

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2008 IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Bill Blackwood (Chairman), Margaret Christie, David Evans, Annie Ferries, Susan Milton, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Paul Smart, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Glyn Jones, Douglas Cowie, Iain Morgan.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present, particularly Glyn Jones.
2. Apologies for absence: Alex Thomas, Constable Alex Allan.
3. Police matters: Constable Allan had tabled a report which revealed that during the month of October up to the 26th there had been two assaults, two vandalisms and a drink driver reported. Jim Piggins was concerned about the absence of traffic wardens in the village. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to make enquiries.
4. Mill Farm Restoration: Glyn Jones of Aggregate Industries spoke about the restoration of the company's site at Mill Farm. The company would like input from the Community Council as to how the site was to be left after the extraction was complete. There was discussion of various possible features, such as the stocking of the pond with fish which might attract herons and ospreys, and the creation of a path to link up with the riverside walk. Mr Jones indicated that he would like to attend meetings on an occasional basis to continue dialogue on the subject.
5. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2008 was proposed by Eric Pashley, seconded by Jim Piggins and unanimously approved.
6. Question Time: Mr Iain Morgan was concerned about vandalism in the village, and the absence of a community policeman. It was pointed out that Constable Allan had a good relationship with the young people in the village.
7. Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising
8. Planning matters and applications: Six planning applications were considered, none of them controversial.
9. Community Planning:
 - a. Planning Aid for Scotland: The Community Council had been invited to arrange a half-day seminar for the public. It was agreed that far more notice would be required in order to publicise such an event, and that the amount of interest would have to be gauged before such an event was organised.
 - b. Summary from Community Planning Board: The Board had issued a summary of decisions at its last meeting in advance of the publication of the minutes.
 - c. GACCF – waste collection and recycling: A paper on cleaning recyclables had been received from Melanie Baldwin. Various suggestions had been made as to how recyclables could be cleaned without using extra water to do so.
10. Christmas Lights Sub Committee: The lights are currently stored at the Masonic Hall. The Aberdeenshire Council electrician will install the brackets on streetlights. The lights will then be installed on a date in December to be agreed at the next meeting of the Community Council.
11. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: There was no report as the meeting had been cancelled as not quorate.

12. New Business:

- a. Community Council Grants: Councils had been invited to apply for grants for particular projects. It was decided that the hanging baskets project might be appropriate. Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to consult with Ian Fowell on the subject.
- b. ASCC Ballot: It was agreed to oppose the re-election or election of all officers, and to support all of the motions submitted by Community Councils. The Secretary was to complete the form and submit it.
- c. ASCC Concerns: A letter had been sent to Mike Rumbles, asking him to voice the Community Council's concerns about the ASCC to the minister responsible. He had sent a holding reply in which he wrote that a copy of the letter had been sent to Stewart Maxwell, Minister for Communities and Sport, and he would be back in touch when he had the Minister's reply.
- d. School Bus Safety – seat belts: An e-mail had been received from North Kincardine Rural Community Council asking for support for the campaign for seat-belts in school buses. It was agreed not to respond to this on the grounds that the provision of seat belts would not be appropriate for small children unless booster seats were also provided, and that it would be difficult to ensure that children actually wore the seatbelts provided.
- e. Community Council Elections: In view of the fact that the Community Council elections were due in March it was agreed that an article drawing attention to the forthcoming elections should appear in the Newsletter for December and January. Nomination papers were to be included in the Newsletter in January and February, and these were to be returned to the secretary.
- f. Road Casualty Reduction Strategy: A draft strategy had been sent for comment. It was decided not to respond on the basis that the strategy appeared to contain few practical measures.
- g. Garioch and North Marr Community Safety Group: Requests for funding on safety projects were sought. It was agreed that while the Community Council did not have any appropriate projects in mind, the Youth Cafe might have suitable projects. They had been informed of the possibility of applying for grants.

13. Unfinished Business:

- a. Shell Small Grants scheme: No projects had been identified as suitable for grants under this scheme.
- b. Hanging Baskets: The Gardening Club were willing to assist with planting hanging baskets but not with maintaining them. Mavis Wainman had ordered plants from the Council, and offered her garden as an area where baskets may be planted up. An article was to be placed in the Newsletter to assess interest.
- c. Academy Football Pitches: The meeting was informed that Kemnay Football Club was to be allowed use of the Pitches at the Academy.

14. Aberdeenshire news: The Zebra Crossing on Station Road was almost complete. Susan Milton asked if Cllr Al-Kowarri could make representation that the 30mph sign at the entrance to Craigearn be moved further away from the village. She agreed to do so.

15. Correspondence:

- a. ASCC Conference: There was no interest in attending.
- b. Joint Budget Meeting with Formartine: Jim Piggins and Chris Hunneyball were to attend.

- c. Public Transport Infrastructure Enhancements: Several bus shelters were to be upgraded. In particular, three of the Kemnay shelters were to be fitted with solar powered lighting.
- d. Serving Aberdeenshire: Two copies were available for perusal.
- e. Representative on the Community Planning Board: Community Councils had been invited to send representatives to the Community Planning Board. There were no volunteers for this.
- f. Crathes Steam and Vintage Fair: The organisers had asked if the Community Council would write in support of the Fair, with a view to attracting funding. It was agreed to do so.

16. AOCB: There was a potential purchaser for part of the parking area to the rear of the Village Hall. The Hall Committee had already discussed this, but had sought the views of the Community Council on the matter. It was agreed that the Community Council would be opposed to such a sale. Concern was raised over the aggressive behaviour of unleashed dogs in popular walking areas around the village.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.