

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 1985 IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

Present: Mr Bailey, Mrs Shrago, Mr Cumming, Mr Wainman, Mr Evans, Mr Murray, Mrs Patterson, Mr Pashley

Apologies: Mrs Milton, Mr Stephen, Dr Drey

Attending: Mrs Cobb (Press), Cllr McLean

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and read the apologies. The Chairman mentioned that a bouquet of flowers had been delivered to Mrs Milton and suggested that Community Councillors used their own funds rather than Community Council funds to cover the cost. The Treasurer to collect the funds. The meeting was also told that Dr Drey had tendered his resignation. The Secretary to write and formally thank him for the work he had done in connection with the Craigmyle Quarry. It was mentioned that the Community Council was now down to ten Councillors. A decision to be made before the AGM as to whether a Bye-Election for the vacant seats is in order.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mr Murray said that with reference to the Primary Schools paragraphs 1 - 3 at the bottom of page 1 should be:- 1). Build new Primary School. 2). and only one of the existing primary schools, or 3). Expand both of the schools. Proposer: A Murray; Seconder: F Wainman.

Proposed adoption: H Cumming; Seconded: D Evans. No dissent.

3. Matters arising:-

(a) Paradise Green. Mr Wainman said that the position remains the same except that he drove Councillors Wainman and Presly on an inspection tour and this was one of the sites inspected. The position was explained again to Cllr Presly. The position has not changed; the District Council are regarding the Region as if they were private developpers and the Region is required to pay maintenance for 5 years. Councillor McLean thought that a meeting between members of the Planning Committees of the Region and District might help to resolve matters. Councillor McLean to propose this through the Planning Committee.

(b) Mrs Patterson's letter. Councillor McLean had sent a copy to the Regional Roads Department Chairman. The problem would appear to be excessive speed. Bend warning signs are to be added and the possibility of improving the road markings to be considered but this will have to wait until Spring. Mr Bailey mentioned the road just past Craigmyle Quarry - it has a sharp bend and people cut the corner there; the trees obscure the view.

6. Presentation of Certificate by Bank of Scotland. The Chairman welcomed Mr Grant of the Bank of Scotland, Inverurie. They had sponsored The Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Competition and Kemnay were highly commended in this. Mr Grant presented the Certificate to the Chairman and this is now on public view in the Notice Board outside the Post Office.

4. Unfinished Business. None.

correspondence received. A Letter from Mr McNaughton re Polling arrangements was read by the Secretary. Mr Murray suggested that the Community Council write and thank him for his attention in looking into the matter and for his letter. The letter should add that after the improvements to the Hall go through and once they are completed we will be contacting him again asking for him to review the situation. Mr Wainman said that the Hall Committee had embarked on a programme of improvements to the Hall. The District Council will only grant a proportion of the cost. He asked for support with the fund-raising. The Chairman asked Mr Wainman whether the Community Council had Mr Wainman's assurance that if the Public Hall Committee changes at the next Annual General Meeting, the improvements will still be carried out. Mr Wainman said there was an Extra-Ordinary Meeting on the 16th December to accept amendments to the Constitution. Councillor McLean made it clear that the electoral arrangements are the decision of the Returning Officer who happens to be the Chief Executive of Grampian Regional Council. With regard to the Hall itself, this could well qualify for a Regional Grant equal to the District Grant. Mr Wainman said that they had submitted a plan for extending the Hall apart from the renovation and this will be forwarded to the Regional Council. It has been submitted to Gordon District Council in the first instance. The Chairman proposed the letter be sent. David Evans seconded. The Chairman asked Mr Wainman to see if there is a possibility of a Pay Phone being installed.

7. District News. Councillor Wainman was not present so no District News.

8. Regional News:- Midmill Deceleration Lane. This has been included in a list of schemes for which the Region will be preparing the specification for inclusion in the SDD's programme as and when the money becomes available.

Cllr McLean told the meeting that there is a lighting scheme being prepared for Craigearn. There will be sodium lighting. A dozen lights will be involved. Some enquiries to be made among the residents of Craigearn to see if they want lighting.

The Secretary mentioned the state of the roads in Kemnay after the heavy snowfalls the previous day. A great deal of thought is being given at the moment to the subject of winter maintenance, Cllr McLean told the meeting. It may be that very sophisticated local weather interpretation will be coming into effect. Mr Wainman asked whether it was true that Grampian would be running out of money for road clearance before the end of the Winter. Cllr McLean said that there was a Budget and hopefully it would be adequate. The Chairman thanked Cllr McLean for his attendance and the Regional news.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported four applications in all; one of which somewhat concerned him. The Rifle Club had previously applied for permission to have a Small Bore Club at Blackhill. This was refused and they had resubmitted the application for this to be at Sunnyside Farm, along the Leschangie Road. The Community Council was asked for its views on this. Mr Cumming asked whether the Forest Walk concerned in this application might be a right of way. It was felt we should not ignore the application but we should not hinder it either. Mr Pashley said that people have to get a licence from the Police and be investigated by the Police when they buy a rifle. Mr Evans objected to the site of the Club. He felt they should investigate the use of the disused quarry in the area. The Chairman suggested that Mr Evans should speak to the Rifle Club and explain the Community Council's objections to them and see if a compromise could be arrived at.

Wainman mentioned that there was an application to build a house in the garden of Berrydale, High Street. He said the access would be from Church Lane which is very steep. It would overlook the other houses in High Street. Mr Wainman felt it would create a precedent. He said that this was the second application; the first had been turned down. It was decided to write to Gordon District Council objecting to this application on the grounds that (a) it is reducing the size of the garden of the house out of keeping with the rest of the road, (b) access from Church Lane is deemed to be very steep and unsuitable (c) it sets a precedent for reducing gardens by building houses in them, which we consider to be unwise. It would, in our opinion, constitute over-development of the site.

10. A.O.C.B.

(1) Mr Evans mentioned that he had been contacted by a number of residents in Parkhill. They are served by a private and unadopted road, therefore there is no snow-clearance or gritting. He asked Cllr McLean to investigate the possibilities of a supply of salt and sand mix being deposited at the top of Parkhill, particularly in view of the fact that Water Services need access to the reservoir on certain occasions. Cllr McLean to ask for this.

(2) Mr Murray mentioned the following matters:-

(a) The Extraordinary Meeting. He asked whether provision had been made to compensate the Minute Secretary for the second set of Minutes. It was agreed to pay her the additional money for this. Proposed by A Murray; Seconded by E Pashley.

(b) Mr Murray mentioned that the present Meeting had been a short one; usually they are much longer. Usually under A.O.C.B. someone brings up a subject that is talked about for ages. Mr Murray suggested that these topics be mentioned and are then added to the Agenda for the next meeting. He also said that if anyone had a topic to raise under A.O.C.B. they could ring the Secretary before the meeting and ask for it to be put on the Agenda. People will then have time to think about matters, rather than talking about something they have not had a chance to think about or consider.

(c) Mr Murray suggested an idea for any extra money we have left in the Bank. He said he is always impressed by the daffodils in Aberdeen in the Spring. If we have a bit of money we could plant some on the approaches to the Village to improve them. Mr Wainman said that bulbs can be bought by the hundredweight and he had asked the Gardening Club about this, but to no avail. Mr Murray asked when the next Budget comes into being. This being a suggestion for the next Budget will be put on the Agenda for the February meeting.

(3) Mr Evans mentioned the Plan left by the Planning Department of Gordon District Council of possible sites for building and asked if we could discuss this at the next meeting. Agenda Item.

11. The next meeting will be on the 30th January 1986. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Proposed adoption:-

Seconded:-

Signed:-