

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2002

7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present:-

Mr A. Davies, Mr D. Evans, Cdr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J. Piggins, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

Inspector D. Allan, Ms C. Campbell, Mr D. Duncan (Inverurie Herald), Mr G. Henderson, Ms I. Kendrick, Councillor A. Leitch, Ms. L. Robertson, Ms N. Sneddon, Ms S. Taylor

Apologies:-

Mr. P. Findlater, Councillor G. Saluja, Mr A. Thomson

2. Long Service Awards

Dr Piggins opened the meeting by inviting Cllr Leitch to present Long Service Awards to Mrs Susan Milton and Mrs Mavis Wainman. Cllr Leitch paid tribute to their long, loyal and dedicated service to the Community.

3. Police Matters

Inspector Allan reported that two traffic wardens had been active in Grove Road outside the Primary School, controlling dangerous parking.

Otherwise there had been few problems, although Inspector Allan wryly advised that he had had a complaint from a parent about her son having been stopped three times for lighting offences. Staffing in Kemnay was up to strength. There had been a nasty case of car vandalism outside the Bowling Club, and there was a spate of thefts of car badges, although this was not restricted to Kemnay. One car had been stolen, and found burnt out in Aberdeen. Fortunately this type of crime was rare. The drop-in centre plans were proceeding, and although there were obstacles he was hopeful that there might be good news on the horizon.

Mr McKay had reported a potentially serious incident at the Academy, involving the starting of a fire. Inspector Allen said that there was a suspect in this case.

Mr Davies said that a 20 mph speed limit was being introduced in Kembhill Park and Shannoch Drive, but one was needed in Bremner Way. Inspector Allen agreed. This would be taken up with the Roads Department.

The gritting plan this winter was the same as that for last winter. This meant that the Castle Fraser road had a low priority. Motorists were warned.

4. Minute of Last Meeting

The Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 31st October 2002 was adopted.

Proposed: Mrs S. Milton Seconded: Mr A. Davies

5. Matters Arising from Minute

a. Community Website

Ms Campbell said that the workshop had been extremely useful, and she had made a lot of progress on the site, which can be found at www.kemnay.org.uk. She encouraged everyone to check it and forward their comments. By no means all the links were yet complete, but she now had the framework set up and was concentrating on the links to make the site as user friendly as possible. The contents of the Yellow Book would be incorporated. Contact numbers would be shown without the STD code to minimise the chance of their being used improperly. She was warmly thanked for all her work, and congratulated on the great strides made so far. Some funds were available from Aberdeenshire Council for web sites, and Dr Piggins said he would ask to see if money could be provided for a scanner and a camera.

b. Bennachie View Lorry Park

It was understood that this was not a lorry park, but a car park for the residents of Paradise Road. There is no lorry park in Kemnay.

c. Area Partnership

This would concentrate on matters common to Westhill, Inverurie and Kemnay. The main areas of concern were accommodation and facilities for young people.

d. The Glebe Obstruction

The pile of earth had not yet been removed. Cllr Leitch will investigate.

e. Safety Group Action Plan

It was reported that the Safety Group had not met since the last Community Council Meeting.

f. Area Top Up Budget

At the last meeting it had been proposed that a bid for a youth shelter be submitted. The young people of Kemnay had not been represented at that meeting, and they did not support this. Now being represented they said that, as it would be open to the weather, it would not be used for much of the year. After much discussion it was concluded that the only facility that would be really welcome was the youth café, so Dr Piggins said he would approach the Area Manager to see if funds could be made available for this, even though it fell slightly outwith the rules of the award. It would be emphasised that the money would be used to help pay for the changes required to make the building useable and safe for use as a youth café. It may be necessary to ask for the funding to be carried over beyond March next year.

A possible alternative, to use the pavilion, was not favoured, because it was away from the centre of the village, and the approach was very dark and potentially dangerous.

6. Unfinished Business

Nil.

7. New Business

a. Fireworks Bill

Shona Robison MSP had sent details of a bill she wished to introduce to restrict the sale of fireworks, as at present they were being used very indiscriminately. She proposed restricting the sale to a few weeks before Guy Fawkes Day, and licensing retailers so that their sale, particularly to children, could be controlled better. The Council agreed to support this, with the caveat that if the Police had to accept responsibility for licensing extra resources should be made available to them.

8. Report from Safety Group

There had not been a meeting of the Safety Group recently.

9. Report from the Press Scrutiniser

Nothing significant had been noted.

10. Aberdeenshire News

Councillor Leitch gave a report on the series of meetings and workshops he had attended, highlighting the Child Protection Review, which had identified a serious shortage of social workers. Ways of making this an interesting vocation for the young were sought. He also referred to the Joint Future Group Seminar, which aimed to provide a single funding source for interlinked services.

11. Planning Applications

Two planning applications had been received.

99/7085/1 ERECT REPLACEMENT WORKSHOP. A Stephen, Kirkstyle Garage, Victoria Terrace, Kemnay. No objections were raised to this, although it was felt that the old, unsightly building should be demolished once the replacement had been built. 99/7105/1 ERECT 3 HOUSES (Outline) at Craigearn, Kemnay. Stephen Clark, Clark Developments. This application was discussed at the last meeting, when it was agreed that it should be opposed.

12. Correspondence

Various routine documents were circulated for information. Details of refuse collections over Christmas and Hogmanay had been received, and would be included in the newsletter.

It was noted that Fyvie had received a Calor Gas Award.

13. A.O.C.B.

a. Community Council Elections

Nominations for the Community Council would be due in April next year. Dr Piggins encouraged folk to stand, and said the Council would particularly welcome some younger representation.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 30th January 2003 in the Wainman Room, Kemnay Village Hall.