

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 29th June 2000

7.30 p.m. IN THE WAINMAN ROOM KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. **Welcome**

Dr Piggins welcomed Mr Hunneyball, who had volunteered to take over as Secretary, to the Committee.

Present:-

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

Attending:-

Councillor A. Leitch.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A. Al-Kowarri, Councillor G. Saluja, Ms L. Gibb.

3. **Minute of Meeting Held on 25th May 2000**

The Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2000 was approved as correct and the Chairman was authorised to initial the Minute Book.

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

4. **Matters Arising from Minute**

It was agreed to take matters arising under the appropriate agenda item.

5. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Evening Bus Service.**

The evening bus service had been reinstated, but had subsequently been withdrawn following further attacks. The Committee expressed its regret at this, and strongly condemned the actions of the minority that had resulted in the loss of this valuable service. This service was not unrelated to the request for extra facilities in Kemnay. For instance, it enabled people to swim at Inverurie. Anyone who had knowledge of the perpetrators was asked to report details to the police. It was also agreed to write to the police about this.

It was also agreed that the problem should be emphasised in the newsletter, and parents made aware of the problem.

b. **One to One Communications Mast.**

A meeting had been held with representatives from James Barr (acting for One to One), the Quarry, and Scottish Sculpture Workshop. Scottish Sculpture Workshop had subsequently written to thank the Community Council for arranging a useful meeting. At the meeting, Scottish Sculpture Workshop had indicated that they may not wish to proceed with their plans if the mast went ahead as proposed, and One to One had intimated that if they did not get approval they might use statutory powers to site it elsewhere in the village. Mr Evans reported that he had subsequently heard from Mr Bremner that an alternative site in the quarry had been found which might be suitable. Geological and topographical surveys had been carried out.

c. **Family Resource Centre.**

Representatives of the Community Council had made a visit to the Family Resource Centre, which had impressed those attending.

6. **New Business**

a. **Doggy Bins**

Mrs Michie said that the doggy bins had not yet arrived.

b. **Fetternear Dig**

Forty Dutch students would be camping in Fetternear to help with the dig. Due to work in the school, the showers at the Academy would unfortunately not be available for their use. Local people were welcome to assist, and in the longer term there was a possibility of work for the unemployed.

7. **Report of Garioch Area Council Forum**

Aberdeenshire Council will now pay the insurance premium for the Community Council, and also the block subscription to the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

This year's grant will not be paid until last year's accounts had been submitted. Mr Davies said that this was in hand.

Aberdeenshire Council had asked for proposals on priorities if further budget cuts had to be imposed later in the year. They would find it helpful to have views in advance in case quick decisions had to be made.

Due to travel costs, the twinning proposals with Skoerping had been cancelled. Although a grant of half the cost had been awarded, this still meant that a substantial sum would have to be found.

The meeting with the Scottish Executive Local Government Minister had again been cancelled.

There had been a very interesting presentation by the Aberdeenshire Council archaeologists, who had a large collection of aerial photographs. The Council also had a most illuminating

archaeological page on its website. Mrs Wainman had requested aerial photographs of Kemnay, to be hung in the village hall with other local scenes.

8. **Report from the Safety Group**

A meeting at Gordon House had been held on 31st May, attended by Mr Findlater.

A report on school transport, particularly the use of double decker buses, was being prepared. Dr Piggins said that concern about this had also been voiced at the Council Forum.

Problems with drainage and narrow roads had been reported at Oyne, and old electrical appliances had been removed from a council skip at Insch, possibly being sold on. This was illegal.

Complaints had been received about the cutting of grass verges, obstructing the view of traffic.

There was a shortage of ambulance drivers, which was leading to them to have to work double shifts at times.

Members were asked to put any points they wished raised at the next meeting to Mr Findlater in writing.

9. **Report from the Press Scrutiniser**

Mrs Michie reported that pupils from Kinnellar Primary School would move to Kemnay Academy, rather than Bankhead, from next term. She thought that this was due to the financial implications for Aberdeenshire sending pupils to a City school. The Committee expressed some concern about the bus parking implications, and Dr Piggins suggested that Mr Findlater raise this with the Safety Group.

10. **Report on Local Plan Meetings**

Dr Piggins reported that the Kemnay meeting had been very well attended, with 51 people present. Mr Hunneyball summed up the mixed comments, which generally opposed more development, and expressed concern about the fact that local amenities were not being improved. Comments were being forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council. Copies of the plans were held by Mrs Wainman for inspection.

There was also an opportunity for Community Councils to make their comments. Two copies of the draft plan would be circulated by Mr Hunneyball, and a special meeting would be held on 27th August to formulate a response.

Mrs Michie said that no new houses were needed, but Mr Evans said that once the plan for a new village had been dropped there was a need for other communities to expand. Mrs Milton thought it unfortunate that no account had been taken of the 600 extra homes originally built, and which had not been wanted.

Dr Piggins said that Norman Lawie had copies of two booklets giving employment pattern projections. He undertook to obtain copies.

It was felt that Aberdeenshire Council could have been more helpful over the arrangements for the meetings. More copies of the plan had been needed, and only one copy of each of the outstanding development bids had been provided. It would also have been an advantage if a member of the planning department had been there to clarify issues. Dr Piggins undertook to write to Aberdeenshire Council about these points so that they could be taken up.

Mrs Wainman said that the Milton Meadows planning appeal had been delayed following the recent flooding, and would reconvene in August following production of a report being prepared by Fairhurst.

11. **Aberdeenshire News**

The prize giving at Kemnay Academy had been excellent, and reflected great credit on staff and pupils. It had been much appreciated by parents.

Two further small extensions of double yellow lines in Grove Road were proposed. Mrs Wainman suggested that there should also be double yellow lines in front of gates in Paradise Road.

Councillor Leitch had attended a Housing Conference. Among topics discussed had been a proposal that a list of Council properties be prepared to match individuals to properties. The shadow spokesman had also favoured an extension of the right to buy. Councillor Leitch also described an alarm for the elderly which would be triggered in the event of a fall, although not by accidental knocks.

Wilma Smith had retired from her position as Community worker at Kemnay Academy.

Planning permission had been granted for a hostel for the homeless in Inverurie.

It now looked as though Aberdeen western bypass would be built. There were proposals to charge drivers to pay for entry into the city, and also to tax workplace parking.

12. **Planning Applications**

There had been two applications for house extensions, and also one to site residential caravans on a site outwith the village.

13. **Correspondence**

The Association of Scottish Community Councils membership fee would be paid centrally, but a questionnaire had to be completed. It was assessed that there were around 4,500 people in the Kemnay area.

The Buchan Area Partnership had asked for views about the Aberdeen City peripheral route. The Committee felt that it would ease the difficulties for those driving south, and would also make access to the city easier. Mr Hunneyball was asked to reply along those lines.

At the Garioch Area Committee Meeting it had been stated that new street lighting would be installed in Donview Road. The rezoning of Kinnellar Primary School was also mentioned. The rezoning of Kemnay Academy catchment area was also referred to, although from earlier discussion this would now appear to have been settled.

A query had been received about the track between Aquithie Road and Craigearn Park, which had been blocked, to establish whether this was a right of way. This was being investigated, and Mrs Milton undertook to see if she had any old maps which would clarify matters.

14. **A.O.C.B.**

Mrs Michie expressed concern about the parking meat lorries delivering to the butcher in High Street. After discussion it was agreed that there was a wider problem, but little could be done about it.

The speed limit sign lying at the entrance to the village was still lying on the ground. Councillor Leitch undertook to take the matter up.

Doggy bins were now ready to be put in place. An additional one was requested for Wilson Place.

Mr Findlater expressed concern about a bus he was on exceeding the speed limit in the village. Councillor Leitch recommended that he write to the police as he was the witness.

It was agreed that office bearers should deal with any urgent business over the summer break.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th September 2000 in the Wainman Room, Kemnay Village Hall.