

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2009

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Margaret Christie, Malcolm Edwards, David Evans, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Ian Murray, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Alex Thomas, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Allison Grant, Glyn Jones, Claire Martin, Barry Watson.

1. Apologies: Bill Blackwood, PC Alex Allan.
2. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and in particular Glyn Jones of Aggregate Industries.
3. Mill Farm: Glyn Jones outlined the proposals for the Mill Farm sand quarries. These include paths, bird-hides, a sand-martin wall, a car park and seating areas. They also include a slope and jetty so that small craft can use the water area. Gavin Adam enquired how long Aggregate Industries would maintain the area. Mr Jones indicated that it would be maintained for a minimum of seven years, but that a biodiversity grant was being sought, and if this was available, the area would be maintained indefinitely.
4. Police matters: PC Allan had tabled a report which revealed 11 reported crimes in Kemnay in April 2009, six of which had been detected while enquiries were on-going in two other cases. He advised of a speed survey on Victoria Terrace which showed the average speed as 40mph. He pointed out that anyone travelling in excess of the speed limit was risking a minimum of three penalty points and a £60 fine.
5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2009 was proposed by Mavis Wainman, seconded by Bob Ingram and unanimously approved.
6. Question Time: Question Time: Barry Watson sought help on the matter of constant vandalism against his house: missiles were regularly thrown at his windows by children as young as ten, in the company of older youths. He had called the police in the past, but they had been powerless to act as they were unable to identify the culprits. The members of the Community Council were sympathetic, but considered there was little they could do. Mr Watson was advised to seek help from his landlord and from PC Alex Allan. Claire Martin voiced her concerns about Fetternear, but it had already been decided to await the publication of detailed plans before making any decision on this matter. It was also pointed out that she should make her representations to East Garioch Community Council. The chairman informed the meeting that Ms Martin had attempted to obtain information from the secretary under the Freedom of Information Act. The Community Council was not, however, subject to the provisions of the Act.
7. Matters Arising from Minutes:
 - a) Data Protection Registration: It was agreed to defer registration meantime.
8. Planning matters and applications:
 - a) New Applications: There was nothing controversial.
 - b) Replacement garage roof at 29 Victoria Terrace: Planning permission had been granted for this garage after due neighbour notification. Alterations to the plans, raising the height of the roof, had then been submitted. Neighbours were upset that they had not been notified of this change. The Community Council considered that neighbour notification should be made of alterations to plans. It was agreed that the planners should be pressed to notify neighbours of such alterations in future.

c) Objections to Finalised Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan 2009: These had been sent to the Scottish Executive.

d) Local Development Plan: The draft plan was now available on the internet. The consultation period was to be six weeks. It was decided to hold a drop-in public meeting on 13 June 2009 from 10am to 4pm to allow residents an opportunity to have input into the consultation.

e) Planning Aid Event: This had been most helpful. Cllr Grant was thanked for arranging it and Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram and Margaret Christie were thanked for the catering.

9. Community Planning :

a) Aberdeenshire Community Planning Executive: Nominations were sought for a Community Council member to serve on the executive. There were no volunteers.

b) e-bulletin: Members were reminded that it was possible to register for this. The Chairman could supply details.

10. Community Council Communication Forum: An interesting comparison had been provided of support services to Community Councils by different local authorities. Some local authorities provided, for example, computers or payment for a secretary.

11. Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: John Maine had approved the idea of Christmas trees around the Place of Origin. He had pointed out that there were already some suitable trees there, although they would not be sufficiently mature for some years.

12. Report from Safety Group Representative: The Safety Group meeting had dealt with drug awareness in schools, starting with primary school pupils. Police were also using cocaine wipes to establish the presence of drugs residue in certain areas which would then be targeted with a poster campaign. Additional funding had been allocated to the pass plus programme and to re-educating adult drivers. There was a recommendation that smoke detectors should as a rule be installed in loft areas. The sludge-filled sections of the roadside drains along the Aquhythie/Dalmadilly road were to be cleared out.

13. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: There was no report as the meeting had been postponed. The Adult Education and Learning Department had received an excellent report at a recent inspection, achieving a "very good" rating for Community Growth and an "excellent" rating for Youth Work.

14. New Business:

a) Community Council Scheme: It was agreed to defer discussion of this until the autumn.

15. Unfinished Business:

a) Planning Gain: Some of this might be used for the granite sign proposed for the entrance to the village.

b) Christmas Trees: There was a possibility of acquiring trees for next year. Gavin Adams was to pursue this.

c) Disabled Parking: The Roads Section would deal with this.

d) Sign at Aquithie Road Bend: This had been replaced.

e) Victoria Terrace Double Yellow Lines: These would be repainted in due course.

f) Wish List: The public were urged to add to the list of things which might be done to improve the village if there was money available at the end of the financial year.

g) ASCC North East Regional Meeting: No one wished to attend.

h) Waste Bins: Aberdeenshire Council would consider the current provision.

i) Kendal(l) Road: In view of the widespread use of “Kendal”, the original spelling would not be restored.

j) Granite Sign: Glyn Jones of Aggregate Industries offered assistance with this. Cllr Al-Kowarri was to investigate how the Community Council should proceed.

k) Bogbeth Toilets: The restoration of the Bogbeth toilets was to be costed by Aberdeenshire Council.

16. Aberdeenshire News: Safety Handrails were to be provided in the cemetery and improvements to gates and fences carried out in Bogbeth Park.

17. Correspondence:

a) Ranger Service Events: These were ongoing in Aberdeenshire..

b) Windfarm Consultation: This seemed irrelevant to Kemnay.

c) School Closures: Greater consultation was to be carried out before closing schools in Scotland.

18. AOCB:

a) The updated financial report was unanimously approved.

b) It was agreed to ask for a sign on High Street directing people to the Hall car park in the hope that this would deter people from parking on the double yellow lines on that street.

c) Malcolm Edwards expressed concern about young people gathering and drinking late at night around the Family Centre on Aquithie Road. Alex Allan was to be asked for assistance.

d) Updates to the Yellow Book entry were agreed.

19. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in Kemnay Village Hall.