

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KEMNAY  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH  
1996**

**Present:** Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mrs M Wainman, Mr L Shrago, Mr M Moss, Mr D Evans, Dr J Piggins, Mrs J Newberry, Mrs J Campbell

**Apologies:** Mr A Davies, Mr F Wainman, Mr E Pashley

**Attending:** Cllr A Leitch, Mrs L Ross (member of the public), Mrs K Buchan, Mrs A Auld (members of Alehousewells Residents Association), Mr Bob Davis (Chairman, Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone especially the members of the public and Mr Davis from the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum. The apologies were read and Mrs Milton said that PC Lamont had hoped to come but had been called out to an incident.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Dr Piggins requested an amendment to paragraph 11. He suggested putting quotes around "somewhat inadequate replies". He also suggested saying "Mrs Milton expressed the thanks of the Kemnay Community Council "and disagreed with the inadequacy of his replies". Proposed adoption: Mrs Wainman, seconded: Mr Evans. Passed no dissent.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** Mrs Wainman said that Mrs Wakely Snr had been in touch and had said she was disappointed that the drug scene had not been mentioned in either the press or the previous Minutes. After discussion it was agreed that she did not actually mention the word "drugs". The feeling of the meeting was that we did not want to highlight the problem. Mrs Wainman to contact Mrs Wakely and tell her our thoughts.

4. **Unfinished Business.** There was none.

5. **Correspondence received.** A letter from Gordon Enterprise Trust, Mr Bill Marshall suggesting a meeting. Cllr Leitch said he had been in touch with Mr Marshall and had spoken to him about the Kemnay Quarry project. There is also a Rural Business Officer who he has invited to come and have a chat in an effort to encourage business to Kemnay. Cllr Leitch said there are plans to develop the Fetternear Palace to encourage schools to bring children on field trips etc. It was decided to give the letter to Reverend Renton as he had been the one to raise the enquiry in the first place. Letter from Hydro Electric re tree-cutting and replacement; Letter from Gordon District re Tree Planting Ceremonies to mark the demise of the District; Entry Form for Beautiful Scotland in Bloom competition.

6. **Chairman's Annual Report.** Mrs Milton read her report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

7. **The Financial Statement.** Copies were circulated to everyone and a copy is attached to these Minutes. Proposed adoption: Mr Shrago, seconded: Mrs Wainman.

8. **New Business.** (a) Mr Bob Davis then gave his presentation. The Environmental Forum is a voluntary group who have enjoyed funding in the past from Gordon District, and hope to receive funding in the future from Aberdeenshire Council. They look at a range of Environmental problems over a wide spectrum. They have a co-ordinating committee with fifteen members, two of whom are Mr and Mrs Wainman. He mentioned their Native Tree-planting scheme which offers up to 200 trees free to anyone living in Aberdeenshire. They also offer free Wild flowers under their Attractive Garden Scheme. There is also the Green Butterfly Award and this year's ceremony takes place in May during Environment Week. If there are any Environmental problems that we feel they can help with we should contact them as they are able to exert quite a lot of pressure. They will be planting six trees in each of the six areas of the new Aberdeenshire. Kemnay's will be planted on Sunday 19th May at 11 a.m. at Alehousewells Primary School, followed by a walk by the river. Mrs Milton thanked Mr Davis for his very interesting presentation.

(b) Mrs Buchan and Mrs Auld said that Alehousewells Residents Association were looking for a financial grant towards their running costs. They would like the Community Council to press for this grant. Previously they were supported by the Housing Department of Gordon District, who had done most of their paperwork for them. Mrs Wainman suggested that the Community Association might be able to assist and Cllr Leitch also said he might be able to help as the Residents Association has done a very good job since their inception.

(c) Mrs Wainman mentioned that recently there had been two bad accidents on the Castle Fraser Road within a week of each other. One was certainly due to mud on the road and she wanted to know the accurate situation with regard to whether this should be cleaned up by the farmer concerned. Mr Shrago to speak to the Police and find out. Depending on the answer we might consider writing to the Chief Constable.

(d) Mr Shrago mentioned that anyone travelling on the roads should take care as at the Glens of Foudland today there was hard-packed snow and no gritters in sight. Five cars were involved in accidents.

(e) Mrs Wainman said the Kemnay Clean-Up will be on Saturday 20th April. Everyone is welcome. Alehousewells Primary School will be turning out to help.

9. **Local Authority News.** Cllr Leitch said he will become a "real" Councillor on the 1st April. He is looking forward to starting. They will be meeting every fortnight and if there

is any Planning matter that we wish to discuss the Council would be prepared to come to Kemnay Village Hall. It is possible the Council might also conduct other business here from time to time.

10. Planning Applications. Mr Evans said that Andrews Fireplaces had an application for change of use for Mr Middleton's former garage to a store. After discussion it was decided to write to the Council to the effect that we would envisage that this would take all the storage of roadside materials inside the garage, so tidying up the present premises which were felt by all present to be an eyesore. Concern was also voiced at the fact that presently the cutting of marble etc is carried out almost on the footpath and passersby could be in danger of flying splinters. None of the other applications were felt to be contentious.

11. A.O.C.B. (a) Mr Shrago asked whether the planters in the High Street could be put back into some semblance of order. Mrs Wainman explained the present position and said that a letter had been sent this week asking for their reinstatement.

(b) It was agreed to send letters of thanks to retiring Councillors Hunter and Elrick and also to P C Shand, regretting his departure and wishing him well.

(c) Mr Evans said he had received telephone calls from people in the Glebe who were unhappy about the proposed access to the new Glebe site. Mrs Wainman had an alternative proposal for access with a new entrance to the Bogbeth Road and the present entrance being blocked off and planted with trees. She had spoken to Stewart Milne about this and they were considering the proposal.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday 25th April.

Proposed adoption:

Seconded:

Signed: