

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MARCH 2004
AT 7.30 PM IN THE WAINMAN ROOM
KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL**

1. Welcome

Present – Sheila Taylor, Chris Hunneyball, Susan Milton, Pat Findlater, Alistair Thomson, Alan Davies, Hazel Al-Kowarri, David Evans, Andy Hinton, Mavis Wainman, Janet Newberry, Bill Blackwood, Jim Piggins & Roger Dunham.
Attending – Cllr Alister Leitch & Sgt Munro of Grampian Police

2. Apologies for absence – Iain Morgan, Cllr Gurudeo Saluja

3. Minute of Annual General Meeting held on 27th March 2003

Adoption Proposed Susan Milton Seconded David Evans

4. Chairman's Report

Adoption Proposed Mavis Wainman Seconded Alan Davies

5. Appointment of Auditors – Clydesdale Bank

Adoption Proposed Susan Milton Seconded Bill Blackwood

6. Financial Statement – Subject to an independent audit.

Adoption Proposed Jim Piggins Seconded Susan Milton

7. AOCB – nothing raised.

Kemnay Community Council

A.G.M. 25th March 2004

Chairman's Report

This year we have been fortunate in having a full complement of members on the Community Council, and have appreciated the experience and fresh look the new members have brought with them. One of their earliest suggestions was to have a training session so that they had a better idea of what their role actually was, and this took place later in the year, as did a briefing on planning matters. Both sessions were undoubted successes, and they will be repeated when necessary.

The Community Council agenda has not been dominated by any particular topic recently, but that does not mean that there has not been a good deal happening.

Over the last few years the Local Plan has been a major issue, but this year it has faded somewhat into the background not because we want to do nothing further about it, but only because it has been delayed for legal reasons. We were somewhat surprised to learn the extent of the legal problems which, apart from delaying the process, have cost the taxpayer a not inconsiderable sum of money. We still intend to be represented, particularly to comment on the development off Bogbeth Road and the proposed industrial site at the entrance to the village. Precognitions will be submitted when the dates for the hearing are finally known.

We were unable to find any suitable entries for the Aberdeenshire Design Awards Competition, but we again this year entered the Calor Gas Competition for the Scottish Community of the Year Award. Although we received a certificate of participation, unfortunately we did not receive any feedback as to how the entries were judged, and we did not receive a prize.

An Area Partnership is being developed, initially concentrating on youth issues. Mavis has been representing Kemnay.

At various meetings we were addressed by Mr Bob Rose, who guided us through Aberdeenshire Council's landscaping plans and priorities; Ms Marion Rothwell on 50+ skills, Mr Chris Fremantle on the progress of the Point of Origin, and Mr John Whittall on the Fetternear Trust. Mr Whittall invited members of the Council to serve on his Consultative Committee, and this offer was taken up by Janet Newberry, Jim Piggins, Sheila Taylor and myself. We thank all those who gave of their time to speak to us.

A number of consultation documents have been received, and we have responded to most of them. It was, however, unfortunate that no less than three arrived over the Christmas holiday period, when full consultation was impossible, but members were good about providing input and it was possible to make comment on them. The consultations included Health Needs Assessment, Local Governance, the future of the Fire Service, Housing Needs, the Outdoor Access Code, Local Democracy, Forest Enterprise, Water Consultation Panels, Charging for Water, and Charging for Information under the Freedom of Information Act.

We have been gratified to learn that crime in Kemnay is at its lowest level for a number of

years, although vandalism remains a problem. Inspector Allen has been a regular and welcome attender of our meetings, and we have appreciated the way he has kept us fully informed of policing initiatives and problems. We were also pleased to hear that, even though the police house was not to be reopened, we were to get a neighbourhood bobby whom we could call our own.

The Community Council has not been directly involved in either the Leading Edge Skate Board Park, or the Youth Café, but we have been pleased to see that, after much discussion and fund raising efforts, both are now going ahead.

Ongoing is the problem of lack of a public toilet at Bogbeth Park. We appreciate the very considerable efforts that have been made to improve this leisure facility, but it is inevitable that, as it becomes more popular, and when the skate board park is in use, the need for public toilets will become more pressing. It is not acceptable to have the nearest convenience over a five hundred yards away.

We have been involved in other meetings, including the Safety Group, the Garioch Area Community Council Forum, the Bus Forum, and the Area Partnership. I thank those members who have given of their time to attend these, and to report back to the rest of us.

Finally, I would like to thank Councillors Leitch and Saluja, who have attended our meetings whenever their other duties permitted, for their work on our behalf. I hesitate to mention particular members of the Community Council, but feel that I cannot end without recording my thanks to David Evans, for his work on planning matters in particular, Pat Findlater for representing us on the Safety Group, Alan Davies for keeping our finances on the straight and narrow, and Sheila Taylor for being such an effective and efficient Secretary to the Council. I know full well how much time that takes. Last, but certainly not least, to Mavis Wainman, not only for being a stalwart of the Community Council, but for doing so much for the community as a whole. Our village owes her an enormous debt for everything she does.

Chris Hunneyball
Chairman

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON THE 25TH OF MARCH 2004 AT 7.30PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

A) WELCOME – CHAIRMAN’S OPENING COMMENTS

B) PRESENT - Sheila Taylor, Chris Hunneyball, Susan Milton, Pat Findlater, Alistair Thomson, Alan Davies, Hazel Al-Kowarri, David Evans, Andy Hinton, Mavis Wainman, Janet Newberry, Bill Blackwood, Jim Piggins & Roger Dunham

ATTENDING - Cllr Alister Leitch & Sgt Munro of Grampian Police

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Iain Morgan & Cllr Gurudeo Saluja

C) POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Munro represented the police on this occasion and we thanked him for attending. He informed us that since our last meeting in February, there have been 7 reports of vandalism and 11 youth disorder issues (mostly snowballs being thrown) and 2 Opportune thefts from motor vehicles. Sgt Munro asked that we highlight the opportune thefts and asks that people are vigilant and lock their cars even when parked outside their own front door and always secure your vehicle, do not be complacent or think it will never happen to me; ensure that you always secure your vehicle. He also asked that people report every instance, as it is only through reported crimes that the true picture can be seen and acted upon and with the police initiative of ‘intelligence led policing’ they need to gather as much information as possible to tackle the problems. PC Simpson is currently dealing with the concerns of the disruption at Millstone Place and Shannoch Way and he has as a priority to look at youth disorder and vandalism in Kemnay. The police are also going to be more visible in the village when a youth disco is on to reduce the likelihood of disturbance and they are working on ways to improve the situation at the Church Centre but it is a delicate balance between security lighting and illuminating the surrounding areas. Mavis advised of a potential very serious incident on the village green where some fishing line had been strung between two trees, a lady walked into this in the dark and got her husband to come and dispose of it before it caused anymore harm. Landscape services as well as the police are aware of the incident. [PLEASE NOTE I DID NOT PUT THIS IN THE NEWSLETTER AS I DID NOT WANT TO GIVE IDEAS TO OTHERS] Mavis has also used the new Police non emergency call centre (0845 600-5-700) and found them very helpful, efficient and courteous and although not manned by police officers but by civilians all the details were taken and logged.

D) GUEST SPEAKER – TOPIC SNOW CLEARING & GRITTING IN KEMNAY

Response from Aberdeenshire Council – Ian Rendall – “ I have discussed the matter of Winter Maintenance in Kemnay with my colleagues in Operations who are responsible for this area. Given the severe weather with the drifting snow hampering ploughing and gritting on the priority routes towns and villages did not receive the level of treatment,

which could be expected at other times. Copies of our Winter Maintenance leaflet, which explain our policies, are in the post. Unfortunately no one was available to address your meeting on 26 February but a member of the Operations will attend on 25 March.”

Our complaints in brief are as follows –

Lack of gritters’ full stop even on the main roads.

Lack of grit – we got tractors or snowploughs but nothing to grit the icy road.

Tractors and snow ploughs skimming off the top layer of snow and compacting the snow below making it even more treacherous and icy.

At the junction from Inverurie at the Horner, if you turned left to go to Kintore it was gritted but if you turned right to Kemnay nothing apart from a sheet of compacted snow and ice.

Days passed before even the High Street was touched by any type of snow clearing equipment as could be said for many of the main and bus routes in the village.

Most of the time the pavements have been very well dealt and only a few minor problems have occurred namely only one side of a road being cleared causing some difficulty in areas. But most annoying was after requesting and indeed the residents of Paradise Road wrote to you and collected a petition, to get the pavement plough to come along it (even though they do not have a pavement but as they receive nothing else and it is a very busy route on foot) this only happened on the one occasion which was very disappointing after it had been agreed upon by Aberdeenshire Council.

In general the service we have been provided with has deteriorated over the years but the last couple of years the state of the roads has been shocking and the implications for health and safety are very serious and a few of us are surprised that the council is not being sued by people having accidents.

Robert Gray attended our meeting and took note of all our concerns he advised us that from the whole area the most complaints received were from Kemnay and that they are going to review our situation in light of this and improve our service for next year. He pointed out that the growth of our village and the conditions this year made resources very tight and he hopes to provide us with more services next year. We pointed out that since the snowploughs and gritters are no longer based in the village our service seems to have got steadily worse. We also feel that if the council cannot provide us with adequate snow clearing and gritting facilities that the programme for local farmers to help out on routes should be extended. The council also need to take into account local knowledge when looking at the routes as certain areas ice over quickly or have poor drainage and may require more attention than others. We also asked that if the large gritters are busy clearing the main routes then the council need to look at smaller gritters for housing estates and side roads to keep them clear too.

While Mr Gray was with us, we asked a few questions on roads too.

Patching is taking place on Kendal Road but is leaving small areas in between and looks half finished why is this and why were we not informed that it was happening? –

Councillor Leitch was given a map of areas where repair work of this type is being carried out (Cllr Leitch is to take this with him for our next meeting).

Drainage issue on Paradise Road after heavy rain, water is sitting for some time.

E) MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 26TH OF FEBRUARY 2004

Adoption Proposed - Hazel Al-Kowarri Seconded - David Evans

F) QUESTION TIME –

a/ Opportunity for members of the public present to address the Community Council should they wish. - No members of the public were present this time.

b/ Nominate any matters to be raised under AOCB or for a future meeting to be recorded and timetabled

Fuel Poverty

Sale of Motor Fuel in the village

Dundas Bros – smell

Summary Justice

TRAK leaflet

G) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTE

Poor patch of repair on road to Craigearn by Scottish Water – Response from Aberdeenshire Council – Ian Rendall – “ I agree that Scottish Water have not reinstated the track on the Craigearn Road properly and confirm that they have been advised to undertake remedial work as a matter of urgency.”

War Memorial Update - now underway again and the wall and railings should be finished shortly then in the spring/summer Landscape Services will work on the garden area, replacing and putting in new plants and generally overhauling the area. We are a little bit disappointed that it is no longer a curve as it did look more pleasing to the eye and that we did not see the council’s plans before work was carried out on this area when we could have asked for the curve to be done.

H) ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS

Community Council members were advised at the GACCF that all councillors have been given a map and details of work to be carried out in their wards and so we have asked Cllr Leitch to take this with him to our next meeting to share the details with us. Cllr Leitch advised us of the double relocatable classroom unit for Kemnay Academy and told us where it would be positioned, it is a large, and modern version of a portacabin but is of high quality and will from the inside look very much like a normal classroom. The skate park continues to be built after a slight hiccup with access and then more digging than originally planned (found the old village rubbish tip), which has led to a slight change in the plan, but all is going ahead. Much praise has to go to Isobel Kendrick who has been a stalwart of this project and the fantastic fundraising of the youths of Kemnay for this project to reach this stage. The Youth Café also had a building problem when tunnels were found and part of the foundations at the rear of the building had to be back filled. It is hoped after a few problems that the youth café will open in May and once again it has been a real triumph to the young people of Kemnay who have held many fundraising events and had a great part to play in getting this project off the ground and kept the momentum going to see their idea completed. The play areas in Alehousewells are in their final phase of restoration and transformation our thanks to TRAK for their excellent work on this and the consultation they carried out on each area. Riverside walk is being repaired and the wetland area beside the Academy has been tided up and fenced. There

must be something in the water – Alistair has attended 4 100th birthdays in the village in the last year!

Questions for Alistair –

When will the broken window at the library be fixed it is now six months since this happened?

Why has the Village Centre sign changed to Town Centre?

Disappointed to learn that in the council's new signage campaign of late that they cut down a Rowan Tree on Bremner Way to put up a new signpost. Can we request that they do not do this in future?

I) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Just 4 applications since our last meeting

Relocatable Double Classroom Unit at Kemnay Academy

Dormer extension – Mr Hughes, Cairnsmore, Aquithie Road

Alter & Extension – Mr Haywood, 8 Milton View

Install ATM & Satellite Dish at Alldays, Station Road

J) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Kemnay Primary School Temporary Speed Limit** – nothing more to report on this at this moment in time. The poles and boxes for the signs are up but nothing else as yet.
- 2) **Double Yellow Lines on Victoria Terrace & Grove Road** Response from Aberdeenshire Council – Ian Rendall – “Waiting restrictions require the promotion of a Traffic Order for enforcement purposes. The process involves consultation with Grampian Police and other Statutory Bodies and advertisement in the local Press. This can take some time particularly if objections are received. However to start the ball rolling I will contact Grampian Police for their views on the matter.”
- 3) **Signs for Speed Bumps on Bremner Way** – Response from Aberdeenshire Council – Ian Rendall – warning signs now in place on Bremner Way (09/03/04).

- 4) **Road Markings – lack of white lines** – Gordon Thompson of Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dept called me with the following information – Any road of 5.5 metres width will fall within the guidelines of having a central white line. Roads, which routinely suffer from severe deterioration of the verge, will be assessed for white lines along the verge (this was done on the Kemnay to Dunecht road via Castle Fraser). Last summer (June) saw a comprehensive road marking replacement programme around the Kemnay area, with replacement on the B993 from Inverurie through Kemnay and outwards towards Monymusk as well as the B994 Midmill to Kemnay road. The Kemnay area also received a substantial junction re-marking programme of work. At this point I explain which roads I was referring to and the fact that after the white markings programme in June the roads I was referring to were subject to road patching. He assured me they would look into this and again do roads the summer months as the weather conditions allow.
- 5) **Victorian Lamppost Update** – Now repaired and fully restored the lamppost is back in the village with only one slight technical hitch (it will not light up at night) but this should be resolved very shortly. It was removed again w/c 15/03/04 to be repaired and hopefully should be back with us shortly and light up at night too.
- 6) **Aberdeenshire Local Plan Update** – nothing to report on a date for this yet as we still await the revised timetable from Aberdeenshire Council however we now have the modified plans to look over and place our objections once more and new objections can be sent in up to the 29th of April at 5pm. The Council are now making sure everything is correct and that they have dotted every i and crossed every t. Due to possible differences in computer set ups and applications for maps the plan is not available on the web just in case it can be interpreted in a different way than the written plan. Changes in the modified plan are as follows – Cairngorm National Park, Wind farms and Renewable Energy, Listed and Conservation areas now detailed. The school catchment area has been amended to Kemnay for the planning gain. Table 4 20 houses 2006-2010 in addition to the 60 houses in 2000-2005. Small change to site A and site FE1 – now says ‘for small medium sized businesses’. We have no new grounds for objections but we could make new objections if we should wish to do so. We have to reaffirm our objections (we think but the letter is most unclear). We will question the letter as our objections were placed in 2002 not 2003 and the letter states objection received last year and were on ALP not on ALP Modifications Document. We also are to question why it is not available in our library and the cost of the book (£10) is an extortionate price.
- 7) **Toilet Facilities at Bogbeth Pleasure Park Update** – Ian Fowell has taken up the cause and will let me know shortly. Bob Rose is looking into funding for this but the original toilet facilities were closed due to the cost of constant repair due to repeated vandalism.
- 8) **Disused Chicken Shed** – Again Ian Fowell is to revert back to me on this matter; he has passed it to environmental health department. I also contacted SEPA on this matter. Really, it is the owners’ responsibility not the councils but we need the council, environmental health and SEPA to put pressure on the owners to deal with this matter urgently.

- 9) **Youth Café Update** – Once again, the young people of the village are raising more money for this project. This time the Senior Youth Club & Drop-in invited us to a ‘funky fashion show’ in the Village Hall on the 19th of March. And whilst the Youth Café had a building problem when tunnels were found and part of the foundations at the rear of the building had to be back filled. It is hoped that these are the last of the surprises to be found in the forming of this centre and that it will open its doors in May. It has been a hard slog but a real inspiration to see the young people of Kemnay who have held many fundraising events to get their much needed drop in centre. They have kept the momentum going to see their dream nearing completion.

K) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Scottish Rural Partnership Fund- Consultation Paper March 2004**
(Deadline 15th May for replies) – in pack to members. Can we all look at this and come back with ideas in our next meeting.
- 2) **Freedom of Information Charges Consultation**
(Deadline 15th May for replies) – in pack to members. No reply to be done not a terribly exciting document. We couldn't think of anything that people would ask for that is not normally published anyway. Basically what is stated is that in the ‘In An Open Scotland’ the Executive and Scottish Ministers committed to a framework of charging which requires the first £100 of costs to be provided free of charge. For additional costs, authorities would be able to recover 10% of marginal costs up to an upper cost limit of £600.
- 3) **Garioch Area Community Council Forum on 18/03/04** – see attached report by Cdr Hunneyball.
- 4) **Planning Process** – Sub-committee has been set up to collate CC concerns about the planning process and where practicable present suggestions on how matters could be improved. – Open for discussion about what is good and bad about the planning process.
The first thing the group felt was what is it they want us to discuss. Planning is a very large and varied subject. What area of planning are we talking about? Generally, we are not dissatisfied with the planning process. The only thing that is of concern is that objections locally then go to the reporter who is not from the area (usually from Edinburgh). They then make the final decision with no local knowledge or consideration. How can this person possibly understand and comment on the area and its needs? Moreover, why is this allowed? The reporters' decision is final but they have limited knowledge of the area and are not aware of the local opinion or local issues involved. We also felt that the opinion of community councils is not always listened to. Decisions do not always seem very logical and matters of taste or local opinion do not seem to carry much weight. Appeals against developments – developers can appeal against unfavourable decisions, but there is no avenue for objectors to appeal

when their opinions are disregarded. Whilst every community has a housing issue especially the NIMBY (not in my back yard) some decisions may always prove unpopular. We have a good relationship with our local planners and there are certain things, which, we have no say over i.e. Greenfield or Brownfield sites. We also need to think in the longer term and the release of land for affordable housing and the cost of land to ensure the integration of affordable housing throughout the communities. Some areas in the countryside are being developed whilst we have dilapidated and neglected areas in need of redevelopment left to decay further instead of revitalising and improving areas we build elsewhere. When planning we should also look at the bigger picture – What are the consequences of putting that there? What impact on the area? What else will be required if we build here (roads, drains, electricity, parking etc) Environmental issues? When we think of the Kirkstyle development – drainage in the area is poor and always has been, the road is too narrow as people park in the street, it is now a through road for that half of the village. When you look at some of the new developments in the area thought has not gone into the road layout – a pavement only on one side means that some people end up with lampposts and drains in the middle of their gardens. Lots of dead-ends make quiet neighbourhoods but problems for large vehicles like the refuse collections and snowploughs. Why does the council not first improve the infrastructure and get all the roads etc in place first instead of having to dig up the roads and pavements every six months as the developments grow? We felt that if this sub-committee were to give us topic to consider and comment on this would be easier as the planning system itself does not require a total overhaul but just fine tuning.

- 5) **Garioch Area Partnership** – see pack for the latest update. They are still looking to co-opt more committee members if anyone is interested and their next meeting will be at Inch Primary School on Monday 29th of March at 7pm. They plan to move their meeting points each time to go round the whole of Garioch and recruit new members and raise awareness of the project.
- 6) **Aberdeen Town and County Historical Society** - Again details are in your pack they are looking for projects or topics and people to be involved with this work. We could not think of anything that has not already been covered, as we are very fortunate in Kemnay to have had many projects already done and many authors amongst us who research the local area. The only thing we thought could be of interest is a reference point of what is already done and where it is available.
- 7) **Aberdeenshire Council's Updated Budget Briefing** – Details enclosed in your packs. We will write a letter of support for more funding from the Scottish executive for the North East and a fairer distribution system for the future.
- 8) **Communities Scotland** – Two new funds for Community & Voluntary Organisations within disadvantaged areas for regeneration. First 'New Ideas Fund' and the second is 'Seeing is Believing'. Brief information is in your pack and Cdr Hunneyball has the full details. We do not believe we would qualify for this, as we would not be seen as a 'disadvantaged areas in need of regeneration'. The 'Seeing is Believing' is a one off payment based on exchanging ideas instead of reinventing the wheel you go and see what other areas have done and the success stories. It does not require matching funding but again we do not believe that the definitions of the requirements are something Kemnay could be classified as. On reading the full document, the 'New Ideas Fund' must be aimed at regeneration or tackling poverty and empowering people to rebuild their lives.

9) **Garioch Area Plan 2003-2006** – enclosed in your pack and Ian Fowell would welcome our comments, suggestions or concerns on the plan so if you could advise me by 30th of April I will revert back to him.

Suggestions so far include –

Extending the library opening times and listing it as a main library so it can get local plans etc.

Recycling and Refuse collection – better facilities and at a more realistic cost (£18 to get a mattress collected – will only lead to more illegal fly tipping). Some kind of information as to who would reuse paint, furniture etc rather than just taking it to the skip. Why do some councils offer more and better recycling facilities? Could the council not get together to tackle this as a Scottish environmental issue? Shetland for example burns the rubbish and has heat exchanges in their homes. Tayside offers more facilities than Aberdeenshire. No provision is made for those who have no access to their own transport (they have to pay for collection).

Nevertheless, the main question has to be this is the plan for 2003 –2006 why are we just getting this now to comment on. There are things that have been talked about for years and we despair at ever happening. Note however, things that are well in progress (guaranteed to be done) – Youth Café and Skate Park are mentioned.

10) Bus Forum - A new timetable will come into force in April with the main changes being – 1620 Aberdeen to Kemnay (was 1615), 1745 Aberdeen to Kemnay (was 1800) not that the next bus after this is 2010. A new through bus at 1508 Kemnay High Street to Aberdeen. And revised departures in the morning from the High Street at 0633, 0708, 0738 and 0923. Full report handed out at the meeting.

L) REPORT FROM THE SAFETY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

Quite a lively report on the 2nd of March on the projects so far and the plan for 2004-2005. The British Transport Police came along and will now also be regular attendees of the meetings and they highlighted a concern on people crossing the railway line in Inverurie, these are not children but adults and it is a serious safety worry. Alison Chandler from Crimestoppers talked about the 'Live well safe' campaign. Crimestoppers is not an arm of the police but a charity who you can call with information anonymously – 0500 555 111. ROSPA have again supplied booklet for the new starts (160) at the schools this summer on safety advice. You can still go along and see the 'safe house' in Blackburn up to the end of May on Wed to Sun. The group are discussing the issue of anti-social behaviour in the form of litter, vandalism and threatening behaviour and the use of community wardens in the northeast. They are also discussing alcohol abuse, underage drinking and binge drinking as ongoing projects. They have been invited to Inverness to the Ambulance Control call centre.

M) CORRESPONDENCE - All in circulation to members or in the pack provided.

- **Email from a member of public (to be read at meeting)**
- **Calor Gas Community of the Year 2004 – entry form**

N) A.O.C.B – As timetabled earlier

SCARF (Save Cash And Reduce Fuel) – Fuel Poverty – no one really too interested in this topic.

Dundas Bros – smell – Cdr Hunneyball eventually got enough for a quorum on replies after chasing can people please take the time to reply so we can have a consensus of opinion for the community.

Sale of Motor Fuel in the village – it would appear that diesel will be available from Essentials at Donview Garage Ltd.

TRAK – have done an excellent leaflet on what they are about and promoting what they do.

Sheila felt we could do with something to promote and encourage people along to community council meetings. Alister Leitch queried whether the Community Council represented the views of the village. He undertook to lend Cdr Hunneyball his handbook on information gathering.

Summary Justice – to be discussed at our next meeting.

○) DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29TH OF APRIL

Note for your diaries – here is the list of meeting dates for 2004 - 27th of May, 24th of June, No meeting in July or August then 30th of September, 28th of October, 25th of November & No meeting in December.