

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 1989 **1988**

Present: Mr Bailey, Mrs Milton, Mrs Shrago, Mr Christie, Mr Sutherland, Mr Pashley, Mrs A Erown, Mrs T Brown, Mr S Yates, Mr L Brown, Mr P Stock, Mr Wainman, Miss Christie, Mr Moir, Mr Cumming, Mr Evans, Mr Murray, Mr Downie

Attending: Cllr McLean, Cllr Wainman, Mr M Power (member of the public)

Apologies: Mrs J Spurgeon

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the last full meeting of the Council before the change of personnel. The apologies were read.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Passed with no amendments. Proposed adoption: Mr Wainman. Seconded: Mrs Milton. No dissent. The Chairman welcomed everyone who had stood for election to the new Community Council.

3. The Chairman read his report of the Village Meeting held on Sunday 6th March. He thanked the local people for advertising the event which was attended by over 60 people. Topics discussed were:-

Roads:- The state of the road surfaces, flooding; the one-way system in the High Street; litter; parking facilities in the area of the Pleasure Park and library; toilets by the Pavilion.

Buses:- It was felt the bus stance was not in the right position! Neither were there enough buses running to Inverurie, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights and also Sunday mornings for swimming.

Housing:- More large houses for families of more than 4 people were needed. Questions were asked about the Glebe Lane and whether an Old People's home should be built.

Industrial:- More jobs should be brought into the village.

Paradise Green:- Lack of seats.

Police:- A lot of discussion about the role of the Police. Agreement that there was not enough Community Police work carried out in the area. The Answerphone also came under discussion. Road state information should be more readily available. Speeding in the Village. Dogs also came up for discussion - possible dog warden.

General facilities that seemed to be missing:- Baker's shop, sports shop, telephone boxes in the right places, summer disco. When the school is closed facilities for young people are non-existent.

Everyone present at the meeting was for the pursuit of a Swimming Pool in Kemnay. AGENDA ITEM next meeting. The Chairman thanked all the Community Councillors who attended and especially David Evans for his presentation of the District Plan. Also thanks to Janine Fooks-Bale who had recently moved, for her help with the catering and also putting up the posters.

4. Unfinished Business. None

5. Correspondence received. Mr Evans had received a reply from

Pyfes re Environmental improvement scheme. They are unable to help at the moment.

6. Chairman's Report. This was read and a copy is attached hereto. Proposed: Mrs Shrago, seconded: Mr Evans.

7. Financial Statement. Mr Cumming said that the books had been audited by Mr Low as usual. Last year we carried forward £171.06. Gordon District grant was £328.29 making a total income of £499.35. Outlay during the year was £317.30. A balance of £174.05 brought forward. £7.28 and £17.20 were paid out at the AGM and the actual balance is £146.58. The Treasurer explained where the expenses go during the year. Mr Cumming was thanked for all his trouble over the last three years. Moved adoption: Mr Wainman, Seconded: Mr Murray. Passed no dissent.

8. New Business: The meeting was told that nominations for the new Kemnay Community Council closed at Midday on Monday 21st March. The Secretary read the list of 15 candidates signed by Mr Duffus as returning officer. It was decided to keep the meetings on the last Thursday of each month.

9. District News. Cllr Wainman said the piece of flooded land in Bremner way had been reported to Technical Services and the problem pointed out. The repainting of the tennis courts had been finished. The District Council will have responsibility for reinstating the surrounding fence. Hopefully the Courts will be ready for play within a week or so.

10. Regional News. Cllr McLean said that the Police House is to be re-furbished and an Officer will then be moving in.

11. Planning Applications. Nine between 19th February and 24th March. With regard to an application by the Park Pavilion Committee the Chairman to be invited to the next CC meeting. Mr Evans to bring a large-scale map to the meeting. AGENDA ITEM next meeting - car parking facilities in the vicinity of the Pleasure Park. All councillors to look at the site before the meeting.

Application by Ian J Forbes, Dalriach, Kemnay for change of use. In 1984 a new house was erected subject to a Section 50 agreement whereby the old farmhouse would not be used for a dwellinghouse. The present application was to reinstate the old farmhouse for living purposes. This was discussed at length and it was decided to take no action.

12. A.O.C.B. (a) It was mentioned that after September there will be only one lady doctor instead of the four at present. The Secretary asked for permission to write to the Surgery and ask for an increase in the number of lady doctors after September.

(b) Mr Moir suggested that with any spare money the Council might put up a welcome sign at the entrance to the Village. He suggested it read "Kemnay welcomes careful drivers". Cllr McLean said the sign is due for renewal and he would see what could be done.

(c) Mr Christie mentioned the rubbish that is left along the road-sides, especially along the Lechangie Road. Old cars, fireplaces, three-piece suites etc. He asked whether anything could be done to improve the situation. He said that if the District cannot help we should try and get volunteers. Mention was again made of an Anti-Litter Poster competition that might be sponsored by the Community Council. Cllr Wainman said Gordon District has this in hand and all Community Councils will be contacted in due course.

AGENDA ITEM next meeting.

(d) Mrs Milton proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the way he has kept us in order and asked for our opinions. Mr Wainman proposed a vote of thanks to those members of the present Council who will not be on the next Council.

(e) Mr Evans mentioned the Crime Prevention Panel who are to sponsor a Poster Competition. Mr Wainman proposed a £5 donation, seconded by Mrs Milton. Unanimous.

(f) Mr Evans said that as unleaded petrol is to be cheaper than leaded Mr Lawrence should be approached to see if he would put in a pump. Proposed Mr Pashley, seconded Mr Murray. AGENDA ITEM next meeting.

13. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m. Next meeting to be Thursday 28th April 1988.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL 1987-88 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I sat down to write my Chairman's Annual Report for this last year of the 4th Kemnay Community Council, I spent some time looking back over the minutes of our meetings. Whilst concentrating on our last year, I also looked at the minutes of our first two years. I think that it is important to maintain the overall view. I asked myself the question 'What have we achieved?'

If you take the short-term view of a month by month progress report, then only occasionally does some item show a sudden and marked improvement. Most often it needs the medium term or long term view to show the contrast between the then and now, the before and after.

Two items of long term attention have been resolved. The Hye Drive road junction with the A96 now has a large roundabout to ease the traffic flow. This had been the subject of pressure from numerous sources, as well as our Community Council. The sliproad turn off at Midhill from the A96 is now well underway and should be completed within the next two months. The input for both these items was taken up on our behalf by our Regional Councillor, and our thanks go to him for pressing them home.

Matters affecting roads, both in and out of the village, seem to have taken up a high proportion of our time over the last year. The most noticeable change within the village must be the introduction of the one way system in the High Street in response to our survey. This was carried out through our page in the Community Association Newsletter. After a few months of settling in, and a few red faces (including mine!) the scheme seems to be working well and appears to have solved the serious congestion problems that used to be quite common, particularly when the bus stopped opposite the Medical Centre.

The appearance of the new bus stop by the car park has already aroused comment. It may well be resited, and hopefully co-located with the bus shelter this time! At the request of a number of residents of Paradise Road, application was made for a full-length pavement. The results are coming along for all to see. At the same time the opportunity was taken to improve the drains along the road to prevent 'backing-up' that had been reported. Whilst on the subject of drains, it seems quite likely that the Victoria Terrace Canal has been finally drained. The works undertaken by the Grampian Regional Council at our request have at last paid off. This has been a long-standing item, and it gives a good deal of satisfaction to report success in the end. Even the manhole cover has been relevelled.

Success of a different sort normally comes the way of Kemnay in the 'Scotland in Bloom' competition. Last year we were awarded a 'Commended' - we have done better. To help to improve our chances this year, a large number of bulbs have been planted at the Victoria Terrace end of the village, courtesy of the Gordon District Council and with the nimble green

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fingers of the Kemnay Gardening Club: in particular, Hugh Cumming, George McFarlane and Mr. W. Gordon. As these flowers are for all to admire, it is hoped that they will not fall to visiting pixies. If you see pixies at work, please ask them politely to pick somewhere else! The blue portacabin which used to catch the eye coming into the village has kindly been removed by the householder, and other areas in the village which may need perking up are receiving attention. The ground on the corner of Bremner Way, opposite Kendal Road, has been landscaped and roses planted. Similarly the open ground at the back of St. John's Gardens has been improved. The Community Council has written to the St. Machar Development Company, owners of the site, asking them to tidy up the vacant plot just off Aquithie Road. The Gordon District has finally agreed to take over Paradise Green, so with a little imagination a nice layout could be on the way. This is an unashamed hint to those in positions of power! This year let us do really well in the 'Scotland in Bloom' competition!

A slightly unusual item came up for attention last spring, that of the Riverside Walk. The route proposed in the previous District Plan was at long last being laid out. Two different views on the line to be taken by the path were raised by residents of Kembhill Park. An April site meeting was organised by the Community Council, involving officials from Gordon District Council, our District Councillor, and all interested parties. It rained and rained and at least the suggestion that the path might be washed away was demonstrated to be unlikely! Although the line suggested by Kemnay Community Council was not adopted, at least everyone had the chance to air their views as well as their wellies and brollies!

The March meeting was attended by Chief Inspector Mackie and Sgt. Downie of the Police, and the May meeting by Inspector Duguid. It was generally agreed that a police attendance at perhaps two Community Council meetings each year would be a good move and I hope that this suggestion will be actioned by the new Kemnay Community Council when they take up office. The Police have been worried over the last year about house and car security in our area. The habit of leaving both house and cars unlocked more and more often invites unwelcome attention. The message is 'if you value it, take proper care and lock it up!'

The Police Ansafone came in for a lot of criticism and representations were made by us to the Police requesting a call transfer system. Kemnay Community Council offered to pay the initial fee of £100 and also pay the first quarterly charge of £25. The call transfer system would enable you to dial the Kemnay Police Station and always be able to talk to the police, either directly, or have your call automatically put through to a manned police station if Kemnay was unoccupied. Despite being a sensible and popular solution to a difficult problem (from the point of view of us - the public) the police informed us that this was not in keeping with current policy, and would set a precedent. I suspect that this will be a recurring item on the agenda of future Kemnay Community Councils until a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

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In March this year the 1988 Village Meeting was held. A separate report on that meeting will be given, but the response from over 60 people, young and old, who attended was very encouraging, and the guidelines have been laid down for following Kennay Community Councils to use as previous Councils have used the 1979 Village Meeting.

Kennay City Council is the bottom rung of the local government ladder, and relies heavily on the goodwill of its members. We have no 'teeth' and little funding. What we do have, however, is an enthusiasm to fairly represent our community. We rely on the support of our District and Regional Councillors in particular, and would find life much more difficult without their support, and from time to time, their advice.

I have enjoyed my three years as Chairman, and I am proud to have had the support of my fellow councillors. I should particularly like to thank David Evans for his work in researching the planning applications, as well as his help, together with Janina Fookes-Bale, in organising the Village Meeting with me. Hugh Cumming has been his usual cheerful self guarding our funds, and I must thank Susan Milton, our vice-chairman, for deputising for me when I have been unable to attend. Mrs. Sandy Shrago must go down as the most patient of secretaries, and she has been sorely tried at times. Our thanks also go to our outgoing councillors for taking trouble over the last three years to represent Kennay.

Our next meeting will be the first of the 5th Kennay Community Council, and there will be new faces as well as familiar ones. The meeting is at Kennay Academy at 7.30 p.m. the last Thursday in the month, the 28th April. All are welcome, so come along and join in.

DAVID BAILEY  
Chairman  
Kennay Community Council.

The following nominations have been received and accepted for the next Kennay Community Council.

1. Mrs. Sandra Cynthia Shrago, 35 Paradise Road, Kennay
2. Mr. Frederick William Wainman, Blythewood, High Street, Kennay
3. Mr. David Bailey, Rosebank Cottage, Glenhead, Kennay
4. Mr. Peter John Stock, Kerall, Church Lane, Kennay
5. Mr. David Evans, Oaklands, Parkhill, Kennay
6. Mr. Norman Noir, 1 Gordon Road, Kennay
7. Mr. Eric Pashley, Mither Tap, Paradise Road, Kennay
8. Mr. Hugh Fraser Cumming, 21 St. John's Gardens, Kennay
9. Mrs. Susan Leticia Milton, Kennay House, Kennay
10. Mrs. Anne Penelope Robertson Brown, 2 Donview Road, Kennay
11. Mrs. George Downie, Ardvenc, Parkhill, Kennay
12. Mrs. Tina Brown, 58 Paradise Road, Kennay
13. Mr. Leslie T. Brown, 95 Kembhill Park, Kennay
14. Mrs. Judith Caroline Spurgeon, 85 Kembhill Park, Kennay
15. Mr. Stuart Malcolm Yates, 79 Kembhill Park, Kennay