

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING on THURSDAY 26th MARCH 1998

Present: Mrs M Wainman, Mr B Wainman, Mrs J Campbell, Dr J Piggins, Mrs G Hinton, Mr D Evans, Mrs J Newberry, Mr A Davies

Also present: Cllr A Leitch, Mr I Gabriel, Mr T Mitchell, Mr P Smith, Mr N Singfield, Mrs W Singfield, Mrs S Waters

Apologies: Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr L Shrago

1 Mr Wainman welcomed everybody

3 Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Mr D Evans, seconded Mrs M Wainman.

4 Matters arising from Minutes

Mr P Smith of Scottish Sculpture Workshop thanked Community Council for interest shown at the presentation. They are now in process of getting Planning Permission to go ahead with work - a triangular shaped mound with viewing platform at top. Hopefully he can get something into Newsletter.

Mr D Evans asked about Planning Gain Seminars arranged by Garioch Council Forum - we are awaiting rescheduled date of second one.

4a Mr B Wainman introduced Mr I Gabriel and Mr T Mitchell of Aberdeenshire Roads Dept. Mr Gabriel reported on proposed Pay & Display parking charges to be introduced in Inverurie. There had been many public meetings and consultations and Formal Consultation was now going ahead, comprising of Statutory Consultation and Public Consultation for 28 days (13th March - 17th April). He assured us that charges were being introduced for traffic management and economic reasons and hoped they would lead to better use of parking spaces. Any future increases in charges would need to go through consultation process. Mrs M Wainman asked whether weekend and holiday parking facilities at Academy would be signposted.

Mr T Mitchell confirmed that 30mph sign being re-sited further from village should result in drivers being more aware of speed limit. The traffic calming measures are in progress and new bridge is now finished, though still awaits resurfacing work. Mrs M Wainman asked whether kerb outside Village Hall could be levelled when Aquithie Road resurfacing is done - Mr Mitchell noted this. Mrs Newberry was concerned about Bremner Way entrance to proposed new development behind Burnett Arms - Mr Mitchell stated that junctions had to meet standards. Mrs Wainman was concerned about cobbled areas on Bremner Way pavement - these were difficult to walk on and people tended to walk on soil either side. Mr Singfield expressed concern about access road to new Kirkstyle development and thought traffic calming measures and bollards at Fraser Place end should be put in place to deter speeding.

Mr Wainman thanked Mr Gabriel and Mr Mitchell for coming along.

5 **Unfinished Business** Mr Wainman reported that *bus timetable* displays were now in place, but as yet no times - we will write to Transport Dept for more info.

Village Orderly Further meetings had taken place but as yet no final decision.

Public Hearing (re Kirkstyle development) on 14th April at 10am in Village Hall.

Commemorative Lamp There were no objections to moving lamp to High Street but we need to ascertain who will pay for this work.

Safety surfaces at park- Cllr Leitch will bring this up at Council meeting again.

Broken Glass in park - perhaps this was something Village Orderly could help with.

Mr Evans had received enquiry about availability of industrial site in Kemnay - Cllr Leitch said Council had identified need for light industrial units in area.

6 Correspondence received

Kemnay Boys Club re Rubbish Collection - they were unable to help.
Northern Light magazine re squirrel survey.

7 Chairman's Annual Report - was handed out.

8 Financial Statement & Adoption

This was proposed by Dr J Piggins and seconded by Mrs M Wainman.

9 New Business Mrs Newberry asked whether 'NO ENTRY' painted on Bank corner had had effect - cars were still going wrong way up High Street.

10 Aberdeenshire News Cllr Leitch reported that budget was now fixed and there would be structure and staff reviews. He gave out Grampian Police Crimestoppers number to report non-emergencies - this would be put in Newsletter. Mr Evans was concerned about reports of parking charges proposed at ARI. Cllr Leitch will take this up and we will write.

11 Planning Applications There were four, one to alter & extend office/conservatory/change of use to garden ground/erect house & garage (previous application had been for two houses) at Dalmadilly using original steading stones.

12 AOCB

Mrs Hinton asked whether park gates on Victoria Terrace could be removed as they did not shut and had no use now that barrier was in place.

13 Next meeting on Thursday 30th April.

Addendum to Agenda 26 March 1998

SEPA telephone call (6/3/98)

I spoke to Derek Johnston of SEPA to clarify the soak-away position at Kirkstyle and he told me that whilst SEPA promotes BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (the use of ponds, soak-aways, etc where feasible) to avoid discharge into water course - they have no final jurisdiction.

The developer has dug trial pits to test efficiency of soak-aways and needs to meet NOSWA and Roads Department standards, as they (NOSWA & Roads) will then adopt and maintain public area soak-aways. Individual soak-aways are to be maintained by tenants.

JACKIE CAMPBELL

PROPOSED ADOPTION

SECONDED

SIGNED

*John Main
Sculpture Workshop*

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
26th MARCH 1998**

The Office Bearers were elected at the meeting on 24th April 1997 when I was accorded the honour of becoming Chairman and thus it falls to me to write this report. I succeeded Mrs S Milton who during her years as Chairman filled the position with understanding and dignity - a hard act to follow.

The Council has met on the last Thursday of each month with the exceptions of July, August and December and there has been a good attendance of Councillors at each meeting and a fair number of the general public were attracted sometimes.

It has been a year when there has been several quite lengthy papers from Aberdeenshire Council asking for comments, eg Providing Local Services locally, Countryside Access and one from the Police. It takes a considerable time for such documents to be circulated to all our members and not always is sufficient time allowed.

Cllr D Evans has continued his invaluable work in scrutinising planning applications and giving us his expert advice on their likely impact on village life.

The Council received a request to intercede on behalf of the Boys Football Club to make more football pitches available to them. It was decided to instigate a review of the number of teams wishing to play in Kemnay and the number of pitches with changing facilities which could accommodate them. There seems to have been a satisfactory outcome for the time being at least.

Another partially successful story concerns the boggy area at the end of Bremner Way between the road and Lawrences property. Meetings were held on site with Aberdeenshire Council officials, Bob Davies the environmentalist and Community Council members. The outcome is that a group of volunteers under the leadership of Ellice Milton have agreed that a nature reserve type of wetland area is the best way forward and we look forward to developments in due course.

There are four sites in the village where housing developments seem likely and the Community Council has expressed interest in each of them. The large development is likely to be at Kirkstyle Farm where AB Farquhar of Huntly is the appointed developer. The Council were

addressed by Bob Beattie of Farquhars who explained their proposals. Councillors were most concerned about the plans to dispose of surface water in soakaways in individual gardens and this situation remains to be resolved.

The further development of the site at Milton Meadows by Malcolm Allan was the subject of a Public Enquiry held in the Village Hall and the Reporter is yet to make his determination known.

Arising from these and the other developments has been the question of so called Planning Gain - compensation paid for the loss of amenity caused by the development. The Community Council have been unable to determine who decides on the level of this and how it is to be spent. A further problem has arisen over the question of affordable housing both for purchase and rent - again who fixes the number of units and in which development they are to be built. Aberdeenshire Council Central Division has inaugurated a Community Council Forum to which Community Councils, Community Associations and Rural Associations may send delegates and these planning questions have been aired and it is anticipated that answers may surface.

In our November Newsletter it was suggested that a Village Orderly could provide a very useful service in Kennay. The idea was endorsed by the Community Council and it has been adopted by Aberdeenshire Council officials. We are hopeful of a happy outcome.

Finally, may I thank my fellow Councillors for their support and I hope the rest will not be offended if I single out Jackie Campbell, our Secretary, and Dr Jim Piggins, my stand in.

Tahn Mann
Finn Hoff

KEMNAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1998

RECEIPTS (please specify)	£	PAYMENTS (please specify)	£
NIL		27.3.97 Clou in off Secretary received	29 - 06
		17.4.97 - CBS Kemnay/Bonnyrigg Assoc	250 - 00
		22.6.97 - CBS Protection of Rural Structures Association	10 - 00
		2.7.97 - OSG FU WHIMMAN (MANSIE)	47 - 07
		14.10.97 - CBS WILKIE & MARZ (SUBS)	68 - 05
		14.10.97 - OSG FU WHIMMAN	11 - 75
		20.3.98 - OSL Public Company (KEMNAY)	93 - 69

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CONTRIBUTION FROM GORON D.C. COUNCIL	400 - 00
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	338 - 00
Interest JAN 97 - 2 MARCH 198	7 - 16
Opening Balance	198 - 40
Closing Overdraft	—
	£ 943 - 15

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ending 31/3/98	529 - 62
Closing Balance	413 - 53
Opening Overdraft	—
	£ 943 - 15

Certified Correct
Alan Calder (TREASURER)

Date 26th March 1998

* drawn CBS - cancelled