

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JUNE 2001

7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present:-

Mr A. Davies, Mr D. Evans, Mr P. Findlater, Mrs S. Milton, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J. Piggins, Mr A. Thomson, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

PC P. Hall, Mrs A. Hendry, Councillor A. Leitch, Mr F. Milloy (Inverurie Herald)

Apologies:-

Mr D. Caney, Cdr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Councillor G. Saluja, Mr A. Thomson

2. Minute of Annual General Meeting held on 30th March 2000

Due to the March 2001 Meeting (A.G.M) being inquorate, the Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th March 2000 was approved.

Proposed: Mrs M. Wainman Seconded: Mrs S. Milton

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report, which is at Annexe A to this Minute, was presented and approved.

Proposed: Mrs S. Milton Seconded: Mrs M. Wainman.

4. Financial Statement

The Financial Statement which is at Annexe B to this Minute, was presented by Mr. Davies and was approved.

Proposed: Mrs J. Newberry Seconded: Mrs S. Milton.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2000 - 2001

The Community Council's year from March 2000 - March 2001 was a varied one. We were invited to contribute to debate on an unusual number of matters beyond the seemingly perennial ones such as speeding and dog fouling.

Last summer, the draft Aberdeenshire Local Plan and Structure Plan were revealed for comment. Community Councils were asked to organise local consultation meetings, and Kemnay led the way by arranging ours promptly, to precede the peak holiday season. The format of the meeting proposed by Aberdeenshire Council had some deficiencies, of which we warned other communities, and which they in turn encountered. Nevertheless, the meeting was successful in that a large audience participated and many constructive comments were reported to the Council. Perhaps we and other communities were too successful, because we recently heard that the final report may be delayed by the sheer volume of comments, and the promised individual acknowledgements may be impracticable to implement!

It was disappointing after the welcome openness of this consultation to discover later that all the time, an enquiry into the earlier Consolidated Aberdeenshire Local Plans (CALPS) was still in progress. The resulting report at the end of year 2000 may yet lead to conflict with the views expressed during last summer's consultation in communities, including ours.

Another item which occupied much of the Community Council's time was the long-running matter of the proposed One-2-One mast near the Quarry. The artists working on the Millennium Mound Project were strongly opposed to the siting of any mast in the Quarry area, and it proved almost impossible to find a compromise that suited the telephone company, the Quarry owners, the would-be users of mobile telephones, the artists and of course the community we represent. After many discussions of alternative sites and designs, the best that could be achieved was to place a slightly less prominent mast at the original proposed site.

The constitution of the community council itself came under scrutiny, as Aberdeenshire Council felt itself under obligation to implement a uniform Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Initially, it appeared we would be faced

with a rigid scheme prescribing amongst other things, dates of elections and use of single transferable-vote ballots. Kemnay voted strongly against the latter, and community councils protestations seem to have been heard in that such prescriptions have been dropped and the model constitution in the Scheme is now just that - a model from which reasonable departures are permissible.

On less contentious matters, we have been enlightened at our winter meetings by a succession of external speakers on topics including forestry, community development and from time to time, the policing arrangements for this area. We have not benefited from a police contribution to every meeting, but we recognise the many other demands on police time.

We have been represented at meetings of a number of other discussion groups, including regularly the Community Council Forum and the Safety Group. I thank members who have given up their time to attend such meetings as well as our own meetings, and I thank Councillors Leitch and Saluja for their frequent attendance which is most helpful to the two-way exchange of information with Aberdeenshire Council.

At the start of this report, I mentioned the perennial topics, in which litter and vandalism are regrettably included. I must end by referring to the refreshing input on those subjects that we enjoyed at our November meeting, when pupils from Alehousewells so ably presented the results of their survey. If all our future citizens are the thinking citizens those pupils will become, perhaps these problems will yet diminish.

J. PIGGINS

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2. Police Matters

P.C. Hall informed the meeting that six constables had undergone training to use 'speeding guns', and that they were keeping a special watch outside the Kemnay Primary School, giving verbal warnings and prosecuting speeding motorists. The police had also been keeping an eye on skateboarders using the roads. There was some discussion on the wearing away of yellow lines and the new proposed lines.

3. Minute of Meeting held on 31st May 2001

The Minute of the Meeting held on 31st May 2001 was approved.

Proposed: Mr D. Evans Seconded: Mr A. Davies

4. Matters Arising from Last Minute

a. Crombie Developments Building Site

A letter had been received from Mr Jim Walker, Enforcement Officer, Aberdeenshire Council, saying that the unkempt state of the Crombie building development was not a breach of planning consent but he considered that it was a danger to the public. The Health and Safety Executive had been informed.

b. Village Notice Boards

A 'thank you' letter would be sent to British Airports Authority for the new notice boards about to be erected in the village.

5. Garioch Area Bus Forum

There had been a study into the use of subsidised bus services. As a result it had been recommended that the subsidy be withdrawn from one particular 220 service which had very low usage.

6. Garioch Area Community Council Forum AGM

Dr Piggins reported on the Annual General Meeting of Garioch Area Community Council Forum. Project Grants are available and it was suggested that descriptive posters of walks around Kemnay could be produced. Some Community Councils have Web Sites but it takes considerable effort to keep them up to date and manpower is in short supply. It was suggested that the Duke of Edinburgh scheme might like to be involved as a project.

It was also suggested that there could be more tree planting on the road to Midmill just outside the village.

There is to be a project to employ a student during the summer holiday as a 'village orderly' in Kemnay. One of the duties suggested was to cover up the graffiti on the pavilion in the Pleasure park.

The next Community Council Forum meeting would be on 12th September. Mrs Wainman, and possibly Mr Davies, would attend.

7. Calor Gas Scottish Community of the Year 2001

An application form had been received from the Calor Gas Award scheme. It was thought that the Community Association may be interested in completing this.

8. New Business

a. Pavilion Committee

Nothing had yet been heard from the Pavilion Committee about the state of the pavilion.

b. Village Notice Boards

Manufacture of the village notice boards was in hand, but they had not yet been delivered.

c. Car parking at the Pleasure Park

It had now been agreed that the Primary School car park could be used at week ends.

d. One2One Mobile Phone Mast

One2One mobile phones are awaiting wayleave from Scottish Power to install their mast at the Quarry.

e. Community Woodland

It was reported that weeds from the Community Woodland are penetrating the garden of a neighbour, and that the intended shrubs have not been planted.

f. Golf Practice in the Pleasure Park

Mr Findlater reported that he had picked up six golf balls from the Pleasure Park where golf is prohibited. He also said that it seemed that the number of junior members of the golf club has fallen.

9. Report from the Safety Group

Mr Findlater reported that the scheme for 'safety pots' in the refrigerators of elderly people was progressing. RO.S.P.A. has produced a new leaflet and new security marker pens are being produced.

Midmar Community Council had now joined the Safety Group.

10. Aberdeenshire News

Councillor Leitch reported that Lumphart Cottage in Inverurie was now the base for 'Homestart', and that there would be free Personal Care for the elderly in Scotland. 'Smart Houses' are now being promoted for the elderly so that wardens can check the safety of the elderly without being intrusive.

11. Planning Applications

An application for a taxi office had been applied for at the Bennachie Lodge Hotel. There were no objections from Community councillors to this proposal. There was also an application to build a new workshop at Stanley Clark's premises.

12. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Aberdeenshire Council Licensing Board asking if Community Councils had any objection to extended opening hours on Saturday and Sunday until 1 am. There were no objections. The Community Council endorsed the proposal for new licensees to undergo training.

13. A.O.C.B.

That part of the road between Peterculter and Skene owned by Aberdeenshire Council will be resurfaced.

Concern was expressed about the difficulty of opening and the awkward layout of the door to the Post Office. Mr Findlater would seek advice on what could be done.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th September 2001 at 7.30 pm in the Wainman Room at Kemnay Village Hall.