

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Malcolm Edwards, Annie Ferries, Bob Ingram, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri.

1. Apologies: David Evans, John Hern, Ian Murray.
2. Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed those present.
3. Police matters: There being no police presence, there was no report. However, it was agreed to remind our CBO about the recurring problems concerning parking in the High Street and Station Road, and also petty vandalism outside both Primary Schools, although Alehousewells in particular, and the Family Resource Centre.
4. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2009 was proposed by Eric Pashley, seconded by Bob Ingram and unanimously approved.
5. Question Time: There were no members of the public present.
6. Matters Arising from Minutes:
 - a) Place of Origin: It was suggested that a representative from Greenbelt be invited to attend a Community Council meeting to answer questions on the upkeep of the Place of Origin. Aggregate Industries would also be requested to investigate the maintenance of the tracks up the hill.
 - b) Double Yellow Lines: The request for double yellow lines outside the church will be dealt with, although new lines require a complex process of approval. Assurances have been given that the lines on Bogbeth Road will be reinstated when the final surface has been applied. If this is to take a long time, temporary lines will be put in place.
7. Planning matters and applications:
 - a) Planning Reform: Pre-determination hearings have taken place and appear to be working.
 - b) New Applications: There was nothing controversial. It was agreed to write in support of the application for the car sales site at Aquithie Road.
 - c) Amendments to Planning Applications: Neighbour notification of amendments would still be at the discretion of the planning officer.
8. Community Planning:
 - a) Possible visit by Jill Sowden: It was agreed to issue an invitation to Jill Sowden to talk about Community Planning.
9. GACCF:
 - a) Mini-grill: Several Community Councillors wished to attend.

10. Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: It was agreed that on 5 December the lights should be switched on. Collecting boxes were to be placed in several shops in the village after the Poppy Day appeal was over. Malcolm Edwards and Bob Ingram volunteered to assist with making ready and erecting the lights.

11. Report from Safety Group Representative: A significant amount of alcohol has been seized from young people gathered on Bennachie and various locations along the Don. Police are pursuing premises which sell alcohol to young people. Police held Street Sports in various places during the October holiday. They are also running initiatives with young people in the areas of crime reduction and safe use of fireworks. The tree which was blown across the path in Fetternear has now been cleared.

12. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: It is hoped to have the fitness suite at the Academy available by Christmas. The Youth Café unfortunately failed to get a grant from the Regeneration Fund. The cost of the Kindergym has increased by 50p a session to £2.50. All classes offered at the recent enrolment will take place.

13. New Business:

a) Community Council Budget: As the Project Grant has been discontinued and the funds re-allocated, this year's budget will be £777.

b) ASCC Ballot: The ballot paper was completed. It was agreed to oppose the election of the proposed chairman, secretary and treasurer, to agree to the election of the proposed vice-chairman and to support both motions proposed by Community Councils. It was also agreed not to vote in favour of the Articles of Association of ASCC Ltd.

c) Shaping Aberdeenshire: This event was to be held in Meldrum Academy on 17 November. Several Community Councillors expressed their intention of attending.

d) Lowered Kerbing in Fyfe Park: This was in train as was the lowered kerbing in Bremner Way.

e) Litter: It was agreed that, sadly, little could be done about the polystyrene cartons which schoolchildren abandon between fast food outlets and Kemnay Academy.

f) Allotments: There was no mechanism for requiring maintenance of allotments.

g) ASCC Local meeting: Attendance had been poor. Discussion had centred on planning issues. Isabel Page, our local ASCC representative, had indicated her intention to resign from that position.

h) Bogbeth Road: There had been various problems with mud on the road and muddy detours. The developers had stated that the road would be complete by the end of November.

i) Bus Forum: There was to be another meeting to gather feedback on the timetable which had come into effect on 26 October.

j) Youth Café: There would be a meeting in the Café for Kintore residents who were interested in knowing how the Youth Café impacted on local residents. The Chairman and Janet Newberry agreed to attend if possible.

k) Phone Boxes: BT plans to remove the phone from the red phone box in Burnett Road. For £1, ownership could be transferred to local residents who could then use the box for any purpose of their own. Anyone interested was to contact the KCC Secretary.

14. Unfinished Business:

- a) KCC – Can we do our business better: There was general regret that Community Councils had no powers, but were largely conduits of communication.
- b) Opening Hours of Crèche and Library: Unless there could be shown to be a number of people wanting these to coincide, the opening hours would not change.
- c) ASCC Membership: It was agreed to opt for scrapping of the block membership.
- d) ASCC Conference: One member was considering attending.

15. Aberdeenshire news: The river path had been washed away in the recent floods. Repair would be very costly. SEPA was monitoring closely the working of the rendering plant at Kintore and would not give an operating licence unless the process passed SEPA's testing procedures.

16. Correspondence:

- a) Flood Warning Scheme: It was agreed to ask someone to attend the February meeting and explain the scheme. The choice of February would allow time for publicity.
- b) Northern Community Justice Authority Consultation: No-one wished to attend.
- c) Kemnay Golf Club Licence: There were no objections.
- d) Other communications: The following were also received:

Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland flyer;

Planning Aid flyer;

Richard Baker Newsletter;

SEPA view;

Community Councillor News Sheet;

Sports Council Newsletter;

OSCR Report.

17. AOCB: It was pointed out that the Bogbeth Park sign at the entrance to the park was lying on the ground. Aberdeenshire Council was to be informed.