

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 1992 IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

Present: Mrs Milton, Mrs Shrago, Mr Wainman, Mr Brown, Mr Evans, Mr Marco, Mr Power, Mrs Malcolm, Mr Pashley

Apologies: Mr Yates

Attending: Cllr Wainman, Lara Moir (Inverurie Advertiser), Rebecca Roberts (Inverurie Herald), Cllr Hunter

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and the apologies were read.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Under 10 - Mr Wainman's suggestion was that we should accord with the letter from Mr Mitchell and no further work should be done until the situation has been re-assessed now that the changes have taken place. Proposed adoption: Mr Wainman, seconded: Mr Brown. Passed with no dissent.
3. Matters arising:-
 - (a) Crime Prevention Panel Nomination. Mr Marco was proposed by Mr Evans and seconded by Mr Wainman and agreed to accept.
 - (b) Rose Beds in Kendall Road. Two letters from British Gas and one from Mr Mitchell (GRC) were read.
 - (c) Community Council Balance. Mr Evans proposed it should be carried forward until we can think of something to buy. Seconded by Mr Power.
4. Unfinished Business. Litter Clean Up Day. Mr Brown wanted to send round leaflets to the schools and this would cost about £3. It was agreed to charge this to the Community Council. Mr Brown has received posters, notes, aprons etc. It was agreed to concentrate around Mr Middleton's garage and the Burnett Arms, the recreation park, and the War Memorial. Mr Brown was hoping teams could be formed. Posters to be displayed in both primary schools and the Academy. The proposed date was the 9th May. AGENDA ITEM - next meeting.

Mr Wainman mentioned that since the last meeting he had had reports of two accident blackspots - one at the Knowe, from a lady at Bank View who said there had been two accidents recently. In the first it took 25 minutes for the ambulance to arrive. On the second occasion she telephoned the surgery and the ambulance station and the ambulance again took a long time. On each occasion there was only one ambulanceman. She had been advised to contact Grampian Health Council. The second report was of accidents at Dalmadilly. Concern was expressed at the length of time taken for the ambulance to arrive and the fact that they were single-manned.

Mr Evans again mentioned the absence of a road sign in Fraser Place at the Church end. Cllr Hunter to investigate.

5. Correspondence. Letters were read from:- Gordon Enterprise Trust re Environmental Projects. Gordon District re Tree Planting on

Paradise Green. Grampian Region enclosing our £25 Community Development Award payment. Grampian Regional Council re fostering.

6. Chairman's Annual Report. This was read by the Chairman and a copy is attached to these Minutes. It was noted by Mr Wainman that a post-box is now sited in the Glebe and that Gas has come to Kemnay.

7. Financial Statement. Mr Pashley said outgoings included £200 to the Community Association, £20 to Cllr Wainman for the Village Link and £130 to the Secretary for expenses etc throughout the year. The balance as of the 26th March is £176.27. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer. Moved adoption: Mr Evans, seconded: Mr Wainman.

8. New Business. None.

9. District News. Cllr Wainman said the sum per Community Council this year is increased from £300 to £315. With the various additional payments we should receive a total of £445.14 compared to £421.65 this year. There is a campaign for cold weather payments and there is a meeting in Inverurie Town Hall on the 31st March. Various Ranger Walks are planned during the spring/summer these will be advertised. There are likely to be an additional 300 houses in Kemnay in the next 15 years.

10. Regional News. Cllr Hunter said the electrification of the Edinburgh/Aberdeen railway line is still being sought, although there has not yet been any success. They are proceeding with the Structure Plan which will come out for consultation in the Autumn. The number of traffic-calming measures will be increased. They would like more provision for older people however they are short of funds. Cllr Hunter has been pressing the surveyor to have a pavement put down in Kendall Road and has asked for white lines in the interim (this has been done). Mr Marco asked for the yellow lines outside his house in Aquithie Road, to be repainted after the road resurfacing. On Education Mr Power asked whether there were any more moves afoot for a swimming pool attached to the Academy. Cllr Hunter said there were none.

11. Planning Applications. 8 in all nothing contentious.

12. A.O.C.B M Wainman said that on Monday 10th August there will be an Icelandic Choir of 33 singers in the Public Hall as part of the Youth Festival. A letter to be written to Inverurie Rotary Club asking if they would provide peepholes in the doors of elderly Residents. Mr Evans proposed a vote of congratulations to the Chairman for her work over the past year.

13. Next meeting. This will be on the 30th April 1992. Mrs Milton requested Mr Wainman to take the chair and apologies were also received from Mr Brown and Councillor Hunter. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 1992

This past year was the first of the Sixth Community Council. It has not been eventful and I have no startling accomplishments to report. Indeed, in many ways it has been a rather humdrum year compared to some of the past five councils.

After the nominations for the new Council had been received last March our numbers had plummeted to eight; partly due to three prospective members not having got their nomination forms in in time and partly due to apathy on the part of the general public. At the first meeting of the council when the office bearers were elected, Messrs Stock, Brown and Power were co-opted onto the Council. Miss Souter was also co-opted as the School Council member, but unfortunately has been prevented by pressure of school work from attending and has registered her resignation. A letter to Mr Taylor suggesting a new School Council member be appointed, has so far met with no response.

In my last report I began by saying that the road works in Station Road had just started and the widening of the street has certainly been a great boon although perhaps it has been an encouragement to certain drivers to drive faster at the crossroads than is prudent, but there are several areas in the village where motorists show great reluctance to observe the speed limit.

Last April saw a massive litter clean-up organised by the Community Council's Les Brown, and carried out by some of the members with only a modicum of assistance from others. 55 large bags of rubbish were collected. It was noted that most of the litter consisted of sweetie papers and crisp packets. Deduce from that observation what you will..... the answer is the same.....EVERYONE should be more thoughtful and considerate no matter what age. There is a proper place for rubbishIN THE BIN!! Another clean-up day is being organised and I do hope that there will be more helpers this time. Kemnay did so much better last year in the Gordon District Best Kept Township competition, the cup we won has been on display in the Post Office window. It is hoped that there will be an even more beautiful village this year, but lovely gardens are not enhanced by litter lying about.

At our first meeting after the Summer recess our new Chief Inspector, Ian Duncan, came along, introduced himself and addressed our meeting. His talk was most interesting and frank. He spoke of the differences he was experiencing moving from re-active to pro-active policing. His views on Community Police work, Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch, to name but a few, were useful and informative. We were most grateful for the time he gave us and the assurance of his support for the well-being of the community. The Community Council asked for the automatic re-routing of the Kemnay Police telephone when it was out of hours. We are very grateful to PC Reynolds for his attendance at our meetings when he has been able to do so. The bye-election for the five vacant seats on the council took place in October. In the end only two of the three co-opted members and Mr Conn handed in their nomination forms for election and they were welcomed as full members of the Council.

The Community Council's request for a sign saying "Kemnay Welcomes

Careful Drivers" was turned down as these signs are not used where a speed limit exists. Also the suggestion regarding road humps will have to await the outcome of trials being conducted. No further information has been received to date. There was a unanimous vote that our Community Council should support the Kintore Community Council's objection to the proposed line of the new Kintore Bye-Pass.

After several brilliant ideas, none of which was feasible, the £50 prize money from the Best Kept Township competition is to be spent on planting some native trees at Fyfe Park.

On reading through the Minutes of last year's meetings I noticed that the first mention of Pooper Scoopers was at the last AGM. Every year Grampian Regional Council issues forms inviting us to undertake some type of community development and it was decided that some action be taken regarding the fouling of pavements, play areas etc by dogs. The Region approved the scheme and we applied to them for a grant. David Evans very bravely undertook to investigate the various makes of Pooper Scoopers, and after some research by a couple of dog owners, 500 Pooper Scoopers were purchased at the beginning of this year at a cost of £60.81. These were divided between the Mace, Sims and Spar shops and were given out free with a tin of dog food. Many thanks to David and to the traders for their co-operation. We have received a grant of £25 from Grampian Regional Council.

In November, Mr John Ramage of the Grampian Health Council addressed the meeting. Mr Ramage gave a most interesting talk and explained the work of the Health Council which had been formed from the previous local Health Councils. Their headquarters are in Inverurie Hospital and three of their members are from Gordon District and he explained that the Council was the voice of the consumer within the NHS.

At our first meeting of the New Year, Mr Shepherd from Grampian Regional Council's Water Services Department gave us a most informative talk on water quality. He explained the very involved and circuitous route the water takes before reaching Kemnay. The water is treated before entering the distribution system with chlorine being used to kill bacteria. Mr Shepherd said the only acceptable level of bacteria was 0%. Tests are currently being carried out with ozone which look promising and also the use of ultra-violet radiation for killing bacteria both of which may well be superior to chlorine, which as we know, can and does taste the water. The Community Council were most grateful to Mr Shepherd for his long and interesting talk and for the many questions he answered.

Our age-old request for a change of polling station to the Village Hall instead of the Primary School at last seems to be making a bit of headway, but not, I fear, for this forthcoming election.

The recent Kendall Road controversy was actually the result of a demand for additional parking facilities made well over two years ago, and not the request from several members of Council, supported by the Police, regarding congestion which can occur on the brow of the hill. The Community Council were also congratulated for managing to get two separate bodies, ie Grampian Region and British Gas, to co-ordinate their digging up of the road. Usually we have complaints that no sooner has the road been resurfaced and new kerb stones laid than along comes somebody else and digs it all up again; as happened

recently in Burnett and Gordon Roads; But the Community Council cannot take the credit for it. British Gas has assured us that the rose trees will be replanted.

Kemnay Community Council has no axe to grind on its own behalf and works and has worked since its inception, often tediously but sometimes with satisfaction, for the good of the Parish - to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to statutory Boards and other bodies the views of the Community it represents. We get a lot of criticism, we expect it, but we often feel that a little appreciation would be most acceptable! But at least you get thanks from the Chair. Besides our various speakers during the year, I must thank both our Regional and District Councillors for their attendance at our meetings and for all the work they have done on our behalf and especially for the results they have managed to achieve. Thank you both very much indeed.

The Council were very sorry to lose Norman Moir from their ranks and we certainly miss his knowledge of police work and of so many village people and happenings. My thanks go to all the other members of Council for their regular attendance and interest and particular thanks to the Office Bearers: Stuart Yates for his work as Press Reporter, Eric Pashley for managing our financial affairs so smoothly. David Evans deserves a special vote of thanks for the vast number of planning applications he has waded through as well as valiantly organising the pooper scoopers and any other chore that comes along as well. Sandy Shrago does more work than anyone and does it most efficiently and conscientiously, we are all very grateful, Sandy. Thank-you Bill Wainman for being such a supportive Vice Chairman throughout this past year; it means a lot to me to know that I can count on your help and to take the chair when I have been unable to do so. Thank-you all, very, very much.

SUSAN MILTON