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KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 1979 in Kemnay School at 7.00 pm.

Present: B. Innes, J. Hern, H. Hughes, Mrs C. Marshall, L. McKay, Mrs S. Milton, P. Shanks, Mrs M. Wainman, District Councillor R. Reid.

Apologies: W. Duncan, Regional Councillor D. McLean.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th January 1979 were agreed subject to correction of typing error - matters arising item ii) Crombie Crescent amended to read McCombie Crescent.

Matters arising from the minutes

Gordon District Council report.

- 1) Letter received from Mr Kennedy G.D.C. agreeing in principal to the demolition of the Station house and awaiting report of his officials on future development of the area. It was agreed that the secretary should write to Mr Mitchell of the Grampian Roads Dept requesting that bridge improvements and car parking provided should be proceeded with.
- 2) Radio equipment for Kemnay Doctors- R. Reid to keep the council informed on fund raising proposals.

Grampian Regional Council report

- 1) Phasing of expenditure on New Academy - Councillor McLean reported by letter that the expenditure allocated on the project was £5000 for 1978/9 and £4000,000 for 1979/80.
- 2) G.R.C. Roads Dept to consider a one way traffic system for part of Fraser Place, to reduce danger at junction with Victoria Terrace.
- 3) Gritting and snow clearance- letter from G.R.C. Roads Dept was received stating that the services were very much under pressure owing to the severity of the winter and that Kemnay was no worse off than other areas.
- 4) Kemnay Oldschoolhouse Mrs Milton reported on the meeting held between Community Council representatives and Mr Dick and Mr Findlay arranged by Mr McLean. Whilst conceding that the population increase had outstripped the recreational facilities the officials did not appear over eager to encourage the use of the school house for such purposes. They pointed out difficulties regarding fire regulations which rendered the upper story unsuitable even for storage purposes. They did advise that a 75% grant would be available for renovation of Kemnay Public Hall and suggested that

a terrapin hut could be obtained they would provide a site for this as a stop gap measure until the new academy was built.

Other matters arising

- 1) Kemnay Community Council accounts- Copies were circulated for scrutiny and discussion as necessary at the next meeting.
- 2) Community Council Election- The Chairman reported that nomination papers had been distributed with the Kemnay Newsletter which also contained an article publicising the forthcoming election. In addition posters will be displayed and a notice placed in the Inverurie and District Advertiser. This was considered sufficient publicity.
Councillors were asked to look for volunteers to man the polling station in the event of an election.

New Business

- 1) Aberdeen Area Structure Plan - The secretary was instructed to write to G.R.C. re affirming the Community Councils views on the parts of the plan which are of interest to Kemnay. Particularly in the areas of Housing, Transport, Recreational Facilities, Education and Industry
- 2) Public Transport - Meeting with Mr Westerby, transport official, on March 29th arranged by Mr McLean, Mrs Wainman and Mrs Marshall volunteered to attend.
- 3) Proposal of Abolition of Road Fund Licence - Mr Kennedy of Gordon District Council requested the views of the Community Council on the Governments proposals to replace the road fund licence with an additional duty on road fuel. J. Hern favoured the abolition chiefly on the grounds of energy conservation. H. Hughes opposed the proposal as it was likely to increase the cost of transport, both private and public. Rural dwellers who rely on this would be adversely affected. On a vote five favoured the abolition and three opposed it. Mr Kennedy to be so informed.

A.O.C.P.

- 1) Material for childrens safety slide - L. McKay produced literature on subject for secretary. It was thought that it might be suitable for projected play areanear McCombie Crescent. The idea to be put to officials concerned.
- 2) Publicity for Kemnay Fair - It was agreed to take up G.R.C. Leisure and recreation Depts offer and include the Fair in thier literature
- 3) Institute of Cultural Affairs - proposed Town Meeting - H. Hughes J. Hern, C. Marshall & M. Wainman agreed to meet representatives of the above to discuss their proposals and purpose.

Next Meeting Tuesday 20th March 7.30 pm Kemnay School.