

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE MEETING ON THE

28th Sept 2006 AT 7.30PM IN KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Chris Hunneyball, Neil Johnson, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman, David Evans, Bill Blackwood, Susan Milton, Pat Findlater, Ian Wakely, Hazel Al-Kowarri, Eric Pashley, Paul Smart and Annie Ferries

ATTENDING: Cllr Gurudeo Saluja & 8 members of the public

- 1) Welcome - Chris welcomed members of the Community Council and 8 members of the public. He asked that any items to be raised from the floor be done at the time appropriate to the agenda and that this should be done through the chair.
- 2) Apologies for absence - Alexandra Burnett, Janet Newberry and Cllr Alastair Leitch had submitted apologies
- 3) Police Matters – no police presence. Susan asked for better enforcement of the speed limit along Victoria Terrace/Grove Road. Ian asked about vehicles being parked along Victoria Terrace – was it possible to get the yellow lines extended further as the presence of parked cars made it difficult to pass through the village with a long vehicle. Chris explained that the lines had recently been extended for a trial period, and that at a site visit, Ian Rendell had made it clear that this was as far as he was able to go with lines. Jim agreed that parking was a problem – particularly at the end of the school day with many cars parked illegally and dangerously at the end of the High St. Another request would be made to Grampian Police for the services of a Traffic Warden and Jim would speak with the Head Teacher of Kemnay Primary about communicating with parents.
- 4) Minute of Meeting held on 29th June 2006

Adoption of minutes

Proposed - Susan

Seconded - Mavis

- 5) Kemnay Village Website - Chris commended the website and thanked all those who had worked so hard on getting it up and running. He urged people to make use of the site and to add their views to help everyone's voice to be heard about the life of the village. Several members stated that they had used the website and that it was an excellent method of keeping in touch with what was going on in the village.
- 6) Question Time - The planning brief for development adjacent to Fyffe Park was raised from the floor. Chris explained the history of the site, and that despite repeated objections from the Community Council, two areas had been incorporated into the local plan, site fh1 (housing) and eh1 (employment). Concern was expressed from the floor that the employment development would spoil the entrance to the village. There was general agreement that although employment opportunities were needed, several sites existed which had been used for business, but were now derelict. Why did the Council not demand that these be used first, rather than taking over greenfield sites? Ian agreed with the sentiments and pointed out that Aberdeenshire increase the requirement for greenfield by refusing to acknowledge redundant intensive farm buildings as brownfield sites – leaving many of these units to rot as it was uneconomic to demolish them. Chris summarised that there was nothing we could do about stopping development here – although interested parties should inform Aberdeenshire Council of their views, once detailed applications had been received.
- 7) Any matters to be raised under AOCB or at a future meeting to be tabled -
 - a) Disused paper shop in the High St (EP)

- b) Bus Forum (CH)
 - c) Waste Skips (IW)
 - d) Representation from Kemnay Academy (HAK)
 - e) Youth involvement in CC meetings (NJ)
 - f) Paths (JP)
- 8) Matters arising from Minute
- a) Alcohol consumption by under-age persons - a request through the area forum for a byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol by under-age people around the village would not be fulfilled. Gurudeo was surprised that additional powers were needed by the Police and would look into this.
 - b) Waste bins in Park - additional bins requested last year had not been installed. Hazel has phoned Aberdeenshire Council 3 times to complain about dog-waste bins not being emptied.
 - c) Police Numbers and Parenting skills (sent to all) - communication with Mike Rumbles had elicited support but no action on this matter. Police numbers will increase over the next 2 years with an addition of 110 officers.
- 9) Place of Origin – The official opening of the Point of Origin is to be by HRH The Duke of Kent on 30th October A flyer had been produced to advertise the event and this would be circulated with the newsletter. Funding had been obtained from Aberdeenshire Council and private sources to provide a plaque and information boards which would be on permanent display. Chris sought permission to spend up to £500 of Community Council monies in the event that no more money could be raised to pay for the event. This raised some debate and the majority view was that this money should be made available.
- 10)Aberdeenshire News – Plans for the chicken sheds had been passed, despite objections at officer level, in line with the views of the Community Council that this site should be improved. The local plan is now completely in operation after considerable consultation. The new plan would be produced using a bottom up system of building the plan at local level – rather than the current system of officials producing a draft plan for consultation. Aberdeenshire Council had received national and international awards for their Kaizen project designed to look at how people are involved in examining procedures.
- 11)Planning Applications - David referred to his e-mails re the 18 applications received - most were not contentious. The development at Bridgend had been objected to during the summer. The majority of views were that this development was too dense and of an inappropriate style for the area. Changes in route for the riverside path were also an issue. An application to expand extraction of sand and gravel at Dalmadilly raised no objections and the request to site a small wind turbine at Pictillum Croft was welcomed and a letter of support would be sent. The Clydesdale ATM is due to be moved across the road to Dow's garage if planning is approved.
- 12)Report from Safety Group Representative - Pat outlined the activities of the Garioch & North Marr Safety Partnership. Key points were the Safe Drive Stay Alive sessions would run again in November and their annual seminar would take place in Kemnay in March.
- 13)Report from Community Learning and Development Representative - Jim raised two issues: 1) The 'dumping' of refuse skips in the parking bays, and on the road, by the skate park. This was both health and safety issue as liquid effluent was seeping out of the skips and bags of rubbish were accessible, but also a problem for users of Bogbeth Road as skate park cars are being displaced onto the roadside. Ian and Annie agreed that this was a common problem and that 2 skips were there at the moment. Chris will write to the Council about this. 2) The Community Development Handbook has been issued for consultation prior to its

adoption on 16th September – once again no time has been allowed for any meaningful consultation on a major document.

14)New Business

- a) Maintenance of Communal areas around Kembhill Park (NJ) – the maintenance of the communal areas around houses built by the Scottish Special Housing Association was raised and discussed. Neil will write on behalf of Community Council to Aberdeenshire Council seeking clarification of their position.
- b) Development brief for Fyfe Park – done under item 6
- c) Village Hall Safety Training - there is a requirement for Hall user groups to attend this training Chris, Janet and Mavis would attend on behalf of KCC.
- d) Community Council Boundaries - changes to the Council wards mean that the current area covered by Kemnay Community Council will be served by 11 Councillors under the new system. This problem had been recognised and Ian Fowell is looking at adjusting the Community Council areas to reduce this number.

15)Unfinished Business

- a) Christmas Lights - £150.00 had been received from the top-up budget to pay for lights - the rest would be met from the Community Council Funds. 2 trees with lights would be erected at the entrances to the Village. Susan is donating the tree and Ian will collect and deliver the trees.

16)Correspondence

- a) NHS Grampian Consultation – response had been sent as per previous communications
- b) Plants for Community Use – form would be passed to Mavis for completion
- c) Training Opportunities – document circulated with details of training contacts for Aberdeenshire
- d) ASCC AGM – Chris will try to attend
- e) Grampian Fire & Rescue Risk Management Strategy – tabled for information

17)AOCB

- a) Disused paper shop in the High St - Eric mentioned rumours he had heard that Ross' may be in line to take this over. Whilst no-one knew any more, there was agreement that something should happen to it.
- b) Bus Forum – Chris appealed for as many as possible to attend the bus forum on 12th October.
- c) Waste Skips – covered under 13.1
- d) Representation from Kemnay Academy – Hazel asked why no staff (or pupils) from the academy had attended meetings since the Rector had attended some time ago. Chris will ask him.
- e) Youth involvement in CC meetings – Neil had spoken to Isobel Kendrick about getting young people more involved in the Community Council. It was felt that much of the business was of no interest to young people. He suggested that occasional meetings would have an agenda aimed at young people, in which they set much of the agenda. It was agreed that the meeting in February would have such a format and you groups will be contacted for agenda items and to publicise the meeting.

f) Paths - JP raised the two paths which had been requested. The one adjacent to Don's garage had been done but nothing more had been heard of the one from the Glebe to Bogbeth Road. Chris will write to Bob Rose.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 26th October 2006