evans asked whether we could assume that when the building work begins on the old allotments that the proper foundations would be put down. Mr Wainman mentioned that there was a report in the local paper that the local water services had been given permission to increase the size of the main to Kemnay to enable a further 500-1000 houses to be built in the next 10 years. Cllr McLean said that there will be a structural plan emerging later in the year. Discussion followed and it was suggested that if the

...ices were taking up the road for a water main, a gas main might
at the same time! (c) as the Treasurer was absent this could not
be attended to. Agenda Item next meeting.

Correspondence received:

(a) Letter from Gordon District Council re Paradise Green.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter to the Council saying that no drainage problems had been noted at all during the excessive rains of the last few months and we would like to recommend that action be taken as soon as possible to resolve the problem of the transfer of ownership.

(b) The Secretary read Mr Woods' letter of resignation from the Community Council

(c) Letter from Ellon Community Council - re easier access to Planning Applications. Some discussion took place as to whether it might be possible to persuade Gordon District to make it easier to view the plans. Mrs Shrago suggested that we write and say that we have lobbied our local Councillor on this matter as requested. Mr Evans agreed with this. It was decided to write to Ellon saying that we sympathised with them and had lobbied our local Councillor.

(d) Keep Grampian Beautiful Campaign. The Community Council were read a letter from Councillor Paul Miller re Tree Preservation Orders. Some discussion took place and Councillors were asked to look at trees and see if we could come up with some ideas. Agenda Item.

5. Unfinished Business.

(a) Appointment to Gordon Crime Prevention Panel. Mr Bailey said that he had attended the first meeting but was unable to go to the next meeting. He asked if there was anybody who would be prepared to go to these meetings. They are held every three months. Mr David Evans volunteered. Mrs Wainman mentioned that at the second meeting a discussion had taken place about lost property and pressuring people to mark property with a special pen that only shows under ultra-violet light. At the first meeting it was suggested that in view of the large number of bicycle thefts it would be a good idea to stamp your post-code on the frame and this would identify your street. A note should be made as to precisely where on the frame the mark was. The Community Council felt it would be worth mentioning this on our page in the Newsletter.

(b) A96 Junction with Dyce Drive. Mr Bailey told the meeting that there had been an accident there this very afternoon at 4.40 p.m. A lorry was coming down Tyrebagger Hill and appeared to have run into a car turning right out of Dyce Drive. Mr Bailey asked again whether something was being done in the interim. As far as Councillor McLean knows everything is going ahead as planned. Some discussion followed about the white Stop line. If one stops on the white line traffic turning would cut off the nose of your car. It is necessary to stop back from the line for safety. A temporary solution might be to move the white line back about six feet.

Some mention was made of the lack of a clear view emerging into Aquithie Road from Bridge Road. Councillor Wainman mentioned the problem of turning left out of High Street towards Aberdeen and the shrubs in the middle of the road. Some mention was made of the fact that that the house opposite the school had changed hands again and Councillor McLean intimated that it was worth a try to see if the new owners would be prepared to part with some of the land.

(c) Mr Wainman asked what was happening about the Riverside Walk. Mrs Wainman read a memorandum saying that the developers have an obligation to construct this. Councillor Wainman to try and press for this to be

d as soon as possible.

a) New Business. Mr Wainman suggested that all the Council members look for new sites for the planting of trees.

(b) Mr Medhurst of Don Cottage spoke about the proposed BMX development which is scheduled for Bremner Way. The first indication that the residents had was a notice in the local papers that the site had been proposed. He asked if the Community Council knew anything about this. He wanted to know how far the proposals have gone and what other sites have been inspected. Councillor Wainman told the meeting that some local youngsters asked if they could have a BMX site. This was about two years ago. Councillor Wilson had started the thing off. It has been under discussion with the District Council who are not prepared to provide BMX tracks. What they might possibly be prepared to do would be to lease land in their possession to an established local group and possibly give them a grant towards leasing the land from the Council for the purpose. That is as far as the matter has gone for the moment as far as the Council is concerned. At the moment the local BMX Club are looking at the possibilities of various pieces of ground. They are going round to the residents in the vicinity to chat with them about the proposals because the notice in the paper would appear to have been the first intimation that people have had about this matter.

Mr Medhurst also stated that as one of the main residents on the rough track from the Burnett Arms to the Waterworks they have put in a request to have the track tarmacaded and properly graded. He would like to know what possibility, if any, there is for the local Community Council, or the local Council to put a percentage towards the cost of making-up the track as it is used by local residents. The figure they have been quoted is £9,000 from the bend on the main road through to just before Don Cottage. Local users have been asked to find 50%. The residents comprise the owners of Mither Tap, Oxencraig, Don Cottage, The Burnett Arms and the Water Works. There was some discussion as to whether the Vet and the users of the Scout Hut might contribute to the cost. Councillor McLean said that this scheme had been accepted for the present year and all that is needed is the formal commitment from the residents to go ahead. The Water services have intimated that they will contribute towards the cost though no figures have yet been discussed. Grampian Region will give half but the residents are looking to the users to pay the other half. The Community Council felt it would not be possible to contribute themselves. Councillor McLean mentioned that once the road had been made up it would be maintained to a satisfactory standard.

7. District News. Councillor Wainman told the meeting that the toilet is on its way to being built. She also said that Gordon District is trying to promote tourism and she has a whole pile of leaflets on the area. She also mentioned that there had been a Gordon Health Council meeting the previous day. There was talk of asking Community Councils if they would like to meet up with the Health Council but there was not a lot of enthusiasm for this. There will be a leaflet distributed to local surgeries etc.

Councillor Wainman also mentioned that if people had any law and order matters that they wished to communicate to the Police and on telephoning they heard the Ansaphone they could be assured that their message was being recorded and logged. The Police do listen to all the messages. Members of the public were urged to always leave a message because they do get through. Mr Bailey said that he felt that this ansaphone system was disgraceful. He saw no reason why a telephone call could not be switched through to Inverurie or Aberdeen. The Inverurie office is now manned 24 hours a day. Letter to be written to the Chief Constable in Aberdeen asking if calls could automatically be transferred in the future.

Regional News. Kirkhill Road access at Marshalls Trailers. Councillor McLean told the meeting that no improvement of that road is planned. If it is found to be necessary in the future it will be improved. Mr Wainman asked if there was any news on the Bus Stance. Cllr McLean said that he had no news at the moment. He said there will be some changes in the Bus Services which he hopes to have for the next meeting. The Strathdon bus will go into Inverurie and offer changes at Kemnay and Inverurie for Aberdeen.

Councillor Wainman told the meeting that there has been a Planning Brief prepared for the Boat of Kemnay.

The Residents of Bennachie View had asked if the land which was reclaimed by the Council from the tenants of Paradise Road could be used for car parking. The short answer was no. Two plans had been produced, one for car parking and one for housing. There is no proposal for additional car parking and no proposal to build Council Houses. At the moment there is a possibility of letting some of it to the tenants in the meantime and the rest of it will be kept weeded. Mrs Shrago asked why it was taken away from the tenants in Paradise Road to be left lying vacant, when the tenants would have kept it in order. Letter to District Council to this effect.

Planning Applications. Mr Andrew for erection of fireplace showroom. He has bought the old library building and this will be incorporated with his existing workshop.

Jeanette's outside catering for a Caravan at Lawrence's of Kemnay.

Berrydale, High Street for a house to be built in Church Lane. A site meeting has been arranged for this week, and the matter referred back to the next Planning Meeting on Tuesday.

The Chairman asked about the plan to put more housing in Fraser Place. How had this progressed? He was told that there had been several working parties on the matter although nothing had yet been decided; their brief had been to investigate the possibilities of various development companies and report back.

Mr Evans reported that he had investigated St Machar Development Company. The Directors are Peter Cameron and Alastair Bremner, directors of Farquhars the Builders. They intend to develop the site in Bremner Wy/Aquithie Lane for private residential houses. They plan 30-40 houses of one and a half storeys each on 5 acres. They hoped to submit the Planning Application next month. This could be a fairly rapid development.

10. A.O.C.B. None.

11. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked for authorisation for the office bearers to deal with and confer in the normal manner during the summer break. He also said that if needed the Council will call an Extraordinary Meeting.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.25 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 26th September 1985.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: