

## KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman) Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Annie Ferries, Pat Findlater, Jim Piggins, Paul Smart, Alex Thomas, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Allison Grant, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Inspector Dave Allan, Ian Fowell, Derek Brown, Ian Booth, Ally Campbell, Joseph Ferson, Emma McLean, Iona McLean, Mhari McLean, Murray Whyte, Shona Whyte, Stephen Young.

1 Apologies: David Evans, Neil Johnson, Susan Milton, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley.

2 Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed those present, and in particular Cllr Sheena Lonchay, and Ian Fowell of Aberdeenshire Council.

3 Police Matters: Inspector Allan said that news was good. Calls from the public were the lowest for six years. In the period July 2006 to June 2007, there had been 995 calls. This compared with 1400 in 2002-2003. There had been 87 crimes in the area in the past year – a 30% reduction since 1999-2000. The traffic arrangements for the football tournament at the Pleasure Park were discussed. The police had been summoned twice, and had found, on the first occasion only one badly-parked car, and one car on a double yellow line. By the time they were called the second time, it was too late to do anything. Derek Brown explained that this year's tournament was considerably larger than that of previous years. They had set out police cones on the Saturday morning, and had asked people from Kemnay not to bring cars. There had been announcements about parking made over the tannoy throughout the day. It was agreed that earlier liaising with the Police would be a good idea. Ian Fowell pointed out that walkie-talkies and fluorescent jackets could be made available. Inspector Allan said that to have two traffic wardens present would be expensive. The organisers said that they were applying for an award from the SFA which, should they achieve it, would entitle them to apply for further funding. The consensus was that the tournament had been a great success and that while every effort should be made to alleviate the parking problems in future years, it had, after all, caused only one day's traffic chaos.

4 The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 31 May was proposed by Alex Thomas, seconded by Jim Piggins and unanimously approved.

5 Open Forum: The Chairman referred to points made at the last Youth Meeting, and said that he had written to Aberdeenshire council, who had replied that there was no budget for additional litter bins at the skate park. A further letter had, however, been written requesting more litter bins throughout Kemnay and no reply had yet been received to this. The Council had erected the metal goalposts on the village green because they were vandal-proof and the area was not a proper football pitch. There were many other goalposts available in the village, and there was a possibility of an extra pitch at Bogbeth Park. Inspector Allan said that there was money available for youth projects from the sale of unclaimed lost property. He had put in a bid for £1000 which would be available for goalposts or any other project within the community. Ian Fowell said that there might also be funding from Aberdeenshire Council through the Leisure Projects Trust. It was not possible to install lighting at the skate park on grounds of safety, noise, light pollution and expense. Nor was it desirable to replace the shelter on the village green with one similar to the one in Banchory, which had been burnt down twice, and, as it was totally enclosed, was being used for nefarious purposes.

Ian Booth raised the matter of the new Scout Hut. He pointed out that this was the centenary year of scouting, and that Scouting had been active in Kemnay since 1924. The Kemnay Scout Hut was now in need of replacing, and the intention was to achieve this by 2010. Aberdeenshire Council was willing to consider their using the site of the old tennis courts in Bremner Way. If the hut were to be sited there, it might be able to be used for other community projects. Any money raised by the Kemnay Scouts would be kept by them. The community council agreed unanimously to give moral support to the project.

Emma McLean raised the matter of sports facilities in the village. She mentioned a basketball court and also more football facilities. Derek Brown agreed on the latter matter, pointing out that the football club caters only for under-14s. Sheena Lonchay suggested that Emma get in touch with her, as she was involved in basketball in the area. Ian Fowell pointed out that Aberdeenshire Council was currently undertaking a sports pitch audit. He advised Emma to speak to Naida Sneddon.

6 Question Time: There was no other input from the public.

7 Matters arising from the Minutes:

a. Dalmadilly Sand Extraction: The Area Committee is to visit the site on 24 July.

b. Litter: Dr Melanie Jones had written to the Chairman requesting the support of the Community Council in her application for funding under the Community Environmental Renewal Scheme for the Aberdeenshire Litter initiative. The funding was for safety equipment so that volunteers could "adopt a street" and pick litter safely, and for promotional purposes. The Chairman had responded, saying that he had informed members of the community council by e-mail of her request and felt confident that the community council would support such an initiative. Members did so unanimously.

c. Pleasure Park Traffic Arrangements: Lessons from the traffic problems at the last football tournament had been learned, and would be borne in mind next year.

d. Boat Croft Handrail: The path had not been adopted by Aberdeenshire Council and was therefore the responsibility of the developer who should be contacted.

8 Aberdeenshire News: There was no news which did not feature elsewhere in the meeting.

9 Planning Applications:

a. Aquithie Road appeal by Barratts (Lawrence's old site): The Area Committee have now rejected the application and will so inform the Reporter, but as the appeal against non determination has been lodged it will proceed.

b. New Applications: There appeared to be nothing contentious. There was a suggestion that a Conservation Area be established comprising most of the older houses in Kemnay. It was agreed that while this was a good idea in principle, the community should be consulted before a formal application was considered.

10 Garioch Area Community Council Forum: The GACCF had offered to run a briefing meeting for new members of the community council, but it was agreed that this was not required at this point in time.

11 Youth Café Sub-Committee. Two meetings had been held this month. An application form for charitable status had been completed and was to go to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator for approval.

12 Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: No meetings had been held. Cllr Al-Kowarri informed the meeting that TRAK was to hold a Family Bingo Night in September at the Bowling Club, the profits from which were to go towards Christmas lighting. She hoped that this year there might be two lit Christmas trees, but TRAK was working towards a larger display the following year. Ian Fowell pointed out that Aberdeenshire Council should be consulted about sockets for lamp-posts which would enable non-professionals to attach lights to them.

13 Report from Safety Group representative: There was no report as there had been no meeting.

#### 14 Report from Community Learning and Development Representative:

Jim Piggins brought to the attention of the meeting the fact that the community action plan promised support for 50+ groups and for the Youth Café, and also for replacement of the Community mini-bus.

#### 15 New Business:

There was no new business.

#### 16 Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business,

#### 17 Correspondence:

a. Saltire Society Arts and Crafts Competition. The Place of Origin had been entered in this competition. Chris Hunneyball, Margaret Christie and Paul Smart agreed to attend the award ceremony if possible.

b. Review of Library and information Service Open Hours: The hours of opening of the library are to be reviewed. Members were encouraged to fill in and return copies of the questionnaire on the subject which was circulated.

d. Postcom: Postcom have said that the last collection should not be before noon.

e. Riverside Road: Two schoolchildren had written asking if the bushes on Riverside Road could be cut back to make crossing the road safer. It was agreed to ask Aberdeenshire Council if this could be done. They also requested that speed cameras be installed to discourage speeding traffic entering the village on Riverside Road, but the Chairman pointed out that requests for speed cameras in other busier roads had not been granted.

18. Actions during holiday period. It was agreed that office-bearers should deal with urgent matters during the holiday period.

#### 19 AOCB

a. Planting in Community Woodland: Mavis Wainman enquired whether Guides could plant bluebells and other plants in the community woodland. It was felt that there would not be a problem but that it would be necessary to liaise with the Greenbelt Company which manages the area, in order to avoid such plantings being mown or cut down.

b. Fyfe Park: Pat Findlater raised the matter of cars which were being parked on the grass opposite the houses in Fyfe Park. The mowers then avoided the cars, and the area was not mown. Provision of large boulders was suggested. He also said that lorries were being driven onto the grassy areas, destroying the surface. Again boulders or trees were suggested as a preventative. In addition, Fyfe Park residents would like a large flower bed at the junction of Victoria Terrace and Fyfe Park. It was agreed that the Council would be approached.

20 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 27th September 2007 at 7.30 pm.