



altogether. Annie and others raised concerns that buses should stop on High Street because some people with mobility difficulties who ride the buses need easy access to the Post Office and the Surgery. The subject was tabled for discussion at the next meeting. Members of the public who have concerns or opinions on the matter are encouraged to contact members of the community council or email the chairman, whose email address is on the Kemnay web page in the Community Council section.

b) The landscaping work around the War Memorial and the Kemnay Carrier was warmly praised, and greatly appreciated. A letter of thanks has been sent to Bob Rose for his good work.

c) Concern was raised about some of the cars parked along Station Road creating problems for some with mobility problems to park near High Street. After some discussion the council asked Cllr Leitch to look into the possibility of putting disabled parking spaces along the High Street near the Surgery.

7) Any matters to be raised under AOCB or at a future meeting to be tabled.

a) Calor Gas Awards (Chris)

b) Aberdeenshire Outdoor Local Access Forum (Chris)

c) ASCC Meeting (Chris)

d) Community Council Forum: New councillor Induction? (Chris)

e) Traffic Calming measures along Paradise Road (Paul)

f) Need for Doggie Bins on Station Road (Mavis)

8) Matters arising from Minute .

a) Mini Motos and small motorcycles in the village—The newsletter received a letter regarding the discussion in the April meeting. No further comment was offered; the Newsletter team will make a brief response.

b) Police 0845 Number for reporting crimes—Chris had received a report from Cllr Saluja saying that this number is offered to allow people from all over Aberdeenshire to call at Local Rates. The Police actually lose money on this number if it is used from outside the local area. If people don't want to call it the alternative is the Crimestoppers number.

c) Swimming Pool—Jim reported that the AGM on 18 May was well attended. A new committee was elected and a full report will be in the Newsletter.

d) Community Consultations—Annie presented several ideas for getting better feedback from the community on various matters back to the Community Council. She suggested getting a key person in each group in the community who would liaise with the council on matters of concern such as traffic calming measures, Christmas Lights, housing developments, etc. It was suggested that each group have a contact to whom we could email the agendas and minutes of the council meetings and ask that person to give us his group's comments on any matters they were concerned about. The effort to identify and contact every group would be considerable, so it was agreed that the next newsletter editorial would invite any group who wished to be part of this consultation process to email Chris. The minutes will indicate subjects which will be brought up at the next meeting.

9) Aberdeenshire News – Cllr Leitch attended the 25th anniversary of Friends of the International Youth Festival. The Aberdeenshire International Youth Festival will launch 14 June this year. He will give us feedback on his committee's activities as they scrutinize Community Learning.

10) Planning Applications – David raised only 5 applications: 3 for extensions, 1 for a conservatory and 1 for a steading conversion, none of which were deemed contentious and had not elicited any representations to the members.

11) Report from Safety Group Representative – Pat not present

12) Report from Community Learning and Development Representative – Jim reported that funding for the Youth Café was being assisted by the Aberdeenshire Council, and that 15 or 16 youth from Kemnay took part in the Balmoral Road Race. The Senior Youth Club started on the 19th May and there is still need for an adult education coordinator.

13) Bus Forum

a) Was held at relatively short notice in Inverurie. It was poorly attended, with Kemnay producing about half those present. Thanks go to Douglas Bain who provided transport to the meeting. Bob Hall was not there but Pat McMullan represented Stagecoach. There are problems with the new timetables, with poor connections and gaps in times of service. There is a new service that takes a roundabout route from Kemnay to the Airport terminal. One complaint was dealt with quite quickly: Chris had commented on the lack of timetables in the village, and next day Somerfield received a supply that was quickly snapped up. The person to contact with complaints is Julie Baker between 0900 and 1700 Monday to Friday. Outside those times it is difficult to communicate problems to Stagecoach.

14) New Business – None arising

15) Unfinished Business - .

a) Christmas Lights—It was agreed to approach local businesses for funds for the Christmas tree lights. Susan will provide the trees, and Ian offered to put them up. The Christmas Lights committee consisting of Chris, Hazel, and Susan was resurrected and Ian agreed to join.

b) Bogbeth toilets – The Cricket club has a door and is waiting for it to be installed.

16) Correspondence/AOCB

a) Calor Gas Awards—Not this year due to lack of time and things to submit.

b) Aberdeenshire Outdoor Local Access Forum: The closing date was 15 May to submit suggestions for core paths around Aberdeen. There will be an exhibition of path plans in Inverurie on 8 June.

c) ASCC will have an opportunity for community council members to meet their MSP's in the Town House in Aberdeen on 27th May. All community council members are invited. Notice was distributed approximately a week before the event, which seemed to be unduly short notice.

d) The Community Council Forum will meet next Thursday to discuss, among other things, possible topics for future briefings. One possibility is to have an induction session for new councillors. The previous one approximately 3 years ago was profitable for both new and experienced councillors. This suggestion was welcomed by many.

e) Paradise Road has a combination of speed, parking, and pedestrians that, it is feared, will result in tragedy. Alistair was asked if calming measures could be instituted. This will be discussed at the next meeting. If people have opinions or concerns on this subject they are encouraged to voice them to a community council member, email the Chairman, or attend the next meeting.

f) Need for doggie bins on Station Road. It appears several large dogs are leaving generous deposits on the pavement. These deposits are drawing large amounts of interest, if not irritation from those who have to

walk along that way. It is difficult to miss the messes. (Station Road is becoming a dangerous place to visit, between aerial bombardment from the rooks and land mines from the dogs.) A doggie bin is needed there desperately. Unfortunately experience shows that the dog owners with the messiest dogs are the least likely to clean up after them.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 29th June 2006