

KENNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 1986 IN KENNAY ACADEMY

Present: Mr Bailey, Mrs Shrago, Mr Cumming, Mr Pashley, Mr Wainman, Mr Evans, Mr Stephen, Mr Murray

Apologies: Mrs Milton

Attending: Cllr McLean, Cllr Wainman, Mr J Duffus and Mr G Downie (members of the public), Mrs Cobb (Press)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the members of the public for attending. He told the meeting that he had hoped that more members of the public would have attended in view of the additional item at the end of the Agenda.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There was one amendment:- in 12(c) on the last page, amendment to read:- "Mr Murray asked when the next Budget comes into being that consideration should be given to this suggestion. The item will be put on the Agenda for the February meeting". Proposed adoption: D Evans, Seconded: A Murray.

R. Regional News. This was taken out of order at the request of Councillor McLean. The salt and sand for Parkhill has been dealt with between the Roads and Water Services Departments.

The flooding problem in Victoria Terrace had been brought to the attention of both the Roads and Water Services Committees and this will first of all have a minimum remedy, the section of the old pipe at the bottom of Parkhill will be opened up, hopefully before the end of March. At the same time plans will be prepared for an application for a Flood Prevention Scheme which is quite a major project as this has to go to the Scottish Office. Mr Murray asked whether there was likely to be any charge on the adjacent land-owners when there would be no benefit to them. Councillor McLean said that contributions will be invited and it will be up to the people concerned if they wish to contribute. Mr Downie felt that Mr Stephen and himself had suffered from the flooding for a long period of time, and should be compensated rather than asked to contribute. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor McLean for all his help in setting wheels in motion for the Flood Prevention Order. The Chairman asked Mr Downie and Mr Stephen to let the Community Council know if things improve.

Councillor McLean then mentioned the Safety Meeting at Kennay Primary School on the 27th January and said that the traffic in High Street is being looked at.

The question of Parking in High Street (additional item on the Agenda) was then discussed. A copy of a letter from the Divisional Roads Surveyor was read out. The Chairman said he had spoken to the traders and the general feeling was that if double yellow lines were put down the south side of the High Street they will be ignored just as the ones outside the butchers shop are. Councillor McLean said he had spoken to Mr Mitchell and what he had been told did not tally with the letter. Mr Wainman felt it was useless making further restrictions if they could not be enforced. The bus was felt to be a problem because when it is parked the road is impassable to other traffic.

The feeling was that the proper place for a bus stance should be on the corner of Bremner Way and Aquithie Road. The Chairman had seen the High Street blocked for ten minutes in the late afternoon. Councillor McLean suggested that perhaps a one-way approach to the village from the Grove Road end might help to alleviate the problem. Mr Cumming agreed with Mr Wainman and said it was astounding to see vehicles parked every which way in the mornings, on the yellow lines and on the pavements. Surely someone should come along occasionally to enforce the restrictions, but no-one ever does. Mr Murray said that even if the yellow lines were enforced the Disabled would still be able to park outside the Surgery and when the bus came it would still cause an obstruction. The Chairman said that Dr Todd had told him he would not mind parking restrictions outside the Surgery. It was felt that a good solution might be to make High Street one-way from the Grove Road end and that the bus should come in through High Street and out through Station Road. Opinion to be canvassed in High Street to see what they feel - questionnaire to be prepared for the Newsletter by Mr Wainman and Mr Pashley. The new bus stop to be as near as possible to High Street, possibly just beyond Clydesdale Bank in Station Road.

Councillor McLean said he wanted to know what valid objections there were to the scheme. Mr Murray suggested we write to Mr Mitchell and say we are not in favour of the double yellow lines for various reasons and we will be submitting proposals in due course. Secondly in the Newsletter make a statement that no response to the Questionnaire will be taken as agreement. Proposed: A Murray, Seconded: F W Wainman, no dissent.

Mr Pashley said that a lot of car transporters and gravel lorries have been coming down the High Street. The meeting was told that some years ago the Community Council had asked for a weight-limit to be imposed on traffic using the High Street. Mr Wainman said that if the kerbstones were made a reasonable height it would deter people from parking on the pavement.

Mrs Shrager asked Councillor McLean how well the money allocated for snow clearance in the region was lasting. The meeting was told that £3.1 million was allocated for snow clearance, and so far about £1 million had been spent. There is no fear that if the money is exhausted the work will stop. In the future the Region will be budgeting for a higher figure for winter maintenance to make sure that the Budget will not be exhausted. Mr Murray asked whether it was true that salt was being omitted in future and that roads were just going to be ploughed and gritted. Councillor McLean said that to the best of his knowledge this was not so.

Mrs Shrager asked about the progress of the pavement in Paradise Road. Councillor McLean to check into this for the next meeting. Mr Murray asked about the Midmill deceleration lane. The meeting was told that this is a traffic road scheme and is paid for by the S.P.D. the scheme has been prepared and it is in the list of schemes costing under £100,000 which is programmed for when money is available. Mr Murray told Councillor McLean that there was another accident at this junction on the 15th December involving two cars, to which the Police were called. Councillor McLean to investigate. Councillor McLean left the meeting early in the hope that the roads back to Alford would not be too icy!

3.(a) Bye-Election for the members of the Council. Mrs Shrager read out Mrs Patterson's letter tendering her resignation due to family commitments. The Chairman felt that the Community Council should be

as potent and forceful as possible. He felt it did not do the Council any good to be down to small numbers and also that many of us were incomers to Scotland. He would rather like to see an election for the vacant seats and a programme of encouragement to get people to stand for these seats. A Bye-Election was proposed by F W Wainman, Seconded: A Murray. Carried unanimously. The Chairman suggested a date be selected after the A.G.M., probably the second or third week in April. The Secretary to approach Mr Whitely to be Returning Officer. Friendship House to be booked in case there needs to be an election.

3(b) Mr Evans reported on the Small Bore Rifle Club visit. The Planning Permission had in fact been granted. Mr Evans had been quite reassured about the safety aspect of the Range. Both sides of the Range will be walled and there will be a 4' bund round it. The Permission will be for one year and if there are any problems it will be reviewed after this period.

3(c) Proposals for the next Budget - Daffodil Bulb Planting. Deferred to the next Meeting.

3(d) Discussion on building sites outside the present planning boundary. Matters were discussed at some length and it was decided to write to the District Planning Office and explain that the position of the Kemnay Community Council was one of total opposition to the proposals.

4. Unfinished Business. None.

5. Correspondence Received. Letter from Mrs Milton thanking Community Council for bouquet of flowers was read to the meeting. Letter from Gordon District Council Planning Department re Berrydale, High Street was read out.

6. New Business - none.

7. District News. Councillor Wainman told the meeting that the Library and the Toilet are well on the way to being completed. It is anticipated that February/March will be the opening date for both.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported seven in all. One of interest was Messrs Pearce who had applied for outline permission for a one and a half storey house at Rosehall, Aquithie Road.

Mr Wainman mentioned the fact that Mr Lawrence and Mr Bain had between them bought the last industrial site in the village. Perhaps we should try and designate a site within the village boundary to be used as an industrial site in the future. Mr Wainman mentioned that Mr McDonald of Rim Fabrications had an application in for an industrial site up Leschangie Way. This was to rebuild the house and also build workshops for his business. Mr Wainman said we had run out of industrial sites in Kemnay. The Chairman mentioned the ~~Kemnay~~ Quarry site which was zoned for industrial use. This was felt to be a good idea for a future industrial site. *NOT ZONED IMU*

10. A.G.C.B. Mr Evans mentioned that Mrs Shrago had asked him to enquire about the special ultra-violet pen and punch-die kit that could be used to mark bicycles and other property. Mrs Shrago had thought that the Inverurie Police had such a kit but in fact it would seem that Kintore Community Council had purchased one and offered to loan it out to other communities. He had been trying to get in touch with Kintore Community Council's Mrs Chrystall, but had been unsuccessful so far. If we do borrow this kit we will then have to decide how to use it.

11. The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th February 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.25 p.m. and the Chairman again thanked the members of the public for attending.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: