

## KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2008 IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Annie Ferries, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Paul Smart, Alex Thomas, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Constables Alex Allen and Brian Pirie, June Main, Mavis Milne, Heather Stoddart.

1. Apologies: David Evans, Susan Milton, Jim Piggins.
2. Welcome: Chris Hunneyball welcomed those present, particularly the members of the public.
3. Police Matters: Constable Allen introduced Constable Brian Pirie, who is to be based in Kemnay. He reported 13 crimes so far this month: four cases of vandalism - two of which had been detected, five traffic offences, an assault, a drugs offence and two thefts - one of which had been detected. The second theft, which remained unsolved, was of a bike from a twelve-year-old boy whose mother had since died. The police are anxious to recover the bike, which is a black and silver BMX with a red crank and a red cross on the seat. The bike was a gift from the boy's mother.
4. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2008 was proposed by Mavis Wainman, seconded by Eric Pashley and unanimously approved.
5. Question Time: There was a statement from the residents of Littlewood Court that they had not requested, or been consulted about, the new seats in Station Road. They also complained that the new seat by the War Memorial was too low. Cllr Al-Kowarri was to raise the matter of consultation at the Area Committee.
6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
  - a) Community Mediation: This talk had been postponed indefinitely.
  - b) Horner Junction: Graeme Steel, the Roads Engineer, had agreed to refresh the existing 'slow' marking on the B994 approach to the junction from Kintore and possibly provide a further advanced 'slow' marking. He had also agreed to install a new advanced warning sign indicating 'staggered junction ahead' with a supplementary plate 'REDUCE SPEED NOW'. He considered that 'rumble strips' would not be appropriate at this location as there were residential properties in close proximity and it was likely that the noise factor could lead to complaints as had been the case on the Hillhead Road.
7. Aberdeenshire Council News: The Aberdeenshire public convenience strategy had contained a proposal that the toilets in the car park in Aquithie Road be refurbished, vandal-proofed and reopened. Cllr Al-Kowarri, supported by Ian Rendell, had suggested that where they were needed was at the pleasure park. It had been agreed to look at the possibility of providing toilets there, perhaps by building on to the pavilion, or by structural alterations to enable the public to access the toilets already available within the pavilion.
8. Planning Matters and Applications:
  - a) Recent applications: There was nothing controversial.
  - b) Local Development Plan: The consultation document on Local Council Planning Policy was completed.
  - c) Structure Plan Public Meeting: A public meeting on the structure plan was to be held on 1st July in Kintore School at 7.30pm. All were invited.

9. Proposed Zebra Crossing on Station Road, Kemnay: The residents of Littlewood Court were delighted with the proposed crossing. Given the speed of the traffic on both Riverside Road and Station Road, it was not thought it would be safe to cross nearer the junction with Riverside Road, even if a crossing were in place. A further crossing on Grove Road would be helpful.

10. Bogbeth Development – signs on lamp-posts: The chairman had written to complain about the excessive signing on lamp-posts. It was pointed out that the levels of the houses in the development had been raised so that the new houses are now considerably higher than the houses in Kirklands. Residents in Kirklands are to complain to Jay Turner.

11. Community Planning:

a) Summary from Community Planning Board: This dealt with the engagement strategy, the Aberdeenshire towns partnership and CP, Skills Development Scotland, the single outcome agreement (SOA), CPP priorities, the Fairer Scotland fund, local community plans, Interreg North Sea Region, the European project and financial planning.

b) GACCF: The chairman read a report of the June meeting. Topics covered included the AGM, a Community Planning presentation, the Data Protection Act, the Community Council Scheme consultation, the ASCC draft constitution, briefing Workshop Sessions for 2008/2009 and other items including the Post Office closure programme - which did not currently affect Garioch, the Village orderly scheme - which is being continued, and Community Council budgets.

Mention was made of the excellent level of Councillor participation in the Forum. Ideas for future Workshop Sessions were canvassed. Suggestions were the design of the programme of works and flood planning.

12. Christmas Lights Sub-Committee: The application for money from the Garioch Area Committee had been successful and the Community Council had been awarded about £3000. The sub-committee was asked to decide how this money should be spent. If Ian Fowell was informed about what was required, he would compile a bulk order which might reduce costs. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Al-Kowarri for her advice on this matter.

13. Report from Community Learning and Development Representative: There is now a trampolining group on Thursdays. There is no funding available from the Recreation Department to open the Fitness Suite to the community. An approach is to be made to Garioch Sports Trust to see whether they have funds available to provide an appropriate instructor. However, concerns have been expressed by the PE department about wear and tear on the equipment if it is to be used more than six hours a day. A new minibus may be purchased by September. The kindergym has lost its space in the Academy, but it is hoped that it may re-open in Alehousewells School. A coffee morning was held in the Village Hall during Adult Learning Week with coffee and pancakes provided by the Youth Café. 20-30 people attended and there were enquiries for salsa dancing and computer classes as well as a walking group. An enrolment evening will be held in Kemnay on 28 August.

14. New Business:

a) Authority to act during the holiday period: It was agreed, after discussion, that office-bearers be mandated to act during the holiday period.

15. Unfinished Business: The wooden posts in the water under the Bridgend Bridge, reported earlier by Dr Young, had now been seen by the Council and were to be investigated.

16. Correspondence had been received:

- a) from Aberdeenshire Council about a meeting on the 30th of June in Aberdeen, to discuss the knock-on advantages of the 2014 Commonwealth Games
- b) on the Data Protection Act
- c) from Fetternear Estates on the swimming pool survey which was to go to 4000 homes in the area
- d) from the Local Access Forum about a meeting to discuss the Aberdeenshire Core Paths plan
- e) from a researcher on e-coli, seeking a volunteer to complete a questionnaire. The questionnaire was passed to Annie Ferries
- f) from Ian Rendell in response to the Community Council's query about roads and signs: the sign at Kembhill Park was to be reinstated by the Operations personnel; the school signs were to be investigated; a survey of the B993/Craigearn Road junction was to be undertaken and a design drawing prepared for improvement works; and the road surface and yellow lines on High Street were to be taken care of when undertaking routine maintenance work in the Village
- g) from the Kemnay Youth Café Association, with thanks for the donation
- h) a copy of "Network"
- i) on the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, under which the Community Council will be consulted on applications
- j) on school closures, which did not affect the area, and on which the community council did not wish to comment
- k) a copy of "SEPA News"
- l) from Aberdeenshire Council about the Place of Origin award – the judges were to visit on 7 July, and litter-pickers were sought for 6 July.

17. AOCB: There was no other business.

18. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25 September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.