

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH
JUNE 1994

Present:- Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr D Evans, Mr L Shrago, Mr and Mrs F Wainman, Dr J Piggins, Mrs J Newberry, Mr M Moss, Mr E Pashley, Mr G Mitchell

Apologies: Mr A Davies, Mr and Mrs R Marco

Attending: Cllr R Hunter, Cllr J Elrick, Mr John Boyd (HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary), Mr R Kernohan (HM Lay Inspector of Constabulary), Chief Superintendent P Wilson (Grampian Police Staff Officer), Mr David Robertson (GDC Environmental Health Department), PC N Shand (Grampian Police, Kemnay)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the guests Mr J Boyd, Mr R Kernohan and Chief Superintendent P Wilson. Mrs Milton said that the Community Council would now revert to the formal procedure of addressing questions through the Chair.

Mr Boyd thanked the Council for their welcome and apologised for his tight schedule, which meant he would have to leave by 7.50 p.m. He said that HM Inspector has a statutory annual duty to inspect all the police forces in Scotland, and also investigate complaints against the police to see that they are being dealt with in an objective manner. Mr Kernohan looks at lay media matters, being a broadcaster he checks particular instances of complaints against the police and whether or not specific customers are dealt with in a reasonable manner. This year they are doing a full inspection of Grampian Police administration, operation and all specialised functions. Next year they will follow up with an intermediate report. Mr Kernohan then said a few words on his work as a lay inspector. Mr Wainman asked how pressure can be brought to get more policing in the village, on the basis that prevention is better than cure. Mr Boyd said that before a Police authority can ask for extra officers they have to confirm they have the money to pay them. What will happen after 1996 when reorganisation of Local Government takes place is that there will be a new process in that establishment of new Police forces will not be controlled by Central Government as it is at present. There will be a certain amount of money given to each Police Board and that money will be set aside by the Chief Constable of the Board and they will decide on how they will spend the money whether on extra equipment, vehicles, manpower, etc. It will make things more flexible.

Various questions were then asked. With regard to under-age drinking and drugs, PC Shand said that there had been a lot of vandalism in the toilets and evidence of drug-taking going on there. He has liaised with the Drugs Squad in Aberdeen and people are coming forward with information which has been passed on. He said someone is taking over the area behind the Chip Shop and will be erecting a big fence there. Mr Evans asked how effective the speed cameras have been. He was told that they have been very effective especially as a deterrent. Mrs Milton thanked the guests for coming and said it had been appreciated.

2. The apologies were read - The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption Mr Wainman, seconded Dr Piggins.

3. Matters arising:- (a) Cllr Hunter said he had a letter from the

Divisional Surveyor concerning the footpath in Station Road between Littlewood Court and Spar. The pavement slopes and some of the elderly people were having difficulty keeping their footing. (b) With regard to the Clydesdale Bank corner, the Roads Department have discussed this with PC Shand and looked at the idea that a railing be erected but they noted it would have to stop short of the parking areas in order to accommodate pedestrians crossing. They thought this would make matters worse as cars would have to park further away from the railing to let passengers out. The Traffic Warden will pay particular attention to this matter. (c) Craighearn Sign. This matter has been discussed with Mrs Marco and it has been decided that consideration will be given to including the relocation of the signs along with an extension to the street lighting in the Capital Programme, although it might be a while before this is undertaken because of all the other things in the programme. (d) Speed Limit around Alehousewells School. Cllr Hunter has not had a response about the 20 mph limit as yet as trials are still going on. (e) Coaches using the taxi park. This is being pursued by the Enforcement Officer in the Planning Department. Since the last meeting Cllr Hunter has received complaints about speeding in Shannoch Drive and these have been taken up with the Divisional Surveyor and the Police have been asked to monitor the situation. Traffic calming measures might be considered for that area and the Divisional Surveyor said he would look at the possibility.

4. Unfinished Business. (a) Volunteer to organise the Litter Clean-up Day. Mrs M Wainman volunteered. (b) Glasgow Milestones Project. Dr Piggins to take this matter up further. (c) Toilets in Aquithie Road. A discussion on this matter ensued with Mr D Robertson of Gordon District. Mr Wainman suggested video cameras in the toilets but it was felt these could be covered up or vandalised. The problem arises on Friday and Saturday nights when some 30-40 youngsters congregate there. Various other suggestions were put forward. It was decided to request that the toilets remain open in the summer months until at least 10.30 p.m. and that in the winter they be closed earlier. Pressure should be brought by the District Council on Mr Robertson at the Chip Shop to provide a usable toilet. (d) A letter to be sent to Grampian Health Board re the proposed closure of Kingseat Hospital asking for further information and statistics on the numbers that are going to be relocated and the destinations of existing residents and the kind of care they are going to receive at these new destinations. When an answer is received Mr and Mrs Wainman, Dr Piggins, Mr Evans and Mrs Milton to be contacted to decide what action is to be taken.

5. Correspondence received. Letter from Gordon District re illuminated sign at Kemnay Bowling Club in response to our letter of the 27th May. Other correspondence was also read.

6. New Business. (a) Mrs Wainman said that the flower tubs were now in place and planted. The tubs were made by Mid Grampian Employment Training. Chuckies were purchased from Kemnay Quarry for £6.20, compost was supplied free of charge by Leisure and Recreation Department. The plants were purchased from Castle Fraser National Trust Gardens for £87.60. The Guides, Scouts and both Primary Schools planted the tubs and plaques were made indicating this at a cost of £18.80 plus 75p for the screws. The tubs were fork-lifted into place by staff from the Birley Bush Nursery. (b) Letter to be sent to Grampian Health Board re KIT saying that two of our members have volunteered to take part so that we feel are well served. (c) With reference to the Milestones Project Dr Piggins to get in touch

with the people in Glasgow and report back to the next meeting.
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7. District News. Dog Signs. Cllr Elrick said that the District had never put up the signs on the Village Green as they had no authority to put up signs on public parks. Cllr Elrick to go back to Environmental Health and ask again. Mrs Milton renewed her request for litter bins opposite Milton Meadows.

8. Regional News. Cllr Hunter said that today's decision that there will be no new settlement meant that the housing increase for Kemnay for the period January 1993-mid 2001 will be 100 houses additional to those scheduled in the current Plan and a further 100 houses between 2001 and 2006. There will be a further consultation relating to these allocations. The decision to have no new settlement means the matter is finished, the only question that would be looked at in the consultation period would be the way in which these land allowances are distributed in the Aberdeen housing area. There will be probably three meetings - one in Gordon District, one in Aberdeen and one in Incardine and Deeside.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported seven in all. There was some discussion about the outline application to build flats behind the Burnett Arms Hotel involving demolition of the function suite and garage. Mr Wainman queried whether the Kaim is to be taken away and was told it would. Access to be from the sewage works road. It was suggested that the matter be left in abeyance until we see the detailed application. Mr Shrago queried the roofing material used on the garage at the Police Station. Mr Evans to check the original plans to see what roofing was required and report back to the September meeting. AGENDA ITEM - September meeting. Regarding the application by Roger Key to erect a house in the garden at the rear of 23 Paradise Road 01/94/0780 it was decided to write and object on the grounds of over-development of the site and the unsuitability of the access road.

10. A.O.C.B. Mr Pashley suggested that we repay the Wainmans and Castle Fraser and just wait for the bill for the tubs. We can just not afford it but the Community Association will perhaps not get their £400.

11. Next meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.55 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Office Bearers to deal with matters in the interim period the next meeting to be on Thursday 29th September 1994.

Proposed adoption:

Seconded:

Signed: