

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2008

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, Susan Milton, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Paul Smart, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, R.J. McArthur, L McLeod, S. McLeod, S S McLeod

1. Apologies: Alex Thomas, PC Alex Allen, Cllr Allison Grant.
2. Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed those present, particularly the members of the public. He congratulated Kemnay Primary School on their success in winning the Public Speaking Competition in Edinburgh and announced with regret the resignation of Pat Findlater.
3. Police Matters: There being no police presence, there was no report.
4. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2008 were approved.
5. Question Time: Mr S McLeod from the Horner asked for the support of the community council in his quest for traffic calming measures on the bend in the main road adjacent to the exit from the Horner. The community council were supportive, but pointed out that they had no powers in this area. Cllr Al-Kowari agreed to pursue the matter with the Council, but pointed out that there was a considerable list of priorities, with regard to roads.
6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
 - a) Broken Glass in Play Area at Bogbeth Park: The Council had pointed out that there were no litter-clearing services available at the weekend – they would check the area on a Monday morning. The police were checking the area on a Friday night. Cllr Al-Kowari mentioned that she had done some litter-clearing in the Pleasure Park. It was agreed to ask the Council whether those who collected litter in the centre of the village might be diverted to the Pleasure Park.
 - b) Roads: The signs at Grove Road and Kembhill Park had been dealt with.
 - c) Data Protection Act: The ASCC had produced guidance notes for Community Councils. The meeting was still of the opinion that the Community Council did not require to register, and this was being pursued.
 - d) Bins in the Pleasure Park: These had been emptied.
7. Aberdeenshire News: Cllr Al-Kowarri was concerned about tipping of garden refuse on the river bank, and pointed out that this was fly-tipping, and on a par with dumping washing machines or other household rubbish. It was suggested that the Council supply an article on the subject for the Newsletter.
8. Planning Matters and Applications: There was nothing contentious.
9. Community Planning:
 - a) Executive Briefing: The executive had discussed Area Community Plans, Health Improvement, the Public Entertainment Licence Project, Aberdeenshire Town Partnership, CPP priorities, the Interref European Project, Financial Planning and Community Councils.
 - b) Paper by I Page: A paper had been tabled on the priority requirements of community councils.

10. Scottish Government Consultation on Community Councils: It was agreed that the response prepared by the chairman was completely satisfactory, and should be submitted.

11. Association of Scottish Community Councils proposed amended constitution:

Jim Piggins commented that the whole draft constitution was unsatisfactory both in layout and content and had prepared a complete revision. The Chairman said that while he agreed, the amendments had to be in the form specified or they were likely to be ignored. He proposed a draft, which included much of what Jim had proposed but which could be put into the requested format, and this was agreed.

12. Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: A grant form had been submitted by the Chairman, requesting a share of the money which the Council had indicated would be available for Christmas Lights. Pat Findlater having resigned, Eric Pashley was unanimously elected chairman of the sub-committee.

13. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: There having been no meeting since the last KCC meeting, there was no report.

14. New Business:

- a) Bus Timetables: It was noted that revised bus timetables had come into effect on Monday 26 May.
- b) Skatepark: The litter had been removed from the skatepark area, although it was not clear who had done this. It was pointed out that Barrats had cleared the area in the past. The situation would be monitored.
- c) Representative on Village Hall Management Committee: It was not felt necessary to elect a representative, as several community councillors were already on the committee.

15. Unfinished Business:

- a) Boat Croft Handrail: The new handrail was now installed – the council had given a grant for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost of £1048-10p.
- b) Mediation: It was agreed not to have a separate meeting to hear a talk on mediation.
- c) Place of Origin Award: The Place of Origin had been successful in reaching the final stage of the competition. Judging would take place on 7 July.

16. Correspondence:

- a) Ethnic Minority Forum: Eric Pashley was to attend the forum
- b) War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme: It was noted that the Council maintained the war memorial, and that consequently we had no need to apply to the Grant Scheme.
- c) Yellow Pages Recycling: A Yellow Pages recycling container was available at Inverurie. It was agreed to request a dedicated container for Kemnay in future.
- d) Post Office Closures: These would not apply to Kemnay.
- e) Correspondence had also been received on the right to buy council houses, “Places need Vision”, “Taking Stock”, “Viewpoint” and the ASCC. No action was required.

17. AOCB:

Congratulations were offered to the organisers for the smooth running of the football tournament and the lack of disruption in the village.

Thanks were extended to the Chairman for his work on items 10, 11 and 12.

There was a request that the equipment available for the hearing-impaired be used at Community Council meetings – this was agreed.

It was pointed out that the knackery had not opened, and was thought to have been sold. Further details would be sought.

18. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26 June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Staff Base at Kemnay Academy.