

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH OF FEBRUARY 2004 AT 7.30PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. **WELCOME – CHAIRMAN’S OPENING COMMENTS** – thanks for turning out on such a wintry evening.

PRESENT

**Sheila Taylor
Chris Hunneyball
Jim Piggins
Roger Dunham
Hazel Al-Kowarri
David Evans
Janet Newberry
Mavis Wainman
Iain Morgan**

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Bill Blackwood
Alan Davies
Susan Milton
Pat Findlater
Alistair Thomson
Cllr Gurudeo Saluja
Cllr Alistair Leitch**

3. **POLICE MATTERS** - Unfortunately no police were able to be present at this meeting. However, some members brought to the attention of the Community Council issues they are aware of. One being rowdy behaviour after a school disco at Kemnay Academy – houses opposite had to put up with some very uncouth and unsavoury behaviour by a group of youths. A letter has been sent to Community Education who ran the event and the police are aware of the problem and are trying to tackle this as best they can. Also still a problem that the police are dealing with are the group of youths at the church centre (currently throwing snowballs at passers by) but on a more serious note throwing stones at houses on Church Lane. Again, the police are aware, as is Tim MacKay at Kemnay Academy who has spoken to the youths involved. However, the lighting in this area is limited but it is a fine line between security lighting for the church centre and a blaze of light for the surrounding area. Lastly more petty vandalism within the village where both the village notice boards has been smashed.

4. GUEST SPEAKER - TO TALK ON SNOW CLEARING AND GRITTING - **No-one was available from the council to come and talk to us at this meeting so the council discussed some new points since our last meeting. Firstly that this current spell of snow has been our worst to date and despite our complaints and comments from last time the situation appears to be worse when talking about gritting and snow clearing. Why does the council insist on putting round tractors and diggers with a snow plough attachment but no gritting all this is achieving is skimming off the top layer of fresh snow and the compaction of the snow and ice beneath making the roads more treacherous. Could the council not provide gritting boxes around the village (these could be collected in the spring) to help drivers if the Council is unable to provide enough gritting vehicles? Care is required on Bremner Way, as the snow has rendered it almost impossible to see the new speed bumps, as once again this is another route that has seen no gritting which would help this matter. Our normally efficient service of pavement gritting seems to also be affected as in several areas around the village only one side of the road has had it's pavements done. In addition, most disappointing is that after the letter and petition for the pavement gritter to go along Paradise Road (even though it has no pavements) it has not been done this time round. Do we need to ask each time it snows? Why was this not a simple matter of changing the schedule on this plan to be done each time gritting is required? Community Council is to contact Aberdeenshire Council on these matters and we hope that someone will be present at our next meeting.**

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Adoption Proposed - Roger Dunham

Seconded – Jim Piggins

6. QUESTION TIME -

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

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

- **Unofficial Speed Bump on road to Craigearn.**
- **War Memorial Update**
- **Doggy Bins**
- **Garioch Area Partnership Meeting Update on new date of meeting that was cancelled due to weather.**
- **Play Areas in the Alehousewells Estate Update**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTE

- a) Fetternear Trust Update from meeting on 4th of February – Not much more to report other than what Mr Whittall told us in December but if anyone has any fund raising ideas or is willing to lend any physical help there is lots of work to be done around the estate. If you know of any persons who would be interested in helping the estate in anyway please let Cdr Hunneyball know and he will convey this to Mr Whittall.**
- b) Kemnay Primary School Temporary Speed Limit – I have written to the roads department to find if it is a possibility to extend this area or if it is a statutory regulation but conveyed our agreement to the whole thing. Awaiting a response from Aberdeenshire Council on the regulations that they must adhere to.**
- c) Double Yellow Lines on Victoria Terrace. - Once again put forward the case that this is an area of concern and the likelihood of a serious accident on this stretch of road is ever present during times when school children are being dropped off or collected and I await Aberdeenshire Council's reply. Community Council have received a letter from a concerned parent on this matter to draw the council's attention to the lack of parking on the High Street and the fact there is no parking at the School and also points out that on cold wet days children are not always allowed into school before 9.15am. This resident also points out the dangerous parking on Grove Road, which they feel is far more dangerous a site than Victoria Terrace as there is better visibility on Victoria Terrace. The resident asks that Aberdeenshire Council should be asked to investigate the possibility of creating more car parking in these areas. Whilst the Community Council take note of the concern and the lack of Parking outside the school there is car parking at Bogbeth Park and the council are as concerned for children's' safety as well as other road users. It was also mentioned that there are a lot of parents who could walk their children to school but don't and most cars are one parent/ one child and could these parents not arrange car sharing to ease the congestion and be more environmentally friendly. It was therefore decided to draft a letter to the Head Teacher of Kemnay Primary School to put forward these proposals for their newsletter. We would also point out that the extension of double yellow lines on Grove Road has also been requested.**
- d) Community Safety Awards – nominations required by 12th of March – any suggestions on this. Details were enclosed in your last Community Council pack. We have no suitable ongoing community safety projects to recommend or this award so must decline to nominate this year.**
- e) Signs for Speed Bumps on Bremner Way – I have written Aberdeenshire Council on this and await their reply. There is a sign at the start of Bremner Way (at the Academy side) stating new road layout but this is only at one end. In addition, noted that several of the new estates, which also have speed bump**

have no signs either, so is this, a practice that is not longer carried out? Surely, it is in the interests of visitors to our village to know that they are about to encounter a form of traffic calming. It is particularly important at the moment when the snow is so thick it is covering them and making it impossible to know where they are even to residents who know they exist. Also on the Alehousewells Estate Aberdeenshire Council informed us that once the speed bumps the whole estate was to be designated a Twenty's Plenty zone, so far however only certain roads nearest the Academy have had any signage of this. An email to the council is to be sent to ask about the remaining roads and zone.

- f) **Road Markings – lack of white lines – I have written to Aberdeenshire Council and await their reply. Pat Findlater is also raising this at the Garioch & North Marr Community Safety Group.**
- g) **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.**
- h) **Scottish Executive RCTI – this was sent on to the Kemnay Academy (and Community Education) and Tim McKay informs me that they have a plan of action so they have applied, hopefully they will receive some funding.**

8. ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS – Unfortunately due to prior engagements and the weather conditions none of our local councillors was able to attend tonight. However, we have been informed that the replacement of the lampposts on Bremner Way 2nd phase has now received funding to go ahead this will replace the lampposts from the Academy down to Kembhill Park.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – details of all plans passed to members but nothing contentious for us to discuss. Noted however that Grampian Country Food Group are appealing to the Scottish Ministers against Aberdeenshire Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of 4 dwelling houses on the site currently occupied by the disused chicken shed on Aquithie Road.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Flooding on Aquithie Road beside the quarry – request for this to be looked into with Aberdeenshire Council and I await their response. Work has now been carried out on this drain and the flooding has ceased.**
- b) **Broadband Update – The trigger was set on the 14th of November at 500 pre-registrations, which was met on The 5th of December, and they are now awaiting a 'Ready for Service' date, which they will announce as soon as it is known.**

- c) **Aberdeenshire Local Plan Update – nothing to report as we still await the revised timetable from Aberdeenshire Council.**
- d) **Toilet Facilities at Bogbeth Pleasure Park Update – I have once again asked for this to be looked into by Aberdeenshire Council and I await their response. I had suggested a type of superloo, which I have seen around the country, and Aberdeen City had at least two that members of the committee knew about. It was decided that this is an important issue as the park’s facilities continue to be improved and the skate park is being constructed this is an important facility in this location.**
- e) **Riverside Walkway – request for this to be repaired with Aberdeenshire Council and I await their response. I have one response so far from Jim Stevenson in Landscape Services, the access group is aware of this path but he is unaware of their programme. On the subject of walkways however it was noted that now Aberdeenshire Council have the landowners authorisation that a walk from Inverurie to Kemnay using the old Kemnay road will go ahead, more details will follow as they are known.**
- f) **Disused Chicken Shed – I have contacted Aberdeenshire Council as this is not only a safety but also an environmental health risk and I await their response. It was suggested that I also contact SEPA on this matter.**
- g) **Youth Café Update – now moving forward again after a small hiccup and the Community Council grant that we applied for is still valid and will go ahead as soon as it is required.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Ethnic Groups Letter with 3 main queries– e-mail from Cdr Hunneyball to all members. Cdr Hunneyball will draft a response per the emailed replies from the members on these queries.**
- b) **Aberdeenshire Community Safety Group Seminar on Saturday 27th Of March starts at 9am – One Representative from the Community Council may attend this will be Pat Findlater as our safety representative and if he is unable to make it Sheila will attend in his place.**

- 12. REPORT FROM THE SAFETY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE – **Pat Findlater was unable to attend tonight so no report.**

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Latest correspondence;

- **Housing Land Audit Letter – copy in pack to all members – Cdr Hunneyball and David Evans have sent a reply to this.**
- **Joint Community Care Plan Review – 5 copies in circulation**
- **Waste Aware Aberdeenshire – copy in pack to all members**
- **Kate Barnard – Project Officer for the North East Master Composter Project**
- **Garioch Area Bus Forum Meeting on 8th of March at Gordon House – copy on pack to all members.**
- **Scottish Water – Water Charges – handout will be distributed at meeting or in next pack to members unable to attend tonight.**
- **Kemnay Academy Sports Day – date set as the 26th of June and Gillian Robertson, School Sports Co-ordinator at Kemnay Academy is looking for anyone who wishes to participate or offer support in this to contact her.**
- **Fire Works Display Enquiry by Aberdeenshire Council – Sheila has replied with details.**

All other correspondence in circulation and is detailed on separate list.

14. A.O.C.B – As timetabled earlier

- **Unofficial Speed Bump on the road to Craigearn. I have written to Aberdeenshire Council on this on the grounds of safety (especially in the dark), it is a patch in the road that is substantially raised and I have requested that it be looked into, I await the response.**
- **War Memorial - Response received from Jim Stevenson of Landscape Services – It is anticipated that the wall will be completed within the next two weeks; there are new railings ready to be installed as soon as the new cope has been made. This latter item has been the cause of the delay and we really just have to wait until the firm has finished moulding them and the concrete has cured. We plan to tackle the inside (lock block type paving and plant replacement) in the next financial year.**
- **Doggy Bins – A new doggy bin has been put up on Milton Drive and is a welcome addition to a well-used walk and we respectfully ask dog owners to use this bin and pick up after their pet as unfortunately this area has had a history of dog fouling and owners not clearing up after their dogs.**
- **Garioch Area Partnership Meeting Update - has a new date been set as first meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions? No date set as yet.**
- **Play Areas in the Alehousewells Estate – Shannoch Path site has been completed, Minto Path has just recently been completed with raised beds and a path through it and they are currently working on the Minto Circle site but are slightly hampered just now with the weather. That leaves only one site with the rubberised surface still on but this may not become a garden it may be better utilised as an extension to the car park facilities in that area.**
- **Wetland Area beside Kemnay Academy – this has now been totally tidied up and some of the dead trees removed and fenced for safety reasons and is**

looking really well. Children are taking note of the fence and staying clear of the area and people have stopped dumping rubbish at the site now it has been cleared.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25TH OF MARCH

Note for your diaries – here is the list of meeting dates for 2004

29th of April

27th of May

24th of June

No meeting in July or August

30th of September

28th of October

25th of November

No meeting in December