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KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH 1984 AT 7.30 pm IN KEMNAY ACADEMY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence. Coun. Wilson, Mrs Shrago,
2. Minute of meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 1984
Adoption (include addendum to minute, at foot of this sheet.)
3. Matters arising from the minute.
 - a. Rights of Way Society
 - b. Tree planting news from Coun. Wilson
 - c. Library, busstance toilets
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. Correspondence Received
 - a. Grampian Community Transport
 - b. G. Kirkbride, acknowledgement , snow conditions, (weather records)
 - c. Malcolm Bruce, snow clearance , Michael Ancram
 - d. John Westaby, Bus stance
 - e. H.M. Income Tax
 - f. G. Scott, Houses completed in Kemnay
 - g. Grampian Region , Children's Panel
6. Unfinished business
7. District News
8. Regional News
9. Planning Applications
10. New Business - Recommendations for using the balance of funds
Discuss possibility of having a non-member minute secretary.
11. A.O.C.B.
Next Meeting

Addendum to minute of February Meeting Please attach to minute

There was some discussion the possibility of using land in Aquithie Road for the new library, toilets , bus stance and bus shelter. It was unanimously agreed to write to Mrs Scott recommending this site in preference to rebuilding on the present site in Kendal Road.

There was also discussion and reconfirmation of the desirability of having a sheltered housing at the Boat of Kemnay, next to Littlewood Court as as per policy in local plan 1.b.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN KEMNAY ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH 1984

Present: Mrs S Milton, Mrs M Wainman, D Bailey, H Cumming, Mrs S Moir, Mrs U Allen, A Murray, B Sutherland, W Ross, F W Wainman.

Apologies: Mrs S Shrago, A Jones, Mrs A Brown, A Calder, G Irvine.

Attending: Cllr D McLean, Mr & Mrs Gordon (public).

Other Apologies: Cllr Wilson.

1. Mrs Milton in the chair welcomed those present and announced apologies.
2. The minutes of the last KCC meeting of 23 Feb 84 were read and passed without dissent. Proposed H Cumming, Seconded D Bailey.

Matters Arising.

a. Rights of Way Society:- As the circulation sheet had been lost on the round, the Sec. has written for a replacement. This matter is to be included in the first meeting after the new paper has been circulated.

b. Tree Planting:- A good deal of discussion resulted on this matter, especially as it had first been raised by letter on 25 May 79! It would seem that it would be alright for the KCC to go ahead and plant the trees (to be supplied by the GDC) at the KCCs own expense, but no funds would be made available, and no labour would be supplied. This was considered most unsatisfactory by all speakers, especially in view of the precedent that might be set, and the lack of suitable funds. As Mrs Milton pointed out, the trees were offered in the first place by the Gordon Dist Coun for them to plant in areas to be chosen by the KCC. Now that maps with suggested planting areas had been supplied by the GDC, and the GRC has approved the sites, the trees would not be planted by the authorities after all.

A Murry proposed that a letter be written to the District, asking for an assurance that the trees would be planted in the coming autumn, along the Northern side of the B993 between the Knowe and the Kirkstyle edge of the village. This was unanimously agreed.

c. Library, Bus Stance and Toilets:- A letter from P G Huntley, GRC Planning Manager informed KCC that the plan put forward by the KCC for a multiple site at the corner of Bremner Way and Aquhythie Road had been discussed by the planning committee, but eventually rejected on the grounds that there would be difficulties in the purchase of the land on that site within the timescale envisaged. Mrs Milton observed that, as owner of the

land in question, advice she had was that any purchase could be concluded in a matter of days, so the answer given by the Planning Committee was perhaps ill-informed. It was decided unanimously to write to the GRC explaining the land availability to them, and asking them to reconsider the matter, as their decision had been based on a misunderstanding. It was considered by all members present to be a most important service plan, to have the Bus Stance, Library and Toilets in a single site, central to the village. This would be reiterated in the letter. A further point raised was the proposed temporary library site if the current proposals went ahead. This would mean the transfer of the library stocks to Kemnay Academy whilst the existing library was removed and the new one built on the same site. This was considered to particularly disadvantage the older residents, as it would mean for most a much longer walk, especially from the Sheltered Housing at Littlewood Court, and as the temporary library room was understood to be an upstairs classroom, it would be daunting for the older people due to the number of stairs. The KCC plan would avoid all that.

4. Chairmans Annual Report

Mrs Milton gave her Annual Report to the meeting, and it was proposed by D Bailey, seconded by A Murray, that the report be attached to the minutes of this meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, and is so attached.

5. Correspondence Received

- a. Grampian Community Transport:- Cllr McLean expanded on the letter received from GRC Planning Manager, Peter Huntley, explaining the idea of Community Transport. Basically it consists of the provision of regular, scheduled services open to the public by car or minibus, and driven by unpaid volunteers. After some discussion it was generally agreed that the KCC could not see much call for this type of service in the local area.
- b. Road Conditions, January 1984:- Letter received from Mr Kirkbride GRC Director of Roads, acknowledging KCC letter, and assuring us that careful consideration has been given to our views.
- c. Road Conditions, January 1984:- Letter received from Malcolm Bruce MP, enclosing the reply of Sec. of State at Scottish office, Micheal Ancram to our MP's representations about conditions on Tyrebagger Hill in the severe conditions experienced in January. The letter received from M Ancram emphasised the point that the conditions the KCC wrote about were exceptional, and considerable efforts were made to keep the road open, being eventually defeated by the abandoned vehicles.

The last paragraph of this letter does, however, state that a round-about will be provided at the junction of Dyce Drive (Airport Road) with the A96 as part of the next phase of the dual carriageway improvements from Bucksburn to Tyrebagger, and also that the missing cats eyes will be installed. Satisfaction was expressed at these pieces of information.

- d. Bus Stance:- Peter Huntley, GRC Planning Manager wrote to express reservations as to the KCC proposal for siting the bus stance at the corner of Bremner Way and Aquhythie Road in view of the recently changed bus routing.
 - e. H M Income Tax:- Letter requesting a copy of KCC accounts to check liability, if any, to Corporation Tax. Copy sent by secretary already.
 - f. Houses Completed in Kemnay under present District Plan:- Letter from Mrs G Scott explaining that there have been 13 houses completed and 43 full planning permissions granted within the term of the present District Plan.
 - g. Childrens Panel:- Letter from GRC asking for names of volunteers to serve on Childrens Panel. Agenda item for next meeting.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Polling Station:- To be reviewed after Euro-Elections.
7. District News
- a. Regulation of Dogs:- Consideration is being given by the GDC to the possibility of regulating the freedom of dogs in certain areas of Kemnay. Suggestions of specific areas and general discussion at next meeting. Agenda item.
8. Regional News
- a. Cllr McLean gave notice of the possibility that a filter lane may be constructed on the A96 at Midmill for Kemnay traffic turning off the main road. This news was welcomed by the Council.
 - b. Cllr McLean is looking into the provision of "Kemnay Welcomes Careful Drivers" signs for the approaches to the village.
9. Planning Applications
- a. The only application discussed was that by Mr Cruickshank for the demolition of a store to make more room for turning and parking vehicles off the public road within his business. There were no objections.
10. New Business
- a. Recommendations for using the balance of KCC funds. This matter was briefly debated, and it was decided to leave it for the moment pending further developments. See next item.

b. Possibility of having Non-Member Minutes Secretary. This was debated, and it was decided to defer a decision to the next meeting, when a possible candidate could attend. Agenda item.

11. A O C B

a. Mr Ross reported on the repair to the Village Notice Board, explaining about the lack of resealing after the last repair had caused internal condensation. This problem had been dealt with, together with a promised repainting all for the sum of £25. This is to be paid by the KCC.

b. Medical Liason Committee:- Mrs U Allen reported that the MLC were looking to get 8-10 people to form a sub-committee to take over certain aspects of the MLC's remit, namely the Slimming Club and other groups. Groups in the village have been circulated with a questionnaire to this end. Any volunteers please let the MLC know.

c. Playing Field Awning:- Bert Sutherland suggested that a rain canopy should be obtained to protect spectators from the summer. It was suggested that this should be brought up at the Pleasure Park Pavillion Committee AGM.

d. Flooding of Victoria Terrace:- Yet again with the rains of the last few weeks, Victoria Terrace was flooded, and the Kirkstyle Garage could have profitably serviced submarines. Cllr McLean to look into.

12. Next Meeting

After a full meeting, the Chairman closed proceedings, announcing the next meeting to be on Thursday 26th April at 7.30 pm in Kemnay Academy. The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Proposed

Seconded

Signed

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 29th MARCH 1984

As the second year of the life of this Community Council ends, I have been looking back over the happenings of the last twelve months. As usual we have been pressing for several things which have not been accomplished due, on the whole, to the District Council having different ideas from us! I must emphasise at this point that our present District Councillor has been active on our behalf and if we have not achieved a change of polling station, a new bus stance, new public conveniences and a new Library on the obvious site, it is not through lack of effort from him. Also Mr McLean has kept up the pressure on the Roads Department with our views on the A 96 junction at the Airport turn off, and the lack of cats eyes on the Tyrebager dual carriage road, amongst other things and we are grateful to both our Councillors for the work they have done on our behalf during the past year. I know they must on occasion feel that we are prime 'Naggers', but when we see the fruits of our nagging every time we pass the bank and can admire the new junction with Bridge Road and remember the unsightliness of the old bridge, I hope they feel it has been as worth the effort as we do.

The village green has improved, been drained and trees planted, and it will, hopefully continue to improve. The torrential rain of the past week has certainly shown up the weak spots in the draining system and I hope that something will be able to be done about all those tricky places, particularly the Kirkstyle Garage where the workshop has been under a foot of water for days, just as it was back in 1977 (in March when we agitated as a Community Association, remember the cartoon in the Newsletter?)

We continue to hope for the tree planting that we've been promised. Last year we had the enquiry into the Boat Croft proposals, in which we worked hard on behalf of the residents of St. John's Gardens that their quiet cul-de-sac should not be turned into a public through road. The whole affair was one that should never have happened and I think we were convinced that the decision would go against us, so it was quite a pleasant surprise when we learnt that the Recorder had come down on our side. I still think the decision was the right one and hope that now the Bridge Road has been improved, that the access to the Boat Croft building site can be changed more easily. The Horner layby has been tidied up and we are very thankful for the absence of parked lorries and trailers there. We sometimes have a late night bus! and we have a bottle bank which has been well used and emptied twice.

I particularly want to thank those members of the council who have undertaken to do the minutes at our meetings, it is tricky keeping tabs on what is said and at the same time take part in discussions, and I just want to say that your efforts in this line are very much appreciated. My thanks to the Treasurer, Mr Cumming, and the Secretary, Mrs Wainman who really has the most demanding job of all. Thanks to Mr Mitchell for making us comfortable every time we have our meetings, and to all the rest of the council members.

Susan Milton.