

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31st MAY 2001

7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present:-

Mr A. Davies, Mr D. Evans, Mr P. Findlater, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J. Piggins, Mr A. Thomson, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

Inspector D. Allan, Mrs A. Hendry, Councillor A. Leitch

Apologies:-

Mr A. Al-Kowarri, Mr D. Caney, Cdr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Councillor G. Saluja

2. Police Matters

Inspector Allan reported that there had been 55 calls to the police during May, 35 crimes reported and 19 sent to the Fiscal. Crimes reported included 6 breaches of the peace, 8 road traffic offences, 4 theft, 2 break ins, 6 incidents of vandalism, and 1 air gun offence. Although Kemnay should have 6 officers, holidays, special duties and sickness meant that the village was understaffed. He once again made the point that the funding ratio in Grampian was low compared to other places in Scotland, but confirmed that a police station would remain in Kemnay.

Points raised from the floor included skateboarders on the road amongst the traffic being a danger to themselves, and speeding in general through the village, particularly by motorbikes. A request to have the speed detectors back to the village was made but this was a matter for the Roads Department Inspector.

Inspector Allan suggested that there might be a public meeting in Kemnay to meet the police rather than a Garioch meeting in Inverurie, and this was considered to be desirable. Dr Piggins thanked the Inspector for coming, and expressed a hope that he or his staff would come again.

3. Minute of Meeting held on 26th April 2001

The Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 26th April 2001 was adopted.

Proposed: Mr A. Davies Seconded: Mrs M. Wainman

4. Matters Arising from Last Minute

a. Library Sign

A letter had been received from North East Library Service saying that they were investigating the sign outside the library.

b. Village Clean Up

The village clean up had gone well, and Debbie Service was thanked for her efforts. It was agreed that a letter should be sent expressing the Council's thanks.

c. Tourist Information Signs

Mr Fowell had been contacted and was investigating provision of signs.

d. Crombie Development Building Site

It was noted that the building site was still a mess. Aberdeenshire was now treating the last letter, which had been copied to the Council, as an official complaint.

It was also noted that the recycling area in the car park had commercial cardboard dumped. This had been reported to Aberdeenshire Council, and an enforcement officer had spoken to the shop owner concerned.

e. Jan McRobbie Presentation

A letter had been received thanking Kemnay Community Council for its contribution to Jan McRobbie's leaving present.

5. 220 Bus Service

There had been no recent comment about the 220 Bus Service.

6. Consultation on Draft Land Reform Bill

It was agreed that a Community Council response would not be submitted, but that individuals could make representations if they so wished.

7. Integrated Sustainable Waste Management Strategy

A report on the Integrated Sustainable Waste Management Strategy had been received and was being circulated.

8. Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM - 9th June 2001

The Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM was being held in Dumfries on 9th June 2001. It was decided not to send a representative, and Dr Piggins said that he would forward the postal voting form.

9. Aberdeenshire Structure Plan

A copy of the Structure Plan was presented and Members agreed that should be no expansion of Kemnay for the time being.

10. Unfinished Business

a. Pavilion Committee

There had still not been any response from the Pavilion Committee.

b. Village Notice Boards

The new village noticeboards should be ready shortly. £250 had been received to pay for them.

c. Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

The final Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils had still not been received.

11. New Business

a. Smell from Knackery

Many complaints had been made to the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency about the stench drifting over Kemnay from Whitestones Knackery. It would seem that there had been a power failure and the Biofilter had broken

down. An enforcement order had been made and the Business had previously been fined. Should the situation recur complaints should be made to Jackie Laing at S.E.P.A. Tel 01224 248338.

b. Large Vehicles Parking in the Pleasure Park Car Park

It was noted that a large bus was being parked in the Pleasure Park car park, and it was agreed to write to Mr Ian Rendell drawing his attention to this and suggesting that it might be necessary to instal a height limiting bar at the entrance.

12. Report from Safety Group

Mr Davies attended the Safety Group AGM He reported that issues like the fire at Strathburn School had been discussed, and that Risk Assessment in schools should be the responsibility of the Head Teacher. This provoked some discussion.

It was noted that golf balls had smashed many windows at the Academy. Residents are encouraged to report such incidents to the police. The bill for repairs comes out of taxpayers' pockets. Closed circuit TV cameras had been considered, but the idea had been rejected on the grounds of cost.

There had been discussion about increasing membership, with the North Group perhaps joining the Garioch Group.

13. Report from the Press Scrutiniser

In the absence of the Press Scrutineer, no report was given.

14. Aberdeenshire News

Councillor Leitch reported on his activities. There had been a meeting of Kirkland residents objecting to parking in their streets which are still private land. It had previously been suggested that Kemnay Primary School playground might be used at weekends for parking, but no reply has been received.

A meeting will be arranged with Mr Andy Hickling (outdoor services) to discuss play areas and provision for youngsters, including the provision of "Youth Shelters".

Councillor Leitch attended the A.G.M. of Kemnay Scout Association, and said that he thought the new Scout Hut at Alehousewells would be going ahead.

With respect to the Pleasure Park, work on the drainage would start soon. Play equipment in the Park had been damaged by persons dragging the heavy roller into it. The roller has now been secured.

A meeting had been held on Grampian Older Peoples Strategy.

15. Planning Applications

Full Planning Permission for the erection of a building for car preparation work at Glenhead, Kemnay, had been received.

16. A.O.C.B.

Nil.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th June 2001 at 7.30 pm in the Wainman Room at Kemnay Village Hall.