

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH
APRIL 1987

Present: Mrs Shrigo, Mrs Milton, Mrs Fooks-Bale, Mr Cumming, Mr Bailey, Miss Christie, Mr Evans, Mr Moir

Apologies: Cllr Wainman, Mr Wainman, Mr Christie, Mr Stephen, Mr Murray, Mr Pashley, Mr Stubbs, Mr Downie

Attending: Cllr McLean, Mrs Cobb (Press), Mr and Mrs Yates, Mrs Ingram (members of the public)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone. He told the meeting that Mr Stubbs had resigned from the Community Council due to personal reasons. The Chairman expressed the Community Council's thanks to Mr Stubbs for all his past efforts. The apologies were then read.

2. The Minutes were read. The following amendments were made:- In 3(d) alter to "he said he knew of four incidents there since the matter was first raised about a year ago". In 2 the wording to be altered to read "a vote was taken and by a majority decision it was decided not to oppose this application and to write a letter reversing our original objection". Cllr McLean suggested that the part relating to the accidents be amended to read "that the more that are reported the more the case for the declaration lane will be improved". Proposed adoption: Mr Evans, seconded: Mrs Milton. Unanimous. The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the 3rd April were read. Proposed adoption. Mr Moir; Seconded: Mrs Milton.

3. Matters arising:-

(a) The Riverside Walk. The Community Council has not received any communication officially since their letter to Gordon District Council. It is understood that Gordon District Council voted to put the route back to the original line as marked on the map. Mr Yates said that he understood that the plans were dated December 1986. The matter was discussed in November 1986 and the money was released for the scheme. Mrs Cobb said the Council voted to follow the bank. The plan on the wall at the meeting on the 28th April was the same plan she had seen in November. The Chairman then read a letter from Kellas & Co re Mr and Mrs Hird, Bridgend and the proposed footpath. Mr Yates thanked the Community Council for their efforts in this matter. Mrs Shrigo mentioned the fact that the most recently completed section on the upper part of the walk is not level. The path slopes dramatically in places towards the river and the surface might be washed down the riverbank in the next heavy rain. It was decided to have a look before the next meeting and if the camber is thought to be excessive a letter will be written to Gordon District Council.

3(b) Councillor McLean's report on rating relief for Sports Clubs. The scheme to be introduced will be subject to review after 12 months. It is only for clubs engaging in active sports and being occupied by Clubs, societies or other organisations which are not established or conducted for profit, and of which membership is open to all members of the public. Qualifying clubs with no Bar Licence or Gaming Machines may be granted 100% remission; those with Bar turnover, including Gaming Machine gross takings, totalling less than £20,000 p.a. may be granted 50% remission of rates and those with such turnover and gross takings totalling between £20,000 and £40,000 p.a. may be granted 25% remission of rates. This to be mentioned on our page in the Newsletter so that the clubs in the village will know.

3(c) Anti-Litter Poster Campaign. Leave until next meeting. AGENDA ITEM. Mrs Milton proposed that a letter be written to Gordon District Council to request litter bins to be placed along the Riverside Walk, and also on Paradise Green and the road leading to the Golf Club. Seconded by Mrs Fooks-Bale. Unanimous.

3(d) Report from Chairman re mobile home at the rear of the Burnett. Defer to the next meeting. AGENDA ITEM.

4. Unfinished business. None.

5. Correspondence. Letter from Gordon District Council sending the yearly contribution of £320.29.

6. New Business. Police Answerphone. The Chairman reported that it had been felt for a long time that the present Police answerphone system was inadequate. If a little cash is available we should consider for the next meeting whether we should contribute towards the police answerphone being transferred by direct dialling to Inverurie or Aberdeen. The initial link-up fee would be £100, plus £60 a quarter (this is the equivalent of £5 per week). It was suggested that the Community Council offer to pay the cost of the initial set-up as a gesture of goodwill. It was proposed to write to the Chief Constable offering to pay the initial link-up cost of £100 and the first quarter's rental of £60 for the number transferral and saying that we feel that having made a point of this for a number of years, that this would be of significant benefit to the village. We would like them to take this up and pay the quarterly fee from then on. Proposed: Mrs Shrago, seconded: Mrs Milton. Unanimous.

7. District News. Letter from Mrs Wainman dated 29th April 1987, re allocation of land for housing in Kemnay in the next 15 years. This was circulated and then read by the Secretary. The unanimous view of the meeting was that there was no point in going over old business. Mr Evans to draft a response to the letter paragraph by paragraph then pass to Secretary who will read it to the Office Bearers. When approved this will be sent to Cllr Wainman in time for the 21st May deadline.

8. Regional News. (a) The A96 junction with the B994. Cllr McLean told the meeting this was in the Budget for this year and he hoped work will start shortly.

(b) Unadopted roads. As an experiment the Region is prepared to contribute 75% of the cost instead of 50% for one year only. If there are any roads needing adoption the Region should be informed immediately.

(c) At last month's meeting mention was made of a problem in Victoria Terrace re level of the manhole covers. They are too low and have been reported.

It was decided to put a note on our page of the Newsletter asking people not to pick the daffodils on the approaches to the village.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported seven in all. There was an application for permission in principle from Mr P Gilbert for demolition of existing house and erection of replacement house at Glenhead Kemnay. It was decided to write a letter to Gordon District saying that we have no objection to this but we would like it stated that parking space should be provided off road as this is on a single track road which is the sole access to a further occupied property. The other applications were not contentious.

10. A.O.C.B. None.

11. The Chairman asked the members to consider for the next meeting, whether to continue the recess in July and August as in the past. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9 p.m. Next meeting - Thursday 28th May 1987.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: