



## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 1996**

**Present:** Mrs S Milton, Mrs S Shrago, Mr and Mrs F W Wainman, Mr L Shrago, Mr A Davies, Mr E Pashley, Mr D Evans, Dr J Piggins, Mr M Moss

**Apology:** Mr R Marco

**Attending:** Cllr R Hunter, Cllr J Elrick, Cllr A Leitch, Mrs J Campbell, Mr R Andrew, Miss L M Downie, Ms Carol Henderson, Mrs H Niven, Mr D Niven, Mr B Blackie, Mr and Mrs D Lyon, Mr R Findlay, Mr S Ross, Mrs Lorna Ross, Ms Carole Mackay, Mr P Whitehead, Mrs A Hern, Mrs N Robertson, Mr M Allan, Mr and Mrs Wakely, Mrs Wakely Snr, Mrs M Stewart, various other members of the public, Mr Norman Davidson (Forestry Commission), Mr E MacLeod and Mr A Milne (RB Farquhar Homes), Mr J W Findlay (Jenkins & Marr, Architects).

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. The apologies were read.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Proposed adoption: Mr Evans, second: Mr Wainman, passed no dissent.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes:- Milton Farm, Monymusk Road.** The Chairman said that RB Farquhar Homes had asked to make a presentation. They would be allowed 7 minutes to do this. Mr John Findlay of Jenkins & Marr acting on behalf of Farquhars then made his presentation. The plans were for 100 homes - some of which would be developed by Castlehill Housing Association for the over 55's and there would also be some cheaper houses for first-time buyers. Two football pitches were included, as was a children's play area. Depending on the scale of housing that is eventually built, Farquhars would be prepared to fund either changing facilities relating to the pitches or a possible extension to the Village Hall. They might also be prepared to consider making a contribution to a fund towards the cost of a swimming pool for Kemnay but this depended on securing the site for this development. He felt there would be less disruption with this site than with Kirkstyle Farm where the sewerage and drainage works would result in road closures for some four months. After various questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Findlay for his presentation.

4. **Unfinished Business - Yellow Lines approaching Kemnay Primary School.** Cllr Hunter reported that the Roads Department have investigated the matter and a formal order will be required for any change and this will form part of a Kemnay review which will be carried out in 1996/7. **The High Street.** Mr Mitchell of the Roads Department agrees that widening the roadway would require narrowing the footpath, which he does not favour but will monitor the situation. Cllr Hunter said that Gordon District have been

requested to fund new nameplates for Kendall Road but after the 1st April it will be up to the new Authority.

**5. Correspondence received.** A letter from Clydesdale Bank informing the Community Council that as from Friday 1st March the Kemnay branch will no longer remain open at lunchtime on Fridays; Letter from Gordon Enterprise - it was decided to invite the Project Manager to a Community Council meeting and to ask about the progress of the Visitor Centre at the Quarry. The National Spring Clean Week will be between the 12th and 21st April and the members of the public were asked to add their support to this endeavour.

**6. New Business. (a) Leschangie Woods.** Mrs Mary-Ann Stewart gave her presentation. She said the inspiration for the proposed Civic Amenity in the woods was Mr James Mackay, a Baillie of Bennachie. She identified the circuitous route to and through the forest from Kemnay, which is basically seven and a half kilometres long. She was concerned that the proposed felling of trees by the Forestry Commission might cause soil erosion and create more flooding from the surrounding fields to the lower ground. She would like the hardwood and Scots Pine perimeters retained. Various members of the public made comments on the proposals. Mr Norman Davidson of the Forestry Commission then made his presentation. The Commission was set up with the purpose of planting trees and creating a strategic supply of timber. However nowadays this is not their only aim and it is now modified by renewal and landscaping objectives. He said the area of the woodland extended to about 51 hectares. Their proposal was to consider the felling of about 10-11 hectares as a phased felling. He then identified the two areas where the felling is to take place. Within 18 months of felling they propose to plant more Larch and Scots Pine. Mr Wainman mentioned the Newsletter and said if the Commission kept him informed of the progress of the felling, people could be warned where and where not to walk. Mr Davidson confirmed that the tracks and paths in these woods would be for walkers and not cyclists or riders. Mrs Wakely Snr then showed a bag of assorted rubbish she had collected personally this week from the path near her farm. This included cigarette packets, condoms, contraceptive pill packs, beer cans and bottles, suspender belts, pants and tights. She collects similar bags each week. Mr Shrago said we should keep the Police informed so that they can keep up the pressure on the offenders. Various members of the public felt that we do not need to encourage any more people to come into the woods. Mrs Milton thanked Mr Davidson for coming.

**(b) The Post Office.** Mr Wainman said that Mr Cruikshank had told him this week that he proposes selling his present shop and the flat above and will be moving to the smaller shop next door. The hours will be normal Post Office Hours.

**(c) Proposed cuts in budget of Police and Fire Services.** Mr Wainman said he was most concerned about our safety with regard to the cuts in these budgets. Mr Wainman to draft a letter to Mr George Kynoch to be supported by a Petition in the Post Office.

(d) Mrs Wainman said that Gordon Environmental Forum had decided to plant six trees to commemorate the six areas in the new Aberdeenshire Council. The site suggested is at Alehousewells School.

7. **District News.** Cllr Elrick said there was none as things are winding down.

8. **Regional News.** Cllr Hunter corroborated this. Cllr Leitch said his work was winding up! With regard to the new road signs on entering the village, Mrs Shrago to write to Mr Mitchell about these as it was felt these might be hazard to drivers trying to read them and drive at the same time.

9. **Planning Applications.** Mr Evans said there were three in all. One was for a change of use for Mr Christie's former shoe shop to become a betting shop.

10. **A.O.C.B.** Mr Shrago asked people to lock up their sheds as there had been a spate of shed burglaries last week.

11. The next meeting which is the **Annual General Meeting** will be on Thursday 28th March next at 7.30 p.m. Cllr Hunter said that as this meeting will be after the last meeting of the Regional Council he will no longer be a Councillor. He thanked the Community Council for their courtesy over the last six years and for the way they had responded to his somewhat inadequate replies. Mrs Milton expressed the thanks of the Community Council and the people of Kemnay for all Cllr Hunter has done for us over the years and wished him a happy "retirement". There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

*Chair disagreed*

**Proposed Adoption:**

**Seconded:**

**Signed:**