

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 31st JANUARY 1985.

Present: Mrs Milton, D Bailey standing as Minute Secretary (in the absence of Mrs S Shrago), H Cumming, Mrs A Brown, W Wainman, Mrs S Moir, A Murray

Apologies: Mrs S Shrago, A Calder, G Irvine, A Jones

Attending: Cllr Wainman, Cllr McLean

1. The Chairman welcomed the members present and read the apologies.

2. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were passed after the following amendments had been made:-

(i) under those present add "H Cumming"

(ii) item 10 to read "had had a non-requested visit"

Previous minutes proposed for adoption by W Wainman seconded by H Cumming and passed without dissent.

3. Matters arising:-

(a) Visit of Mr McNaughton. Mrs Milton reported that Mr McNaughton and another had come on the previous Tuesday (29th January) before 2 p.m. to inspect the Village Hall for a possible Polling Station following the long-standing request by the Kemnay Community Council. There had been a hiccup in the timing with Mr Irvine, but this had been resolved. Mr McNaughton had observed that the Public Hall keeper was not under the sort of jurisdiction that the school janitor is with regard to local government authority. He also said at the end of his visit that he had not yet made up his mind. This tallied with Cllr McLean's impression that Mr McNaughton had not decided one way or the other. Mr McNaughton had wanted to know the hire cost of the hall per hour, and the heating costs. Mrs A Brown reported that a similar party had later visited the Kemnay Primary School. Mrs Milton observed that we would now have to wait for the results of Mr McNaughton's visit.

(b) Allotments:- Cllr M Wainman reported that there were probably going to be 7 allotments, but a meeting of the Gordon District Council Environment and Miscellaneous Services Committee was due on Tuesday next (5th February) and a decision would be taken on providing approximately £200 for drains and fencing for the site. Cllr Wainman hoped to be able to report progress at the next KCC meeting. Agenda Item.

(c) Local Plan:- Cllr Wainman indicated that the Local Plan should be ready for study at the end of the year.

(d) Old Railway Track to be Road:- The plan by J Fyffe to use the line of the old railway between Kemnay Quarry and Tom's Forest Quarry for a private road for their vehicular traffic had been passed by the GDC Planning Committee, and the matter of fencing brought up by KCC had to be resolved by the individuals concerned.

Unfinished Business:- Tree planting. There was general approval that the tree holes had been dug and the posts were in and the Community Council was now awaiting with mounting anticipation the insertion of the trees into the said holes.

5. Correspondence:-

(a) Bus Stance:- Peter Huntley had written from GDC saying that investigations had revealed that most passengers were picked up either from the estate or from the High Street and a Bus Stance in the suggested site at the corner of Bremner Way and Aquithie Road is unlikely to be of much use. This letter was discussed in some depth and the unanimous view of KCC was that a reply should be sent stating:

- (i) Present parking congestion in the High Street would be alleviated by our proposed Bus Stance. and
- (ii) Once the Stance was built, passengers would go there as the bus would be parked for its turnround.

(b) Gordon District Tourist Board:- A letter had been received thanking KCC for information on the area, and stating that it would be included in the next (1985) publication.

(c) Rector for Kemnay:- A reply from the Director of the Department of Education to KCC letter inquiring about the immediacy of a new Rector was read. It seems that after advertising twice, and getting down to 4 candidates who were interviewed, it was decided that none were suitable and that the post would be readvertised. Watch this space.

(d) Paradise Green:- Letter from A Kennedy informing KCC of delay in transferring ownership from the Region to the District as drainage and other items not to GDC liking. This letter prompted a strong reaction from members of KCC, and Cllr McLean and Cllr Wainman agreed to try to organise a site meeting to resolve this matter once and for all. KCC members agreed unanimously that this seemed to be the most sensible solution.

(e) News Coverage:- Letter from P & J asking for written or telephonic reports of KCC meetings or other news to improve their local news coverage.

6. District News:-

(a) District Boundary Changes:- Cllr Wainman outlined with the aid of a suitably-traced O.S. map, the changes proposed to the existing District boundary, now to include Tillifourie. Any objections or comments had to be in by 15 February 1985. The changes were generally regarded to be sensible by members present, and no comment is proposed.

(b) Site of Public Toilet:- H Cumming brought to the KCC's attention the proposed siting of the new Public Toilet outside the dining room of the Burnett Arms Hotel. This was agreed to be entirely unsuitable and would obviously cause offence to customers dining there. It was agreed that a letter should be written to GDC objecting to the proposed siting. Cllr Wainman agreed to follow this up.

(c) Bennachie View Car Parking:- Cllr Wainman said that there was a problem of car parking along Bennachie View. Offstreet parking had been requested by the residents, but went against established GDC policy. Nevertheless, another look at the problem was to be taken soon. There seemed to be legal difficulties about removing the fence to allow parking on the open ground. It was agreed that KCC members were to investigate individually and that the matter would be an agenda item for the March meeting, when a letter would be written giving the view of KCC. A Murray suggested a look at the levels of parking areas along the Glebe as a comparison.

(d) Flooding of the Park Pavillion:- General concern was expressed about the state of the Kemnay Pleasure Park Pavillion, as a major pipe burst seemed to have taken place, bringing down the kitchen and playroom ceiling, and causing other damage as well. W Wainman suggested that the inefficient ceiling heating system would probably need replacing, and suggested that a better method of heating should be introduced to replace the damaged units. Cllr Wainman to follow up.

7. Regional News:-

(a) Access to Boat Croft:- Cllr McLean stated that the access to Boat Croft had been checked and complied with standard criteria. Cllr Wainman mentioned that the planning condition relating to the provision of the Riverside Walk BEFORE the homes were occupied, had been allowed to lapse temporarily due to the inclement weather. KCC decided to keep an eye on it, in case it was overlooked later on.

(b) Kirkstyle Flooding:- Cllr McLean indicated that the large drainage ditch alongside Victoria Terrace had been cleaned out. Mrs Milton informed Cllr McLean that the job had not been completed as three bridges had been taken down and only one replaced and that not properly. D. Bailey said that during recent heavy rain, he had observed very little water coming into the road from the gardens of the facing houses, as almost all had good solid retaining walls. Cllr McLean is to investigate the state of play regarding the ditch and the bridges.

8. New Business.

(a) Land Backing onto Public Hall:- W Wainman drew the attention of KCC to the fact that N Lawrence would be offering for sale the land backing onto the Public Hall, and it would, he said, be our only chance to improve the facilities by asking the District to purchase the land. The intention would be to use for improving the hall. This was debated at some length, and it was decided without going to a vote, to await a formal approach from the new Village Hall Committee. Agenda item, next meeting.

(b) Exclusion of KCC Representative by new Village Hall Constitution:-

H Cumming recorded his disquiet at the exclusion of the KCC representative from the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Wainman pointed out that we had had the chance to object at the AGM of the Public Hall Committee, and had not done so.

(c) Accounts:- H Cumming informed KCC that the Balance Sheet and Certificate signed by the Auditor, Mr Low, and by himself, would be forwarded to GDC in accordance with normal procedure. An extract from the same will be found at the end of this Minute.

Kemnay Community Council Election 1985:-

A general discussion took place regarding arrangements for the 1985 Kemnay Community Council election. The following points were agreed:-

(a) A W M Whiteley, Beech Lodge, Monymusk to be asked to act as Returning Officer.

(b) Nominations to be closed by midnight 25th March 1985.

(c) Either handover to new Council to be made at AGM 28th March 1985 OR final arrangements to be made for election if more than 15 candidates declared.

(d) H Cumming to book Kemnay Village Hall (Friendship House) for the election, 4th April 1985 from 9 - 11 a.m. and from 5 - 9 p.m. Sandy Shrago to confirm booking in writing with another attending member of KCC to avoid repetition of previous booking problem.

(e) Revision to Constitution to be voted at AGM per previously passed Motion.

10. A.O.C.B.:-

(a) Cars without Registration Plates in Village- Susan Milton agreed to speak to Mr Lawrence about this matter.

(b) Cars stopping on Bus area, Kemnay Primary School:- Anne Brown reported difficulties with private cars blocking off the school bus stance outside Kemnay Primary School. Village Policeman to be informed.

11. Next Meeting- There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.25 p.m. Next Meeting will be Thursday 28th February 1985 in Kemnay Academy.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DEC 1984

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash from Mr Calder	£ .60 -	W.F.Ross, joiner	£ 25.00
Gordon Dist Council	286.50 -	Honorarium and Sec expenses (Mrs Wainman)	60.22
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		Comm Assoc (Newsletter)	61.24
		Mrs Moir (minutes)	4.00
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		Mrs Wainman (expenses)	10.00
Receipts for year	£287.10 -	Payments for year	£269.70
Opening Balance	122.72	Closing Balance	140.12
	<u>£409.82</u>		<u>£409.82</u>

H. Cumming, Treasurer
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