

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2010

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Gavin Adam, Bill Blackwood, Margaret Christie, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Ian Murray, Janet Newberry, Eric Pashley, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Bill Elrick, Martin Howard, Doug Patrick, Fran Patrick, Graham Young.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. Apologies for absence: David Evans, Jim Piggins.
3. Police matters: There was no police presence, but a letter had been received commenting on the graffiti in the High Street. Cllr Al Kowarri agreed to contact the relevant authority to have it removed.
4. Opportunity for Members of the public to speak: Bill Elrick, Martin Howard and Graham Young expressed concern about the Local Development Plan and the proposal for football pitches in the area between Milton Farm and Milton Meadows. They pointed to the high incidence of flooding in the area, and the fact that this would be exacerbated by any movement of soil on the site. Given that the consultation period when matters could be raised directly with Aberdeenshire Council had already expired, it was agreed that the Community Council would write to SEPA voicing these concerns, with a copy to Aberdeenshire Council.

Fran and Doug Patrick, who live on High Street expressed concern about the recently painted parking markings; it seemed that cars had been parking across entrance driveways. It was pointed out that these were not new, but merely a refreshing of existing markings, which had been carried out in the village generally. It was noted, however, that the council had agreed to paint H markings across the entrance driveways in High Street.

5. The Minutes of Meeting The adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2010 was proposed by Janet Newberry, seconded by Eric Pashley and unanimously approved.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes:

- a) Comfort Partnership with Bennachie Lodge: There had been a reply from Ian Fowell, apologising for the fact that the signs were not in place but confirming that the comfort partnership was in operation. Signs would be erected in the near future.
- b) Tree Hazards: A reply had been received from Ian Rendall stating that an inspector would visit the site. A member of the public, however, revealed that the owner of the Leylandii had been asked to trim them back.
- c) Remembrance Day Wreath: The form of words for the wreath was agreed, along with the design for the centre of the wreath, and the Chairman was selected to lay it.
- d) Fitness Suite: Because of budget constraints, it was not going to be possible to open the fitness suite to the public, notwithstanding that this had been promised at a time of less financial stringency.

7. Planning matters and applications: There was nothing controversial.

8. Reports:

- a) Christmas Lights Sub Committee: Thanks to a generous donation by the Community Association, eight new lights had been purchased. Gavin Adam was to source the Christmas Trees. It was agreed that the lights should not be switched on before December.
 - b) Safety Group Representative: There was no representative present.
 - c) Community Learning and Development Representative: The representative was not present, but Janet Newberry pointed out that since janitors could no longer work the overtime hours which they previously had done, following the European Directive on Working Hours, schools were no longer available for evening activities. Cllr Al-Kowarri stated that Aberdeenshire Council was treating this as a matter of urgency. It was hoped to employ caretakers to open and close the schools, but in the meantime, some evening classes had been cancelled while others had relocated. It was proving difficult to find caretakers, who would have to undertake disclosure. The football club had been able to find someone to act as key-holder, and was now able to use the football pitches again.
 - d) GACCF: The next meeting would be on 9 November.
 - e) Community Planning – Draft Aberdeenshire Community Plan: It was agreed to take no action on this.
9. High Street Parking: This had already been dealt with.
10. ASCC:
- a) Proposed amendments: It was agreed to write asking again for an explanation of why the amendments proposed to the ASCC constitution were unconstitutional, and to copy the e-mail to all members of the Community Council who were present, so that an answer could be sent to everyone.
 - b) Ballot: The National Postal Ballot paper was completed. The secretary undertook to post it.
11. Aberdeenshire news: The area news had already been covered under other items.
12. Correspondence:
- a) Grampian Fire and Rescue Service: The Secretary was asked to circulate the consultation papers.
 - b) Design Awards: A brochure detailing the Aberdeenshire Design Awards was passed round.
 - c) Maternity Services Consultation: A response was agreed. John Hern undertook to complete the forms.
 - d) Refreshed Tourism Strategy for Scotland: It was agreed that this was not relevant to Kemnay.
 - e) A Guide to Council Performance: It was agreed that this was an unnecessary expense.
 - f) SEPA View: This had been received.
 - g) Budget Briefing: This would take place on Monday 6 December 2010 at 6.45 for 7 in Meldrum Academy.
 - h) Village Stone: A photograph of the stone to be placed at the entry to the village was circulated. The stone had been provided by Aggregate Industries, who were warmly thanked for their initiative.
 - i) Viewpoint: This had been received.
13. AOCB: Cllr Al-Kowarri was asked by the Chairman to find out about the reasons for the new 40 mph limit on the approach to the Inverurie Roundabout and more generally how and by whom the need for new speed limits on existing roads was assessed. She was also asked by Eric Pashley to find out the cost of

equipping the car park behind Sinclair's shop in Inverurie with electric barriers. Gavin Adam pointed out that landscaping had been started at Mill Farm.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on Thursday 25 November 2010.