

MIKE MOSS

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 1994

Present: Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr D Evans, Mrs J Newberry, Mr E Pashley, Mr R Marco, Mr L Brown, Mr F Wainman, Mrs M Wainman. Mr A Davies, Mr L Shrago, Mr G Mitchell, Mrs L Marco, Dr J Piggins (all new members of the Community Council), Miss A Souter and Mrs F Piggins (members of the public).

Attending: PC N Shand (Grampian Police), Cllr R Hunter.

Apologies: Mr M Moss, Mrs Anne Rees-Jenkins (both new members of the Community Council)

1. Mrs Milton welcomed a very full house and asked the new Council members to stand up and identify themselves. Mrs Milton welcomed PC Shand and Miss Souter.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Wainman, seconded: Mr Evans. Passed no dissent.

3. Matters Arising. Mr Shrago asked where the tubs would be located in the High Street. Mrs Wainman said there are five and they will be sited between the Post Office and McColls. She had asked the Roads Department and Planners' advice and they told her the tubs would be better concentrated in one place for a better display. Mr Marco asked who would be looking after the tubs and was told there had been interest from the schools.

4. Unfinished Business. (a) Mini-recycling centres. Mr Wainman said he and Mrs Wainman had met Mr Robertson who is in charge of the refuse department and he said it was their intention to put five mini sites within Kemnay. One at the Park, one at Alehousewells school, one at the Academy, one at Fraser Place and one at Kemnay Primary School. The container for cans already requested is at Gordon House ready for siting. Discussion ensued as to whether or not they might be screened and Mr Evans suggested they be sited first and then a decision taken. Mrs Wainman to get a copy of the plan for discussion at the next meeting. AGENDA ITEM - next meeting.

(b) Swimming Pool Committee Funds. Mr Brown asked what had been discussed in this regard at the last meeting. The funds amount to some £2000 plus interest. The Chairman asked him to get in writing that the present committee are happy for the Community Council to take over the funds. Cllr Hunter suggested that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Community Council might take over as trustees of the fund but this would necessitate calling together the members of the Swimming Pool Committee to vote on this. Mr Brown said it would need ten people to vote on any motion. Mr Brown to call a special meeting and take it from there.

(c) Visit to new Water Treatment Works. This to be on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30 p.m. The visit will take about an hour and there are two sites to visit.

5. Correspondence Received. A letter from Gordon District re the public toilets was read. The toilets are to be closed in the early evening until morning on a daily basis. P C Shand said he had

telephoned Gordon House and asked for the closure. He then outlined the problem. A letter to be sent to the Council saying we have spoken to PC Shand and we agree with his recommendation that the toilets be closed at night. A letter from Grampian Region re Structure Plan. Mr and Mrs Wainman had attended the meeting at Kintore and the general opinion was that people were against a new settlement north-west of Aberdeen. Cllr Hunter explained the background and said the reason a new settlement has been proposed is to maximise the money that the Council will get from developers for roads, primary schools, etc. The original proposal was for south-west of Aberdeen which was rejected by a small majority. The Council then decided that it should be north-west of Aberdeen because of the railway link. The other solution would be dispersal, which would be more expensive for the tax-payer but less annoying for the residents of the area. The next Council after the May elections, will have to decide. Any comments must be in by the 22nd April. Mrs Wainman said that individual letters were encouraged and Cllr Hunter said individual letters would certainly be taken into account. Any comments should be sent to Howard Fisher, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Grampian Regional Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB9 2LU by the 22nd April. Mr Evans asked whether an extra 200 houses were proposed for Kemnay under the Structure Plan addendum and was told there were. It was decided to continue to object to the extra houses in Kemnay and support the new settlement but in its original location south-west of Aberdeen. Mr Evans to draft and send the letter.

6. Chairman's Annual Report. Mrs Milton then read her report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

7. Financial Statement and Adoption. Mr Pashley explained that each year we receive a grant from Gordon District Council. Last year this amounted to £460.39. A copy of the accounts is attached to these Minutes. Of the remaining balance approximately £120 is earmarked for the tubs in High Street. Proposed adoption: F W Wainman, seconded: D Evans.

8. New Business. (a) Miss Souter said that a friend living opposite the car park, is finding it increasingly difficult to get her children to sleep at nights because of the noise from there. PC Shand is aware of the problem. Sometimes there are 40-50 youths there of an evening. With regard to under-age drinking, Mr Marco suggested that the publicans put up a notice asking that people in the 18-20 age group carry proof of age if they want to be served. A letter to be sent to the pubs in the village asking for their assistance. Mr Marco to draft the notice which will be sent with the letters. A similar letter to be sent to the off-licences. (b) Mr Marco again mentioned the parking opposite the cash machine at the bank. It seems that people will always park on the double yellow lines. He asked whether the bulge that comes out could be taken away to stop the encroachment making it a dangerous corner. Cllr Hunter to investigate.

9. District News. None in the absence of Cllr Elrick.

10. Regional News. Cllr Hunter reported that "Roadline" is now in operation. The public can telephone direct with a free-phone call to the Roads Department to report faulty or damaged street lights, potholes, blocked road drains, traffic signs, etc. The number is 0800 686868. The Council is presently working on the Castle Fraser/Dunecht Road. The vacancy at Kemnay Academy for a new Assistant Head has been filled. A discussion on the new traffic-calming measures in Inverurie

issued. Mr Pashley mentioned the rose beds in Kendall Road. The Divisional Surveyor has assured Councillor Hunter that the rose-beds will be renewed during the next month or so. With regard to the double-yellow line extension, the Surveyor absolutely refuses to do anything about this as he feels it is inappropriate.

11. Planning Applications. Mr Evans said there were two in all, neither of which is contentious.

12. A.O.C.B. Mrs Milton mentioned that Dr Piggins' nomination form was late in coming in. As the rules have to be adhered to, she asked whether it was the Council's wish that we co-opt Dr Piggins as the fifteenth member. Proposed by F W Wainman, seconded by D Evans. Dr Piggins accepted.

Mrs Wainman expressed her thanks to Mrs Milton for being an excellent Chairman over the past three years.

13. The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th April 1994 when the new Office Bearers will be elected. The Secretary will not be at this meeting and Mrs Newberry offered to take the Minutes. Mrs Milton thanked everyone for attending and expressed her pleasure at meeting the new members. She hoped they would enjoy being members of the Community Council. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 1994

We are now concluding the final year of the sixth Community Council here in Kemnay. A few of us who have been members of the Council since its inception have seen good years and dull ones, when everything seems to have been very humdrum. But I think we can take some encouragement - even although it has been a long wait - that two more of our aims have now been accomplished. I mean, of course, the transfer of the Polling Station from Kemnay Primary School to the Village Hall. I noticed as I went through the minutes of last year's meetings, that in my last report as Chairman I welcomed the improvements to the Village Hall and said "we now wait for the first Polling Station there." In 1979 we first raised this issue and were fobbed off with numerous excuses and more or less every year since we have nagged on about it. In 1990 the lack of a public telephone was the reason it could not be considered - now with every requirement possible having been installed, at long last the Polling Station for the forthcoming elections WILL be held in the Village Hall.

The other point from which we can take encouragement is the Police Ansaphone. In April 1987 we urged that calls to Kemnay Police Station could be automatically transferred to Inverurie when Kemnay Police Station was unmanned. We were told it was the cost. So the Community Council wrote to the Chief Constable offering to pay the initial link up cost of £100, and to pay the first quarter's rent of £60, saying that we felt, having made a point of this for a number of years, it would be a great advantage to the Community, but no joy. Now, at no cost to the Community Council, it has happened! Like Bruce and his spider, our motto could be "If we don't first succeed, try, try, try again!"

This year we have had interesting talks from Gordon District's Mr D Simpson from Environmental Health on Waste Minimisation and Recycling, from Mr Gordon Wilson, also from Gordon District on their Tenant's Participation Policy and from Sergeant Dave Alan from Grampian Police Traffic Section, and I think we were all astonished at the results of the five day survey they carried out beside Kemnay Primary School. 70% of the vehicles were within the 30mph speed limit. Of course, it only needs one to knock somebody down, but I'm sure the "40 KILLS" sign as you enter the village has made several people think.

Les Brown organised the Litter Day again with his helpers but he is resigning from the Community Council. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for his valiant efforts in this ever recurring task - what are we going to do without him.

Once more I must thank our Regional Councillor Hunter for his regular attendance at our meetings and for all the work he has done on our behalf. We are very grateful. It has been very nice to see Councillor Elrick from time to time when her busy schedule permits and thank her for her service to the village. We always appreciate the attendance of the Police at our meetings when they interrupt their work or leisure to come and listen to our requests.

I thank all the Community Council members for their attendance and help over the past year and I am more than grateful, as we all are, to our Secretary, Sandy Shrago, for the vast amount of work she does for this council. Thank you Sandy.

What we would do without David Evans I do not know. Not only does he scan all the planning applications but he undertakes the drafting of letters to the Scottish Office and 101 other things as well.

Eric is, as he has always been, a most careful and efficient manager of our finances and our grateful thanks must go to him too.

To my Vice-Chairman, I personally, am more than grateful, not just for taking the chair when I have been absent, but his very real support over a certain unpleasant incident.

Thank you all again, and I am sure we look forward to the next session of this Community Council with confidence that the affairs of Kemnay and its Parish will be well served.

SUSAN MILTON.

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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