

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
27th OCTOBER 1994**

Present: Mrs S Shrago, Mr D Evans, Mrs M Wainman, Mr L Shrago, Mr A Davies, Mr E Pashley, Mrs J Newberry, Mr M Moss, Dr J Piggins, Mr R Marco

Apologies: Mrs S Milton, Mr F W Wainman, Mr G Mitchell, Mrs L Marco, P C N Shand

Attending: Cllr R Hunter, Mr I Barron (Grampian Fire Brigade), Mr K Burbige (member of the public)

1. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the agreement of those present, Mrs Shrago took the chair. She welcomed everyone, especially Mr Barron of Grampian Fire Brigade who was to give a short presentation on the fire arrangements relating to Kemnay. The apologies were read.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mrs Newberry, seconded: Mr Pashley, passed no dissent.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

(A) **Village Green - Dog Fouling.** After discussion members concluded that there was not really a problem with fouling at the moment.

(B) **Fire Service in Village.** Mr Barron was attending the meeting in response to a letter from Cllr Hunter after our previous meeting. He explained the criteria for fire stations and how they were set and said there were three full-time stations in Aberdeen. Dyce will soon be put on to a full-time basis as will Peterhead. The rest of the stations in the region are manned by local volunteers on a 24-hour basis. He said it was becoming increasingly difficult in the small communities to get men to man the stations and there is a loss of salary compared to what can be earned in industry. Kemnay is covered by both Inverurie and Kintore. He then explained the risk categories - the high risks being in Aberdeen City. In Kemnay which is classed as a low-risk, they are required to send one pump within 20 minutes however they are doubling this every time and at the moment they are responding within 8-10 minutes. From October 1992-94 they had 76 calls in Kemnay which is roughly 4 per month. 45% of the calls are false alarms. The bulk of these are through smoke alarms or community alarms. 25% are for actual fires. 13% are road traffic accidents, 12% are for chimney fires and 5% are special service calls. Mr Barron went into more details on the hypothetical cost of providing a Fire Station in Kemnay but admitted that the Fire Brigade do not consider that Kemnay warrants its own Fire Stations. The general feeling of the meeting was that the level of cover was sufficient for the village. Mrs Shrago thanked Mr Barron for a very interesting presentation.

(C) Ideas on how to celebrate the Millenium. AGENDA ITEM - next meeting.

(D) **Speeding in Aquithie Road.** Cllr Hunter reported that he has been in touch with the Divisional Road Surveyor regarding this matter. The basic problem is that some cars go along that road at excessive speeds but by and large the speeds are not much in excess of 45 mph. There are three ways of dealing with the problem:- (1) The Police. (2) By means of rumble strips, however the budget for these is already committed for this year and there is a waiting-list for them. (3) Chicanes. Whilst the Surveyor is sympathetic nothing can be done this year. Traffic Islands are also a possibility and could go into the budget for a future year. The Police are also aware of the problem.

4. **Unfinished Business.** Dr Piggins asked whether anything had been done about replacing the surfaces underneath the play equipment. AGENDA ITEM - next meeting.

5. **Correspondence received.** The correspondence was read - letters from Gordon District re the extension to the Bowling Club, dog-walking on the Village Green, the Christmas festivities, naming and postal numbering of Milton Meadows, litter along the river bank. Letter from Grampian Region re the roof of the Police Station; letter from Mr G Thomas re speeding along Aquithie Road. Correspondence from the Association of Scottish Community Councils - after discussion it was decided to renew our membership of this association.

6. **New Business.** Dr Piggins suggested a letter be sent from the Community Council to Mr and Mrs Middleton who are closing their garage, thanking them for their long years of service to the viilage and wishing them well in their retirement.

7. **District News** - none in the absence of Cllr Elrick.

8. **Regional News.** Cllr Hunter reported that the Structure Plan housing allocations were finalised today. Kemnay is due for 100 houses up to 2001 and a further 100 between 2001 and 2006.

9. **Planning Applications.** Mr Evans mentioned five in all - none contentious. Mr Evans to contact Mr and Mrs Mitchell of 12 Kembhill Park to help them with their application for a garden extension.

10. **A.O.C.B.** Mrs Newberry said that the annual bonfire and firework display will be on Saturday 5th November and asked everyone to support this, as well as the coffee morning on the morning of the 5th November.

11. Mrs Shrago thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November 1994.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: