

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999 IN  
KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL**

Present : Community Councillors, Mr F.W. Wainman, Mrs M.J. Wainman,  
Mrs S. Milton, Mr D. Evans, Mrs L. Moss, Mr A. Thompson

Also attending: Councillors Mr A. Leitch, Dr G. Saluja, Constable Dingwall

Apologies: Mrs J. Newberry, Mr J. Piggins, Mrs M. Michie, Mr A. Davies

Residents of Kemnay: Mr L. Robertson, Mrs N. Robertson, Mr G. Paterson,  
Mrs M. Paterson, Mrs Naida Sneddon, Mrs L. McKay,  
Mrs I. Jackson, Mrs G. Hinton, Mrs I. Herron,

Guest Speaker Mr Michael White, Director of Education, Aberdeenshire Council

Chairman, Mr Wainman welcomed those present and intimated apologies. The Minute of the meeting held on 24th June was accepted as correct excepting the reference to the present Scout Hut being used as a coffee bar.

Mr Wainman then introduced Mr Michael White, who spoke on The implementation in Aberdeenshire of the "Lifelong Learning Policy " with particular reference to the role of the Community Education Service. This was followed by a wide ranging question and answer discussion.

Mr White was cordially thanked and the rest of the Agenda was addressed.

Outstanding Business: Councillor Leitch reported that Safety Surfaces under play equipment in the Pleasure Park would be on the Agenda for a Council meeting in November.

It is intended to 'persue recruitment of Village Orderlies for pilot areas in Inch and Kemnay in March 2000'

Kemnay still awaits the reinstallation of the Victorian Lamp

Staff have been appointed to work in The Family Resource Centre

Regretfully Constable Dingwall had left at this point so there was no opportunity to discuss the continuing problem of speeding in the village. Councillor Leitch intends arranging a meeting with the Police and Mr Steve Grimmond.

There is a separate report of the progress on the Vantage Point at Kemnay Quarry



New Business:

The question of siting a mobile phone aerial round about Hillcrest /Burnett Road in Kemnay. Letters have been exchanged with Kemnay Community Council, Mr Grimmond and the Agent of Orange.

The Roadline Freephone is being cut. Any comments concerning road repairs should from now on be referred to Councillor Leitch on 01330 833.593 or Councillor Saluja on 01224 740133

Correspondence

Aberdeenshire Council	saying Training for Community Councillors would be delayed till spring 2000
The Scottish Office	indicating that there would be a Feudal Reform Bill to abolish the Feudal System
Aberdeenshire Council	Mr Grimmond, the amendment to the Constitution of Kemnay Community Council had been accepted
Beacon Millenium	to celebrate the event,
North of Scotland Water Authority N.O.S.W.A.	have produced a policy leaflet
Mrs Milton undertook to fill a questionnaire on trees.	
Aberdeenshire Council	Community Councils are asked to submit applications for local projects up to the value of £750 per Council.

Councillor Leitch reported his activites on our behalf. He had opened a new dementia unit at Ellon: had discussion on double yellow lines in Bogbeth Road, Kemnay: visited the Over 50s meeting when Meldrum Fiddlers were playing: Attended a Seminar on The Mackintosh Report: spoken to the Housing Minister Wendy Alexander on The Right to Buy ( Council Houses and Housing Association property): a meeting of C.O.S.L.A : a meeting on Social Inclusion: Child Protection Guidelines: and a meeting of 'Olders Peoples Forum in Kemnay . He is hoping to meet with the Criminal Justice Minister shortly.

Councillor Leitch is setting up a 'Junior Resident Group' in Kemnay, maybe with funding from The Princes Trust.

There was no report of Planning Applications in Kemnay

A.O.C.B.

Mr Wainman reported that there were several downpipe drains blocked on High Street pavements and asked who was responsible for their clearance before the winter ice set in.

Councillor Gurudeo Saluja said that there were no written Right of Way records for an area in Craigearn and the it was up to local residents to represent on this.

Mr A. Thompson reported that there was considerable congestion and inconvenience caused to residents by building contractor vehicles near the Clinic at Fyfe Park The entrance to the estate from Victoria Terrace had not yet been opened

There is still some confusion regarding the naming of new estates and streets in Kemnay.

Members of the Community Council were asked where they would like to meet in future and it was decided to leave the decision until the next meeting when it was hoped that there would be more members present. The next meeting would be held in Kemnay Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th October.

A letter had been received from Liz McKay on behalf of Kemnay Village Hall Management Committee asking if the Community Council would like to participate on Saturday 27th November when the extension to the Village Hall would be officially opened

Mr Wainman thanked all those members of the Community Council and the residents of Kemnay for attending.

## ATEST UPDATE ON THE QUARRY PROJECT.

### PLACE OF ORIGIN

This project combines landscape and sculpture in an ambitious construction overlooking Kemnay Quarry, Aberdeenshire. First plans began in 1995, and now thousands of tons of quarry waste are being formed into a carefully shaped hill at the quarry rim. Eventually, the summit will be made into an observation platform looking directly into the cavity and over the granite workings to the landscape of the Garioch. The village of Kemnay grew near the quarry, which has been active for nearly 150 years. Now the village is expanding and the quarry activity is reduced, but the two are still closely linked. 'Place of Origin' hopes to strengthen this connection.

### The Evolution of the Project

John Fyfe Ltd had supplied stone to the Scottish Sculpture Workshop on various previous occasions and on their 150 year anniversary they approached the workshop, to devise a suitable form of commemoration. The SSW invited John Maine RA, to help develop ideas and to direct the project. This quickly grew from a simple carving exercise into a broader concept of an integrated work, where sculpture fused with the landscape.

At this time there was speculation about siting a granite museum in Kemnay. Plans had already been drawn for a conventional 'visitor centre', which could display sculpture nearby. Rather than rejecting this out of hand the SSW and John Maine explored ways that the idea of a granite centre could be opened out. Artists like Brad Goldberg and Glen Onwin were invited to join the team and the first design explored the possibilities of an integrated museum, with direct experience of the quarry, in a new form of landscape/building.

Eventually the company and local enterprise agencies



realised that a museum with staff and facilities would scarcely be viable here, and with changes to Company senior management, the idea was dropped. However, there remained considerable enthusiasm for the landscape elements, which the artist team were developing as 'Place of Origin'.

Two key factors turned the the artists' concept into a practical proposal. The Company (now taken over as Aggregate Industries) related the project to their own environmental concerns, especially the planning issues affecting the treatment of quarry land. Secondly a new simple line of access became possible, when land next to the proposed site was designated as a future community woodland.

'Place of Origin' took on new life as the artists developed ideas for the journey through this new wood, and began to see the hill and the approaches through the woodland as a whole experience. From the start, the artists sought contact with members of the local community and with other professionals, such as archaeologists, geologists, historians and engineers. At the end of the work it is planned to bring a diversity of views together in a book about the project.

Over the next few months there will be a regular update on the project's progress in the K e m n a y Newsletter.

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Sculpture  
Workshop.

