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KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 31st May 1979 at 1930 in Kemnay School, chaired by Mrs. Susan Milton.

Present: Mrs.S Milton, D.Bailey, Mrs.M.Wainman, L.McKay, W.Wainman, Mrs.P.Innes, H.Cumming, I.Dow, Mrs.F.Forbes, W.Williams, and H.Robertson.

Invited from Oldmeldrum Community Council, Paul Farrell.

Regional Councillor D.McLean, District Councillor R.Reid

1. Apologies:- P.Cobb, S.Stubbs, J.Hern, H.Hughes.

2. Minutes. Acceptance of the minutes for the last meeting was proposed by W.Wainman, seconded by D.Bailey and voted without dissent.

3. Matters Arising:-

a. Aquithie Road Land. Mr.Kennedy's reply to the Council's letter regarding the proposed use of the Aquithie Road land was read out, informing us that no formal application had been made to utilise the land for industrial development.(Letters on file).

b. Play Equipment at Alehousewells. Mrs.Wainman noted that the ground conditions under the play equipment had been improved since the last meeting, but with a gritty, loose material which was easily scattered and could cause nasty abrasions when children fell on it. KCC asked Cllr. McLean to investigate better surfacing possibilities.

ACTION *** Cllr.D.McLean

c. Requested Reference for the ICA. After discussing several suggestions, it was decided to give a short reference for the ICA, stating that KCC had found them to be an excellent catalyst for debate, apparently free from religious, racial or political bias, and that we could recommend them for their organisational abilities in making our village meeting a success. Letter to be drafted and sent by Mrs. Milton and Mrs.Wainman. ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton & Mrs.M.Wainman

d. Policy Sub-Committee. Due to the Chairman of the Policy Sub-Committee being unavoidably detained carrying out a VAT raid, the report was given verbally by D.Bailey, the Chairman's observer at the meeting. The issues were as follows:-

i. Policy Recommendations re-Regional Planning Department Industrial Site Proposals. Recommended that the land opposite Kemnay Quarry at GR:734169, to the East of the Kemb Hills, North of Crossfield, be nominated prime site for industrial development, if any. The considerations were that it is on the edge of the village within easy reach, that the Quarries Road goes past the site and would therefore keep any generated traffic to Aberdeen or Inverurie out of the village, that the minimum number of people would be inconvenienced by construction in this inconspicuous site, and that the area is industrial already with the Quarry and the Ross Poultry Sheds.

Recommended that the field at GR: 730158, South of the Water Carrier statue, West of the Moneymusk Road be nominated secondary site for industrial development, if any, and only if the factory unit(s) generate minimal road traffic through the village and in particular past the Kemnay Primary School.

Recommended that field at GR:752162, South of Craigmyle Cottage on the B.994 to Mid Mill, be suggested as a suitable out-of-the-village industrial site, as it is already listed for industrial use (Fyffes) and is well screened by existing trees, and would not generate through traffic in Kemnay under most conditions.

It was proposed a letter outlining this KCC policy be sent to the Gordon District Planning Office. Acceptance of these proposals was nominated by L.McKay, seconded by Mrs.Forbes and voted in without dissent.

ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton &
Mrs.M.Wainman

ii. Request for GDC Planning Officers to attend KCC meeting to discuss Draft District Plan. It was recommended that KCC formally invite Mrs.G.Scott and Mr.R.Tinlin to attend the earliest convenient meeting with a view to outlining District plans proposed for Kemnay in the draft document. The earliest convenient meeting was apparently Thursday 30th August 1979. Proposed by D.Bailey, seconded by L.McKay and voted in without dissent.

ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton &
Mrs.M.Wainman

It was noted that a written report of the first Policy Sub-Committee meeting was not available in time for this KCC meeting due to a new arrival in the Hughes family. It was hoped to publish the report one week before the next meeting.

ACTION *** H.Hughes

e. Report Back, Terrapin Huts. Having visited the units in situ with W.Wainman, W.Williams reported that due to the size and general bulk of the huts offered, the probable cost of moving them would run into four figures. One of the main snags was that the concrete bases and associated services had to be demolished and made good after removal. A general debate followed, and eventually the Council decided to write to Mr.W.M.Murray (GRC, Dept.of Estates) thanking him for his trouble, explaining that the Aboyne huts were too large for our needs, but if any smaller huts, such as portakabins, became available, could he please inform us, as we would be very interested.

ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton & Mrs.M.Wainman

4. District Matters

Cllr.Reid reported that the unauthorised portakabins in the garden at the edge of the village were now the subject of a removal order, to be effected within three months. Mr.McKay deplored the apparent disregard of the planning regulations shown by the keeper of these portakabins,

a sentiment echoed by other councillors. It was decided to oppose the planning application by the keeper to install the units in their present situation. Proposed by L.McKay, seconded by W.Wainman, passed without dissent.

ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton &
Mrs.M.Wainman

Mrs.P.Innes drew the attention of Cllr.Reid to the unsafe top cover over an old well by the Dalmadilly turning on the Quarries Road. Cllr. Reid promised to check on the ownership and try to get something done.

ACTION *** Cllr.R.Reid

Mr.W.Wainman noted with concern that three motorcyclists from the area had been killed this year, and asked if some form of course or tuition could be given by the police or other competent authority to the village motorcyclists. Some discussion with Cllr.Reid ensued, and it was finally decided to ask the Policy Committee to discuss the matter at their next meeting.

ACTION *** H.Hughes

5. Regional Matters.

Cllr.McLean was asked by W.Wainman about the estimated completion date of the roadworks in the High Street, as the surface condition was a disgrace, with loose stones and a very uneven surface. D.Bailey said that the shopkeepers were complaining about the risk of loose stones being thrown up by vehicles and damaging their windows, as well as risking injury to passing pedestrians on the pavement. Perhaps a visit by the roadsweeping vehicle would be a good idea. Cllr.McLean said that he was aware of the problems, having looked at the High Street, and his check had shown that the waterpipes should be finished and the road-surfacing completed by the end of June. He would be keeping a careful eye on the progress made.

Mr.McKay complained about the state of the road drains in Victoria Terrace, informing Cllr.McLean that the flooding problem was not helped by the large quantity of road sand still lying in the gutters, and presumably blocking the drains. Mrs.Milton agreed with Mr.McKay, and asked for positive action to be taken to sort the problem out. Cllr.Reid came in, saying that there was already money voted for releveling the drains to restore free-flow within the year. Cllr.McLean agreed to see if anything within the Region's province could be done.

ACTION *** Cllr.McLean & Cllr.Reid

6. New Business.

a. Use of Public Hall for Official Elections

D.Bailey said that general concern was felt by many parents about the number of days off primary school pupils had had this year because of elections and the Kemnay Primary School being used as a Polling Station. Oldmeldrum Community Council had decided to take up this matter with the Chief Executive, GRC. Captain Paul Farrell had been invited to come to this meeting to explain the steps already taken by Oldmeldrum, with a view to KCC taking a similar line of action.

Captain Farrell explained the criteria demanded of a Polling Station, and read out a letter received from the office of the Chief Executive GRC, agreeing to investigate the possibility of changing the venue of the Oldmeldrum Polling Station. It would not be possible this year, but should be satisfactory for next year.

The Madam Chairman thanked Captain Farrell for coming along, and it was proposed that:-

- i. A formal approach be made to the Chairman of the Public Hall Committee to ask him to attend the next KCC meeting to discuss the possible use of the Public Hall for elections, and incidentally to discuss future plans for the hall.
- ii. A letter be written to the Chief Executive GRC asking him to consider a change of Polling Station to the Village Public Hall for next year.

These proposals were introduced by D.Bailey, seconded by L.McKay, and voted in unanimously.

b. Bogbeath Road-Speeding.

H.Robertson said that vehicles were often seen speeding through Kemnay Park, and as children use the area for recreation, it was only a matter of time before an accident occurred. The question of whether a 30mph limit sign should be put up was discussed, and it was suspected that motorists could enter Kemnay along Bogbeath Road without passing a speed limit sign. Cllr. McLean agreed to investigate. It was suggested that a 30mph sign should be erected by the GRC Snowplough hut, together with "Children Playing" signs at both ends of the Park. Cllr.McLean agreed to see what could be done. ACTION *** Cllr.McLean letter Mrs.S.Milton & Mrs.M.Wainman

c. Litter in the Park.

H.Robertson complained that the litter bins were not substantial enough, and should be permanently located. He also suggested that the frequency of emptying could be improved. There was general agreement that some form of large fixed litter bins should be requested. Proposed H.Robertson, seconded W.Wainman, passed without dissent. ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton & Mrs.M.Wainman follow up : Cllr.Reid

d. Large Lorries Parking in Residential Areas.

W.Williams complained that access by emergency services was impaired when lorries parked on narrow streets in residential areas. On numerous occasions residents of Alehousewells had complained about this, and one lorry in particular. The driver appeared not to be interested in peoples complaints. It was agreed that an approach to the police should be made with a view to getting the driver to park the lorry elsewhere, in a more suitable location. ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton & Mrs.M.Wainman

7. Planning Applications.

D.Bailey read the planning application list as J.Hern was away. The Parkhill Lodge had listed two applications - one for planning permission for a residential extension, public bar and function room; the second for licencing permission for the public bar and function room.

A long discussion followed, the council eventually deciding :-

- a. To oppose planning permission for the public bar and function room on the grounds that the already dangerous corner on Victoria Terrace, together with the blind junction with Fraser Place, would be compounded by the futher hazard of increased traffic exiting the Parkhill Lodge.

This was proposed by I.Dow, seconded by L.McKay.

Opposed by D.Bailey. A vote was taken, motion passed with one dissention.

- b. To oppose the licencing application on the grounds that Kemnay already has two public bars, and a futher one would only lead to the deterioration in the standards of the Parkhill, and would be undesirable to the local residents from a nuisance viewpoint. This was proposed by L.McKay, seconded by Mrs.Forbes and passed without dissent.

ACTION *** Mrs.S.Milton &
Mrs.M.Wainman

8. Any Other Competent Business.(AOCE)

As the meeting was extended by 15 minutes to fully discuss the previous matters, AOCE was held over until the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 27th June 1979. Reminder that a vote is to be taken on continuing the meetings on the last Thursday in the month.

MEETING ENDED.