

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 1997

Present: Mr W Wainman, Mrs M Wainman, Mrs J Campbell, Mrs L Moss, Mrs S Shrago, Mr L Shrago, Mrs S Milton, Mr D Evans, Mr A Davies, Dr J Piggins, Mrs G Hinton, Mrs J Newberry

Also present: Cllr A Leitch, Mr A Middleton (Scottish Greenbelt), Ms Z Griffin (RSK) Mr E Macleod (RB Farquahar), Mr P Smith (Scottish Sculpture Workshop), Mr T Mitchell (Roads Dept), Mr A Thomson, Mr A Ross, Mr P Whitehead

Apologies: PC Thom

1 Members & visitors welcomed.

3 Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Mrs M Wainman, seconded Mrs G Hinton

4 Matters arising from Minutes: Mr W Wainman suggested that new toilets for Bogbeth Park should be among priorities needed for village. Mrs S Shrago asked what would happen to sewerage pump at Kirkstyle development in the event of power cut - Mr Macleod stated that a generator would be connected to pump kiosk. Mr A Ross expressed concern and surprise that soak aways would be efficient at Kirkstyle - although they might be effective initially, silt and dirt would build up and cause problems later and who would be responsible for any future flooding problems. Mr Macleod stated that system would be efficient and met North of Scotland Water Authority standards. Sewerage would not be connected to existing pipes on Victoria Terrace because of disruption and unquantifiable cost in connecting to old pipes.

5 Presentation by Mr A Middleton of Scottish Greenbelt Co re woodland area at Kirkstyle development. Company formed in 1991 to take on lease and management of land, often woodlands. Trees are bought from nurseries and planted by them (they have 99 year lease on woodland). Asked about vandalism, he said school meetings and children's site visits proved effective. Thinning would be undertaken to increase quality and allow more light. Asked about litter, he said bins could be sited by the Council. New trees would be half a metre high and include native broadleaf, pine & birch mix, cherry and oak. Lease specifies for leisure and recreation so no building could take place in future.

Presentation by Mr P Smith of Scottish Sculpture Workshop on the type of sculptures which could be incorporated in woodland area. He envisaged more natural sculptures, such as dry stone dykes around seating area and some sort of work incorporating quarry rubble and would be happy to set up meeting with interested parties to ascertain type of work feasible at entrance to village. Safety features around the quarry would be sympathetic and effective. Mr W Wainman suggested asking John Main, the sculptor, to attend meeting. There could be limited vehicle access from the north.

6 Mr Tom Mitchell from the Roads Dept answered various concerns. His department had recommended railing by proposed cash point outside Mace but as parking area was

privately owned, could not paint out parking lines. There will be a display of the traffic calming measure possibilities in Kemnay in Friendship House on Monday 8th December. These included speed signs at Kirkstyle, the Golf Course and Lawrences dealership, improved signing, road markings and road narrowing. When asked about sleeping policemen he said these would not be practical because of emergency vehicles. As there was a limited police presence, the educational process was ongoing. Flashing signs had seemed successful and would be back sometime. Rumble strips were very noisy for residents. Present bad parking outside clinic might be relieved by woodland car park (there would be kissing gates into woodland)

The road surface was very poor outside quarry but was difficult to keep in good repair due to the heavy traffic. Cats eyes very effective on unlit roads. Asked about the bad bends on the Kemnay/Inverurie road he said they would review signs and road surface.

7 Unfinished business: We had written to Boys Football Club and Ron Reid of Leisure & Recreation and hoped to set up a meeting of interested parties in the New Year.

7a Correspondence received: letter from Hydro Board re presentation on open electricity market.

Letter from Aberdeenshire Council re Facelift & Amenity Grant.

Letter from Grampian Forest re new address.

8 Aberdeenshire News: Cllr Leitch reported that there had been discussions on possible funding/training needed for Community Councils. He had received fax from Peter Suttie (Planning & Economic Dept) re affordable housing. He suggested asking Sadie McDonald of the same department to a future meeting.

9 Planning Applications: one to extend & alter existing house and reapplications for The Knoll and Ramescales garage/workshop.

10 AOCB: Mr D Evans queried item in Garioch Forum minutes about Community Council boundaries and constitutions. The next meeting of the Forum will be on 27th January. Mrs L Moss reported on the Crime Prevention Panel meeting on 17th November. Westhill Under Age Drinking Initiative had been successful and it was hoped to start something similar in Kemnay organised by Crime Panel and HEDAKK. Leaflets going out with Newsletter re home security. There will be cycle marking session at Police Station on Sunday 30th November.

Mrs Wainman reported that PC Thom had said School Watch at Kemnay Primary during the summer was a success and asked that people seeing anything suspicious around the schools in the evenings should report it.

Reflector badges on sale by Kemnay Primary PTA.

11 Meeting finished at 9.20pm - next meeting Thursday 29th January.

Proposed adoption:

Seconded:

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