

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2002

7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present :-

Mr A. Davies, Mr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Dr J. Piggins, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

Mr P. Aikenhead, Mrs H Al-Kowarri, Mrs E. Downie, Mr D. Duncan (Inverurie Herald), Councillor A. Leitch, Mr C Simpson, Mrs S. Taylor

Apologies:-

Mr A. Al-Kowarri, Mr D. Caney, Mr D. Evans, Mr P. Findlater, Mrs J. Newberry, Councillor G. Saluja, Mr A. Thomson

2. Police Matters

There was no police representation.

Mike Rumbles had written to say he had had a positive reply about policing in Kemnay following receipt of the petition, although allocation of manpower was up to the Chief Constable.

TRAK warned residents to be wary of bogus callers who offered to do work and said that the cost could be reclaimed from the Council. This was definitely not the case.

3. Minute of Last Meeting

The Minute of meeting held on Thursday 31st January was adopted.

Proposed: Mrs S Milton Seconded: Mrs M Wainman

4. Matters Arising from Last Minute

a. Credit Unions

An article for the newsletter about Credit Unions had been received from Anne Phelps, and she had thanked the Community Council for listening to her presentation.

b. Jubilee Celebrations

Mrs Newberry reported that it was hoped to have a street party during the afternoon and evening of 1st June, also possibly a mini fair that afternoon. She asked if people who had ideas would contact her.

c. Aberdeenshire Local Plans

Mr Evans had written a letter about the Aberdeenshire Local Plan so far as it affected Kemnay. His views were fully supported, and it was agreed that a letter in support would be sent. There was a good deal of uncertainty as to exactly which plan was now being followed, and also disappointment that so little attention was being paid to local opinion.

It was also felt that the planners had no idea how unsuitable Parkhill was for commercial development. It was a sloping site, well away from the village centre, and would ruin the look of the easterly approach to Kemnay. Mr McRae should be invited to view the area himself, when he might appreciate the disadvantages. More attention should be given to improving facilities in the village centre, particularly with respect to parking. Mr Caie's plot opposite the village hall was a potential car park.

d. Parking

A lorry was regularly parking in Burnett Road and causing an obstruction. It was agreed that the police and the Roads and Transportation Department should be informed.

e. Leading Edge Skateboard Group

The group had given a presentation to the Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership which had been well received, and their support had been promised.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

There was nothing further to report.

b. Modernising Local Government

Mrs Milton and Mrs Wainman had attended the presentation, which had been

attended more by business people than Community Councils. A general complaint was made that Aberdeenshire Council did not heed Community Councils' opinions sufficiently, and often did not provide reasons for the rejection of proposals. Cllr Leitch undertook to make these views known. There were also some proposals which did not seem sensible, such as the Audit and Scrutiny Committee being made up of twelve councillors.

6. New Business

a. Presentation by Association of Scottish Community Councils

Dr Piggins had attended the presentation. The main message was that the ASCC was there to assist Community Councils, and they also would like to be appraised of local thought. It was agreed that copies of relevant papers would be sent to them in future. Community Councils were generally unhappy with the Reporter system for settling planning disputes, as this often failed to take account of local views.

b. Waste Disposal and Recycling

SEPA has produced a discussion paper about waste disposal and recycling. It summarised the problem, but gave little help in offering solutions.

c. Blood Transfusion Service

The Blood Transfusion Service will be visiting Kemnay on 24 June 2002, 31 October 2002, and 27 February 2003. An alternative venue will be required for the Community Council meetings on the latter two dates. Dr Piggins will investigate availability of a room in the Academy.

d. Getting Involved in Planning

Dr Piggins had received a consultation paper from Mike Rumbles about local planning. There had not been time to study it, and responses had to be in by the end of March. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to examine the paper. This will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th March in the Friendship Room.

e. Road Repairs

The quality of road repairs seemed to have deteriorated recently, with a lot of loose grit being left. Bremner Way was mentioned. Aberdeenshire Council

would be contacted.

7. Aberdeenshire News

Cllr Leitch said that, although there was a good deal going on, he had nothing specific to report.

8. Planning Applications

There were no contentious planning applications. Mention was made that there was little feedback as to reasons why Community Council objections were not heeded. Cllr Leitch would take this up.

9. Correspondence

Information from Grampian Police and the Association of Scottish Community Councils was being circulated.

10. Any Other Business

a. Deregulation of Postal Services

A letter had been received from Bob Smith enclosing the Postcom's plans to deregulate mail services. It was agreed to circulate a petition to retain daily rural postal services, and to write in support of this.

b. Association of Scottish Community Councils

The AGM of the ASCC will be held on 15th June at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March 2002 at 7.30 pm in the Wainman Room, Kemnay Village Hall.