

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2009

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

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Allison Grant, Wilma Anderson, Isabel Neville.

1. Apologies for absence: Gavin Adam, Ian Murray, Alex Thomas, PC Alex Allan.
2. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.
3. Police matters: As PC Allan was not present, there was no report, but a later tabled report indicated the following:

Statistics for May 2009.

- 1 Vandalism - which remains undetected
- 2 Breach of the Peace - one detected, one undetected
- 2 Nuisance telephone calls - enquiries on-going
- 5 Thefts - two undetected, two with enquiry on-going and one detected.

Statistics for June 2009 to 25th.

- 1 Vandalism - enquiry on-going
- 1 Assault - enquiry on-going
- 1 Theft - enquiry on-going
- 1 Breach of the Peace - enquiry on-going
- 1 Nuisance telephone call - enquiry on-going.

PC Allan also drew attention to the fact that Grampian Police and the Youth Café have arranged for the Street Sports to visit Kemnay on Tuesday 21 July, at Kemnay Academy between 12-4, and on Saturday 8 August at Aquithie Road from 6pm. All are welcome.

The Community Council had received an account of the new police structure as it was relevant to Kemnay.

4. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2009 was proposed by Mavis Wainman, seconded by Annie Ferries and unanimously approved.
5. Question Time: Wilma Anderson and Isabel Neville declared their opposition to the proposed car park on Bremner Way. They were informed that the outline planning permission for the Fetternear project had been refused, but that they should encourage those interested to submit a response to the Main Issues Report Consultation before 6 July 2009.
6. Matters Arising from Minutes: There were no matters arising.
7. Planning matters and applications:

a. New Applications: There was nothing controversial.

b. MIR Open Day and KCC Submission: About 100 people attended the open day, but only 36 completed the CC's response forms. A response had been drafted using these.

8. Community Planning :

a. CC member on Community Planning Executive: Community Councils had been asked to vote for a replacement for Isobel Page who was resigning. It was unanimously agreed to vote for Susie Brown of Mearns Community Council.

9. GACCF: Chris Hunneyball had been re-elected as Chairman. Discussion had been held on how to make meetings more attractive to Community Councillors. It was suggested that the Chairman or Vice Chairman should try and attend one meeting of each constituent Community Council per year. A presentation on Flood Assessment and Prevention was given by Stephen McFarland. A draft submission to the Main Issues Report was tabled. It was agreed that the Forum would write to request that it be the norm for neighbour notification to take place if either the dimensions or the footprint of the building were to be changed.

10. Report from Safety Group Representative: The representative had not been at the meeting, but reported that the Dalmadilly/Aquithie drainage ditches were almost complete, and there appeared to be no Health and Safety issues in Kemnay

11. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: Two training sessions had been arranged for minibus drivers but some current drivers were not proposing to attend. This would mean a shortage of drivers in future. The problem of the crèche and the library not being open simultaneously was raised by the Secretary on behalf of Gavin Adam. It was to be discussed at the next Community Learning and Development meeting.

12. New Business:

a. Community Council Budget: Ian Fowell had written suggesting that the current project grant be abolished and the money allocated to Community Councils. Community Councils would still be able to apply for top-up grants for particular projects. This would mean an increase in the Kemnay budget. It was agreed to support this.

b. Cash-back for Communities: Information about this scheme had been distributed to the Youth Café and the Football Club.

c. Retiral of Arthur Angus: Arthur Angus, Area Committee Officer, was to retire at the end of July. He was presented with a bottle of Glen Garioch whisky at the recent GACCF meeting.

d. ASCC: The Community Council was extremely unhappy about a recent response to a query to the ASCC, and a reply had been drafted. This draft was approved by the meeting, which also considered that the letter should be copied to the local MSP.

e. IBP Research on Community Facilities: This study had been commissioned by Aberdeenshire Council. Volunteers were called for, to be involved in group discussions about the quality of life in Kemnay and how it might be improved. Malcolm Edwards of the Community Council had already been consulted.

f. Kemnay Primary Mini-Grill: Hazel Al Kowarri and Chris Hunneyball had participated in a "mini-grill" with Primary 5 Children at Kemnay Primary School. The children had the following requests – a Zebra crossing by the Golf Club, the removal of the graffiti in Bogbeth Park and graffiti and rubbish in the skate

park, and better lighting near the school. All these were to be brought to the attention of Aberdeenshire Council.

13. Unfinished Business

a. Toilets at Bogbeth Park: Aberdeenshire Council was to consult the Cricket Club on the matter of the old toilets which they were using as a store. Malcolm Edwards said that the Burnet Arms would be willing to open its toilets to the public. It was hoped that Bennachie Lodge might do the same.

b. Draft Boundary Commission Response: This had been acknowledged.

c. Broomhill Roundabout: This was to be altered to improve sightlines from the B993.

14. Aberdeenshire news: There was nothing relevant to Kemnay.

15. Correspondence: Correspondence had been received about Neighbourhood Watch and Police Broadcasts. "The Community Councillor", "SEPA View" and a letter from John Swinney had also been received.

16. AOCB:

a. The matter of the Core Paths Strategy Consultation was raised. A response concerning the Beechhill problem was to be drafted by John Hern.

b. The absence of double yellow lines and ramp warnings on Bogbeth Road was to be intimated to Aberdeenshire Council.

c. Almost all the plants donated by Aberdeenshire Council had been planted out.

d. Fly-tipping had been noticed at Aquithie Woods. It was pointed out that there would be a fee for having items removed by Aberdeenshire Council.

e. Arrangements were made for action during the break. It was agreed that office holders should take urgent decision. When possible, members would be contacted about important issues.

17. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held on 24 September 2009.