

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 1986 IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

Present: Mrs Milton (in the Chair), Mrs Shrago, Mr Cumming, Mr Evans, Mr Wainman.

Apologies: Mr Railey, Mr Murray, Mr Pashley, Mr Stephen

Attending: Cllr Wainman, Cllr McLean, Mrs Cobb (Press), Mrs J Fooks-Rale and Mr J Duffus (members of the public)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished a Happy New Year to those members she had not seen. She also welcomed the members of the public.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Proposed adoption: D Evans; Seconded: H Cumming. No amendments.

3. Matters arising:-

On Page 3 paragraph 9 of the previous Minutes "Kemnay Quarry" to be changed to read "Craigmyle Quarry". The meeting was told that it has since been verified that this is not officially zoned for Industrial Use. Councillor Wainman told the Meeting that Rim Fabrications had been granted their application.

(a) Bulb Planting. Defer to next meeting. £176.71 balance. Members to think of good ideas of what to spend the money on. AGENDA ITEM.

(b) Paradise Road Pavement. This is included in the programme for the 5 years up to 1989.

(c) Bye-Election. Nominations will close at 12 noon on Monday 21st April and candidates will be invited to the meeting on the 24th April. In the event of more than six candidates the Bye-Election will be held on Thursday 1st May 1986.

(d) Marking Kit. Mr Evans had spoken to Kintore Community Council. In principle they are willing to hire the kit out to other Community Councils. They had a meeting on the 26th February at which the matter was discussed in full. They had decided to loan the kit at a rate of £10 per month or 50% of the takings, whichever is the greater. They were charging £3 for a housecall and that would cover the first five items marked, after which a charge of 50p per item. There was a 50% discount for OAP's. Most popular was the punch and dye kit for bicycles. Total cost of the kit was £155, this included infra-red and ultra-violet pens and the punch and dye kit. It was decided to speak to the RMX club and see if they were interested in the first instance. AGENDA ITEM.

(e) It was confirmed that the Academy would be open for the March meeting.

4. Unfinished Business. The Questionnaire re High Street. A collation of the information was read out as follows:-

Collation of High Street Traffic Questionnaires

	Yes	No	
Q1	44	15	<u>Total Returned: 61</u>
Q2	51	8	
Q3	45	10	
Q4	28	28	
Q5	50	5	

Further Suggestions:

1. No commercial vehicles in car park 0800-1800
 - . Improve junction Station Rd/Grove Road
2. Restrict Parking on Station Road
3. Signposts for car park
4. No parking in High Street for any vehicles
5. Bus stance on Aquithie Road should be recessed to improve traffic flow
6. Bus route via Grove Road, Station Road, Aquithie Road, Bremner Way and return same way
7. One way Station Road/Victoria Terrace with parking on N side only
8. No Waiting St Brydes Rd/Station Rd
9. Widen road from Post Office to McColls to allow parking that side
10. Move shops and Surgery to widen entire road
11. Lorries allowed in car park 1800-0900
12. Separate lorry park
13. Bus from Alford to avoid High St (any parcel drops in that direction?)
14. No entry to High St at all except for access (Buses, Goods vehicles delivering and residents Goods vehicles to observe one way to Victoria Terrace
15. With High St one way, parking on one side only over entire length
16. Buses to leave village via Aquithie Road, Quarry, The Horner
17. High St one way only between Collies and the Bank
18. No commercial vehicles in High St

20. No buses in High Street
21. Double Yellow lines from stop sign past Chemist
22. Is car park strong enough for heavy lorries, if not, what is weight restriction?
23. Bus stop to be relocated from High Street to Aquithie Road by the car park
24. Enforce no parking on pavements
25. Unloading bay outside McColls
26. No parking of private cars during shop hours
27. Prohibit parking on Station Road (to allow free movement of traffic)
28. Rewiden Kendal Road for use as village exit route.
29. With High St one way, widen pavement on South side.
30. Parking allowed on south side of High Street from Collies to the bank

Generally, the comments reflect concern at the increase in traffic that may be generated at other parts of the village specifically, Station Road, Kendal Road and Paradise Road (from centre to Kendal Road). The nub of the problem is that with a one way system, will there still be traffic congestion caused by vehicles, particularly commercial vehicles and buses, stopping in unauthorised areas. Is it reasonable to consider excluding buses from the High Street altogether? The only apparent restriction to this is the commercial delivery of newspapers and packages. Perhaps a small lockup could be placed at the car park (keys with bus driver, Mace, Newsagents).

The survey clearly shows that there is strong support for proposals 2 and 5 and support for proposal 3 though not necessarily as it stands. Some concern was expressed over the village exit route for buses through Station Road. Perhaps via the quarry and the Horner might be a better exit route at least for Aberdeen and Inverurie bound buses.

There is also concern that excluding traffic altogether from the High Street would adversely affect the traders and the atmosphere of the village. There are also less mobile patients to consider.

It seems there is room for a reeducation of thinking in the village to encourage parking in the car park for the able-bodied. Signposts and perhaps a pedestrian crossing at the car park may encourage its use.

Insofar as there is no service road for the traders vehicles, there is no alternative but to continue to allow commercial vehicles in the High Street but even with a one way system parking must be in a manner that will not affect traffic flow.

A wider pavement on the south side of High St to provide a safer access for the school children could have a beneficial effect on traffic flow but in the meantime, perhaps the children could be encouraged to use the north side pavement.

Mr Wainman said that it seemed there was a lot of concern in the Village over the proposals. Cllr McLean proposed to pass this on to the Roads Department who are looking into the question of child safety. Mr Wainman mentioned to Cllr McLean the weight-limit and that there was a lot of support for this. Cllr Wainman suggested that Mr Mitchell of Grampian Regional Council Roads Department might like to come to a Community Council meeting after he had had time to consider the proposals.

5. Correspondence. Letter from Cllr Wainman re Rye-Election read out. A reminder to be put into the March Newsletter re Nomination Forms. Letter from Gordon District Council re Review of Local Plan was also read out.

6. New Business. Postal Delays. The Secretary told the Meeting that the Chairman had informed her over the telephone that evening that he had received 19 phone-calls and spoken to 5 people about the Postal Delays. All of them said that First Class post going out of Kemnay but also Port Elphinstone and Inverurie quite often seemed to take more than two working days, to reach its destination outside the local area. The people he had spoken to regularly sent mail to London, Leeds, Birmingham, South Wales, Shrewsbury and Stranraer. The Chairman suggested that a letter be written to the Postmaster at Inverurie explaining that it was not incoming mail that was the problem, and that we would like him to investigate and see if there is any possibility of improving the service. Letters from the Main Post Office in Crown Street and Dyce invariably seem to arrive the next day. The Chairman also suggested that a comment was put in the Newsletter. Councillor McLean suggested that we write to Cllr W Rose, in his capacity as a member of the Aberdeen and District Post Office Advisory Committee. It was felt that we should write to Councillor Rose in preference to the Postmaster.

7. District News. Councillor Wainman told the meeting that the Toilet should hopefully be completed in March and the Library in April. With regard to Environmental Improvements Councillor Wainman asked if there were any that we would like to see around the Village, for instance bulbs, tree-planting etc. Items to be discussed at the next meeting. AGENDA ITEM.

8. Regional News. Cllr McLean said that there will be an improvement to the Dunecht junction towards Castle Fraser. The Glenhead Railway Bridge was included in the middle of the next 5 year Capital Programme. The A96 at Midmill is high on the list of things to be done. There was also the possibility of another improvement on the Castle Fraser road near Gask Farm.

Bus Shelters. Cllr McLean said that a request had come through to erect shelters at the stops in Bremner Way. There are three stops. One outside the school, one outside Kembhill Park and the other at Putmunie Place. The stops will be moved slightly to open ground instead of outside people's homes. It was suggested that the Putmunie Place bus stop be moved and a shelter be built at the Aquithie Road bus stop by the Car Park entrance. Cllr Wainman asked if anything could be done to stop buses stopping outside Sims' shop. Mr Wainman asked about the left turn from Bridge Road into Aquithie Road and the fact that the view was obstructed by a telegraph pole and if anything could be done about improving this. Councillor McLean said that lowering the wall might be a solution.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans said that there were 4 in all during the month. One application (86/P/166X) by Mr H Riach of Sandbank Aquithie Road was for change of use of railway track to firewood business. A discussion ensued about the noise involved. It was decided to write to the District Council opposing the application because it is essentially a residential area and it would be detrimental to the amenities of the area.

10. A.G.C.B.

1. The meeting was told that a complaint had gone to the Environmental Health department about the smell from the Chicken houses.

2. The Secretary gave her apologies for being unable to attend the next two meetings of the Community Council. She asked for someone to take the Minutes of the March (Annual General) Meeting and distribute copies in time for the April meeting. She also asked for someone to take the Minutes of the April meeting.

11. The next meeting which is the Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday the 27th March 1986. Councillor McLean gave his apologies. He is due to be in Edinburgh on that date.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: