

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minute of Meeting of Kemnay Community Council held in the Village Hall,
Kemnay on Thursday, 27th June, 2002 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Sheila Taylor
James Piggins (Chair)
Alistair Thomson
Alan Davies
Janet Newberry
Susan Milton
Mavis J. Wainman

In attendance: Gavin Roberts, Evening Express
David Duncan, Inverurie Herald
Pam Walker, Aberdeenshire Council
Chris Feemantle, Scottish Sculpture Workshop
Kate Rigby (Minutes)

Apologies: Chris Hunneyball
Pat Findlater
David Evans
Councillor Alister Leitch
Councillor G. Saluja

1. Police Matters

As there was no police presence at the meeting, no police matters were discussed.

2. Presentation – Pam Walker, Aberdeenshire Council

Pam Walker explained to the Council what Aberdeenshire Council has been working towards for the past few years with regard to waste and what it is hoped will happen in Kemnay, funding provided. It was noted that SEPA produced a Waste Strategy in 1999, following which Aberdeenshire Council produced its own waste strategy in December, 2001, being the first local authority in Scotland to do so. There is now a Draft Area Waste Plan, covering the areas of Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City out for consultation. This Plan deals with, amongst other things, the Land Fill Directive which means that the amount of biodegradable waste put to landfill must be reduced to no more than 35% of what is landfilled at present. It is likely that Aberdeenshire will meet the first and second target easily but need more measures to be taken to meet the final target. In this regard a bid is currently being prepared to attract funding from the Scottish Executive Strategic Waste Fund. This bid comprises education and awareness raising, expanding mini recycling centres which, together should reduce the amount of waste to be landfilled. It was noted that at present the waste collected from Kemnay goes to the landfill site at Wester Hatton and it is hoped that the old pulveriser plant in Inverurie can be brought back into service and a third composting plant built at Banchory. If the bid for funding is successful it is likely that there will be eight Area Waste Officers appointed which will help to raise awareness of the systems being used and how to use them.

It was noted that a letter from SEPA had been received by the Community Council inviting attendance at workshops to discuss the Waste Strategy on 12th and 18th July, from 9.30 a.m. onwards at the Kintore Arms Hotel, Inverurie and James Piggins encouraged anyone wishing to be involved to go along to one of these meetings.

3. Minute of Meeting of 30th May, 2002-06-30

The Minute was taken as a true record of proceedings, proposed by Alan Davies and seconded by Alistair Thomson.

4. Matters Arising

James Piggins advised that he had learned at the Garioch Community Council Forum meeting recently that the Local Plan is approaching the stage where it will be put on deposit at the end of August for six weeks. It is likely, therefore, that this will be an item on the agenda for the September Community Council meeting.

With regard to the Calor Gas Scottish Community of the Year Award, James Piggins had now received the sections of the bid on the Environment and the Community and he has written a part on Young People. Any comments on any of these sections and any other information which is thought necessary should be passed to James. Alan advised that he still had to write the section on business because he has only recently had sight of the guidelines.

Janet Newberry advised that the Jubilee celebrations in the village appeared to be enjoyed by all those attending although there was a disappointing turn-out of people. The music from the various sources was excellent.

Mavis advised that the secretary of the Pavillion Committee was currently looking at ways in which the building could be used for other groups such as the youth group previously presenting to the Community Council.

Chris Freemantle advised that he was attending to reassure the Council that there did not appear to be any insurmountable problems with the Quarry project and explained some of the technical and financial challenges he was currently working on.

5. Consultation Paper on Renewing Local Democracy

James Piggins advised that he had drafted a response to this document. Thereafter detailed discussion on the various areas of the consultation paper took place and the amended response would be sent to the Scottish Executive in due course.

6. Garioch Community Council Forum

James Piggins reported that the Area Committee "top up" budget has been increased this financial year to £30,000 and decisions on what to do with this funding was currently being considered by the Area Committee. Community Council Project Grants were again available to individual Community Councils in the form of £2,500

for the year, with maximum award to any one Council of £750. It was agreed that the Community Council should consider what project to apply for funding for. Several suggestions were made such as shelters for the young people and flag poles for the entrance to the village. It was agreed that Alan Davies would make initial enquiries with regard to the flag poles he had identified in Tillydrone.

It was noted that the Village Orderly scheme would re-start in July. The Forum had also agreed that a discussion on Area Partnerships would take place at their meeting after the summer. Aberdeenshire Council Web Site will consider how web sites for individual Community Councils can be established with links to the Council site. It was considered that someone doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award might be approached to help the Community Council create a Web Site and Mavis agreed to contact Lorna Forsyth regarding this.

7. Scottish Association of Community Councils

Mavis and James reported that they had attending a meeting of the SACC in Aberdeen which had had presentations on the Waste Strategy, Joint Futures and Health Care and Social Care.

8. Garioch and North Marr Community Safety Group

In the absence of Pat Findlater who represented the Community Council on the Community Safety Group, Kate Rigby updated on the work of this Group and the Community Safety Partnership in general. It was noted that the Group had recently been successful in attracting £500 towards a project they were working on with other partners to raise awareness of the Blood Pressure problems and the effect that might have on health with regard to strokes. Kate also advised that the Community Council could also seek the assistance of the Community Safety Group with projects they might have an interest in and applications for further funding from the Partnership would be invited again in September/October,

9. Aberdeenshire Council News

In the absence of Councillors Saluja and Leitch, Kate advised the Community Council of the recent launch of Aberdeenshire's Multi-Agency Strategy to combat Domestic Abuse, the Domestic Abuse Prevention kits and the system put in place to allow community alarms to be used in rural areas where victims and potential victims of domestic abuse may find these helpful.

10. Planning Applications

The planning applications brought to the attention of the Community Council were as follows:

Proposed garage for Mr. T. McGhie, 60 Paradise Road, Kemnay – approved
Proposed extension to Louisville, 39 Victoria Terrace, Kemnay for Mr. Griffiths – no objection
Proposed garage for J. Tait at 11 Golfview Crescent, Kemnay – no objection

Outline application for erection of house for Mr. Siudej at 27 Kendal Road – this was considered by the Community Council to be overdevelopment of the site and it was agreed that a letter of representation be submitted accordingly.

11. Next Meeting

The Community Council will next meet on 26th September, 2002.