

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2002

7.30 PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present:-

Mr A. Davies, Mr D. Evans, Mr C. Hunneyball, Mrs S. Milton, Mrs J. Newberry, Dr J. Piggins, Mr A. Thomson, Mrs M. Wainman

Attending:-

Inspector D. Allan, Mr D. Duncan (Inverurie Herald), Councillor A. Leitch, Mr G. Paterson, Councillor G. Saluja, Ms S. Taylor, Mr P. Whitehead, Mr J. Whittall

Apologies:-

Mr D. Caney, Mr. P. Findlater, Mrs M. Michie

2. Police Matters

Inspector Allan reported that the drop in reported crime in Kemnay was continuing, with no crime being reported one week. There had been 11 incidents in September so far, concerning vandalism, theft and drugs.

At the Academy a partnership between police and staff was working to reduce vandalism, and had already highlighted areas where improvement was possible. An extra 10 sets of portable CCTV cameras had been bought to add to the existing 3, and Kemnay Academy had been awarded £7,000 to effect security improvements. The sort of improvements visualised were relatively small items, such as eliminating recessed doorways which allowed vandals to hide themselves from sight.

Work was also progressing on the provision of a youth café. £10,000 was needed to do up the police house. He noted that the Prince's Trust had helped fund a youth café in Elgin.

He was asked about the problem of drivers ignoring school crossing patrols, and said that a prosecution was possible if the driver could be positively identified and there was witness corroboration. Councillor Leitch would raise the problem of restricted visibility for drivers leaving the Primary School, which had caused several near accidents. He would also investigate if the request for a 20 mph limit in Boat Croft had been progressed.

3. Minute of Last Meeting

The Minute of meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2002 was adopted, subject to, in the list of those present, the spelling of Mr Fremantle's name being correctly spelt, and Kate Rigby being moved from the list of those in

attendance to those present.

Proposed: Mrs S. Milton Seconded: Mrs J. Newberry

4. Matters Arising from Minute

a. Village Orderly

The village orderly had made a great difference to the village, but would be even more welcome in term time when there was more litter around. This would be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council, as comments about the scheme had been invited. It was noted that the dog waste bins had been emptied more frequently, and Councillor Leitch said he would check on the normal emptying policy, which sometimes seemed to be as infrequent as four weekly.

b. Area Partnerships

At the Garioch Area Community Council Forum Community Partnerships were discussed. A working party was being set up to consider the matter with a view to submitting a bid for a grant, and Community Councils were being asked if they felt an Area Partnership could be of benefit. The grant amounted to 60% in the first year, but then decreased. £5,000 was available for the Garioch area.

c. Community Web Site

A workshop is being held on 2nd October, and Clare Campbell had volunteered to attend.

d. Calor Gas Award. The application for an award had been submitted, but so far without acknowledgement.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Smell from Knackery

SEPA had responded to the complaint made about the smell. They said that the filter beds had been replaced recently, and were not the cause of the smell, which was due to malfunctioning equipment. Complaints out of hours can be made to 0800 80 70 60.

6. Aberdeenshire Local Plan

This was discussed. Many of the proposals referred to areas of the village that had already been developed, but it was agreed to strongly oppose the housing development along Bogbeth Road. The site for a possible medical centre at the north end of

Bremner Way was felt to be too far from the village centre, unless the existing surgery was retained, and the field to the east of Fyfe Park was not considered to be suitable for possible commercial use, particularly as, with the Midmill industrial estate being developed, it was felt that commerce was unlikely to be attracted to Kemnay. The area to the north of Lawrence's old site had been nominated for industrial use for many years, and was far more suitable. It was also not clear what was going to happen to the Lawrence of Kemnay site.

Proposals for landscaping, and for the provision of car parking near the Pleasure Park, would be supported.

It was noted that the developer would be invited to contribute to a primary School in Auchleven. The relevance of this for Kemnay was not understood, and it would be queried.

7. Garioch Area Community Council Forum

The Area Top Up Budget had been increased to £30,000, and applications from Village Hall committees as well as Community Councils were invited. Contribution from the local community was expected. TRAK had proposed shelters for young people, and opposed the suggestion that flag poles be erected. Possible applications will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Long Service Awards for Mrs Milton and Mrs Wainman would be presented at a Kemnay Community Council meeting.

8. Garioch Community Council Forum Workshop Evening 2nd October 2002.

Ms Taylor and Mr Thomson would attend the workshop on Youth Issues, Mrs Wainman and Ms Campbell that on Internet Websites. It was not felt that the workshop on the north east coastal plain was relevant to Kemnay.

9. New Business.

Mr Whittall asked if the Community Council would support the Fetternear Trust's application for a grant from the Local Heritage Initiative, Scotland. The intention was to produce a booklet giving the history of the ruins and the estate, a checklist of birds, and another one of flowers and trees. There would also be a viewing platform at the archaeological dig, and notice boards and direction signs. It was agreed to do everything possible to help.

10. Report from Safety Group

It was pointed out that lorries should not be parking in residential streets, but should be kept at the place of origin. Councillor Leitch said that there was a lorry park in Benachie View, although some members queried this. He undertook to check.

11. Aberdeenshire News

Councillor Leitch said that funds for improving road safety around the Primary School were being investigated for next year. He also reported on his activities, and said that there would be a Police Liaison Meeting in Oldmeldrum Academy on 11th October. He was told that the coping on the wall around the Pleasure Park was broken, and undertook to investigate this. He had been involved in discussions about crime levels, and found that 85% of young people were never involved in any sort of trouble, a statistic which he found encouraging.

Some asbestos had been found in the Primary School and was being removed. He assured members that, as the asbestos had not been disturbed, there had been no danger to pupils, past or present.

More money was being put into community education.

Work had been done to improve drainage in the Pleasure Park, however there was a fundamental problem, resolution of which would require work to go on for a year.

12. Planning Applications

There had been twelve Planning Applications submitted since the last meeting, six of which had already been approved. Details are as follows.

99/6661/1 ALTER & EXTEND Lucian West, Boatleys Farmhouse, Kemnay
APPROVED

99/6692/1 EXTENSION Mr R Temple, Ridgeways, Parkhill, Kemnay APPROVED

99/6009/4 SITE TEMPORARY CLASSROOM UNIT at Kemnay Primary School, Grove Road, Kemnay. Aberdeenshire Council. Sited in playground, 21m x 7.2m
99/6818/1 ALTER & EXTEND Mr Smith, Helendale Croft, The Horner, Kemnay APPROVED
99/6840/1 ALTER & EXTEND (rear) Mr Duthie, Murraydale Cottage, Paradise Road, Kemnay
99/6861/1 ALTER & EXTEND Mr I Morgan, Daisybank, Church Lane, Kemnay (will double size of house)
99/6035/9 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING C M & G M Adam, Boatleys, Kemnay APPROVED
99/6876/1 ALTERATIONS Mr Lothian, Garryvean, Paradise Road, Kemnay APPROVED
99/6927/1 GARAGE Mr Gordon, 8 Wilson Place, Kemnay APPROVED
99/6951/1 CONSERVATORY (rear) Mr J McAdie, 4 Loch Way, Kemnay
99/6959/1 GARAGE (rear) Mr Mitchell, Kirkstyle Cottage, Victoria Terrace, Kemnay
99/6960/1 EXTENSION (rear) Eleanor Robertson, 22 Aquithie Road, Kemnay (next to Police Station)

Mrs Milton said that she had received a neighbour's notification regarding conversion of steadings at Milton Farm to houses. Mr Evans said that this had not yet been publicised by Aberdeenshire Council.

13. Correspondence

a. Scottish Executive's Rural Community Transport Initiative.

The closing date for applications for support to community groups for local community transport schemes such as community buses, dial-a-trip services or voluntary car schemes has been notified as being 7 October 2002.

b. Grampian Police Bulletin.

The quarterly bulletin reported that crime figures, particularly domestic housebreakings, are down on the previous year. Concern is expressed at the continued number of fatal and serious road accidents, particularly involving the 17 - 25 age group.

c. Aberdeenshire Sports Council Newsletter and Affiliation.

A newsletter has been received and will be circulated. Affiliation to the Aberdeenshire, at a fee of £25 per year, is invited.

d. Plants for Community Projects.

Aberdeenshire Council is offering to supply plants for community use. A list of those available has been provided. Communities would be responsible for planting and maintaining the plants.

e. Communication with School Boards, PTAs and PAs.

There will be a meeting held, once in Term 1 and once in Term 3, for PTAs and PAs, attended by representative from the Education and Recreation Committee. The first meeting for Kemnay Academy was on 16th September 2002.

f. Garioch Area Bus Forum - Meeting 10th October 2002.

The next meeting of the Community Bus Forum will be held in Gordon House on 10th October 2002. There has been a request for increased frequency on the 220 service between Kemnay and Aberdeen, and the 221/421 services have been rerouted to call at Safeway and Tesco, with a stop five minutes from the station.

g. Fun Fair and Circus Policy.

A letter has been received outlining the policy for fun fairs and circuses on Council land. In brief, charges will be made, and any organiser should contact Aberdeenshire Council before proceeding with the arrangements.

h. Postcomm Meeting.

A meeting to discuss the future of postal services will be held in the Copthorne Hotel on 30th September at 7.00 p.m.

14. A.O.C.B.

a. 220 Bus Service

It was reported that Stagecoach have not been honouring their undertaking to guarantee a connection at Kintore for the 307/220 services, with a group of passengers being forced to wait for a non-existent bus. A letter would be

written to Stagecoach.

b. Deportation of Mrs Urqhart

Mrs Newberry said that a Mrs Urqhart was under threat of deportation to Canada, and asked if the Community Council would write a letter in support of her application to remain in the UK. It was agreed to do this, but Mr Hunneyball asked Mrs Newberry if she would provide him with all necessary details as he knew nothing of the case.

c. Signposts

Mr Davies said that he had noted some attractive signposts in Inverurie. It would be nice if some could be provided for Kemnay.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m.on Thursday 31st October 2002 in Kemnay Academy.