

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31st JANUARY 1980 AT 7.30pm IN KEMNAY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT; Mr Cobb, Mr Cumming, Mr Dow, Mrs Forbes, Dr Hern, Mrs Innes, Mr McKay, Mrs Milton, Mr Robertson, Mr Wainman, Mrs Wainman, Mr Williams.

There were apologies from Mr Bailey, and Mr McLean

Also attending were Mr Mrs Baxter from Don Cottage, Kemnay. Guest speakers Mr Robertson and Mr Valentine of the Social Work Dept.

Mrs Milton, the Chairman welcomed the members and visitors.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January were read and adopted, proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mrs Forbes.

Mrs Milton then introduced Mr Robertson and Mr Valentine and invited them to speak.

Mr Robertson gave an outline of his work, the area covered: (Huntly to Kinellar) and the ways in which it might be possible to improve the quality of life for the people of Kemnay if there were premises where information could be obtained and visiting officials could come and discuss problems. In answer to questions he said that there were premises in Aberdeen and Huntly fulfilling this need and well used now they were established. All new ventures took time. It was not his job to impose such a venture on the village, but would give every help and encouragement if the residents saw fit. There was a social worker in Kemnay for some time each day. Sometimes neutral ground was preferable to a private house. Coffee shop and luncheon club facilities could also be included.

In reply to a question from Dr Hern the visiting speakers explained the duties of community workers. After discussion Mrs Milton thanked the speakers for attending and they left to fulfill other engagements.

Matters arising from the Minutes

No more tenders had been received. The secretary to try again.

Aquithie Road Land - Grampian Region had now applied for permission in principle to build 10 houses, with public open space. For this reason the secretary had delayed writing, and apologised for not objecting in principle to housing development on this site. Dr Hern thought that the letter should have been sent as decided at the last meeting. Photocopies of the Regional proposals were circulated and discussed and the secretary was instructed to detail the council's recommendation to the Planning Department, and Estates Dept.

It was also decided to ask that Kemnay Community Council attend the planning committee meeting to support the views ascertained and expressed by the residents on this area.

It was also suggested that all councillors write to the Director of Planning.

Path from McCombie Cres. to Paradise Road

This had been requested many times by the residents particularly elderly folk who would appreciate the short cut. The secretary to write to Mr Donaldson.

Bridge over disused railway

The secretary was instructed to write to the convenor of the Roads Committee, Grampian Region on this.

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It seems that the bridge is owned by Gordon District and the road surface by Grampian Region. ( A point to be made to the Stoddart Committee)

#### Car Park- Aquithie Road

As the purpose of this car park was to take cars off the roads to relieve congestion it was suggested that only cars should use it and not lorries. There were several lorries parking in the vicinity which might use the park, taking up space and inhibiting car owners from parking. The secretary was instructed to write to the Region on this suggesting a barrier be erected to exclude lorries.

#### Lorries in residential areas - parking

There was still concern about this, in particular a Calor Gas Tanker ( potential danger) and a loaded cattle float ( parked late evening and attractin dogs and causing annoyance) The secretary to write again to the Region asking for proper lorry park.

#### Community Facilities

It was agreed that March 2nd, if possible, would for the meeting on Facilities in Kemnay. if the Hall could be booked for 2.30 pm that Sunday. Mr Cobb suggested that the Masons should be approached to see if their Hall could be used in any way.

#### Planning Applications

W. Donald to build on land on Monymusk Road by War Memorial. It was decided to strongly oppose this application as it was not in the spirit of the recommendation of the Gordon District Draft Plan

Don Cottage application. Mr & Mrs Baxter were invited by the Chairmna to elaborate on their application to house portakabins on land owned by them just outwith their garden wall for the business use of computer servicing, now and the possibility of building houses at a later date. The Council decided that it had no objection so long as the proposed river walk was not endangered.

Councillor Reid said that permission had been granted for a K.C.C. notice board to be erected on the wall of the Post Office.

It was decided that the statement of accounts which was approved should be included in the next edition of Kemnay Nersletter.

#### Plan of Alehousewells Estate.

A request had been received for the erection of a street plan of the Alehousewells estate at the beginning of Bremner Way nearest to the village, not only for the benifit of visitors and tradesmen butfor the use of the residents also, who had problems in finding their wy. The secretary to write to Gordon District and ask if this could be arranged. It was also suggested that a street plan of the whole village might be made.

### Shortage of Dental Facility

More requests had been received for the the Council to explore the possibility of attracting a dentist to Kemnay as many residents had difficulty in getting dental treatment. After some discussion, when it was pointed out that dentists were self employed and would only service an area if it were financially worth while Dr Hern said he would contact the official responsible and ask his opinion.

Stoddart Committee of Inquiry into local government - It was agreed to submit evidence to this committee.

### Increase of fees for educational premises

It was decided to write and object to lack of consultation by the Education Department on the matter with the statutory bodies set up to ascertain and express opinion. The raising of the nominal category fee in particular might lead to groups being unable to afford the hire of premises. Evening classes had virtually stopped and the quality of life was at risk once again particularly in rural areas. Proposed by Mr Wainman and seconded by Mrs Forbes.

### Kemnay Park Pavilion

Dr Hern stated that he wished to take exception to the remarks, passed by Gordon District councillors at the planning meeting, on The comments by Kemnay Community Council in a letter on the Park Pavilion. He thought that K.C.C. should write to the Gordon District on this

### Swings at Alehousewells

There had been many complaints about the state of the ground under these swings which were owned by the Region on District land. Deep muddy puddles had been worn again and it was decided to consult Mr Lemon of Technical Services, Gordon District and ask his advice, then contact the Region with a view to making a permanent improvement. Rubber covered paving slabs were suggested. Maybe Hall's site foreman could give sand

### Course in First Aid

A request had been made for a course. Suggestion were made on suitable people to approach.

Mrs Milton thanked everybody for attending and announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday February 28th at 7.30 in Kemnay School