

**KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE WAINMAN ROOM AT KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2000**

- 1 Dr Jim Piggins, Chairman, welcomed the members of the Council, Mr David Evans, Mr Alan Davies, Mrs Janet Newberry, Mrs Mavis Wainman Mrs Moira Michie, Councillor Alister Leitch

There were apologies from Mrs Milton, Mr Thomson and Mrs Moss

He also welcomed members of the public, Mr David Caney, Mr Pat Findlater, Mr Mrs Robertson, Mrs Kate Rigby, from Aberdeenshire Council and Ms Leslie Gibb from Inverurie Herald.
- 2 The Minute of the meeting held on 24th February was approved by David Evans and seconded by Alan Davies
- 3 In matters arising from the last meeting , the lettering on the Victorian lamp-post will be painted when the weather improves.
A report of the Inverurie Town Centre meeting was given and information / questionnaire leaflets were distributed for members to complete and return.
- 4 Contact would be made with Aberdeenshire Council on the condition of the Wetland area. A gate has been erected at the entrance to the proposed Community Woodland to prevent unauthorised access during development.
- 5 Dr Piggins reported on the last meeting of Garioch Community Council Forum when Mr George Niblock was speaking on waste management. The next meetings will be on 21st June and 20th September. The meetings are open but only the appointed representative of a Community Council may vote,. He also informed us that Aberdeenshire Council would take out a block membership for all Community Councils to the Association of Community Councils.
- 6 A questionnaire had been received from Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dept and Mr Evans, Mr Davies and Mrs Wainman volunteered to complete this.
- 7 The report of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th March 1999 was approved and Dr Piggins gave the Chairman's Annual report which appears separately in this Newsletter. Councillor Leitch moved a vote of thanks to Dr Piggins on his report and for so ably conducting the meetings.
- 8 The Financial Statement was approved and seconded by David Evans and Janet Newberry. There is a balance of £534.13

9 Dr Piggins then introduced Mrs Kate Rigby who explained the Community Safety Group which is a Partnership between groups which have been working separately for a number of years. The Partnership includes Aberdeenshire Council, The Police, The Fire Brigade, Coastguards, Accident Prevention, Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood and Farm Watch and Schools. The aim of the Partnership is to give the right to every citizen to live in confidence with safety. A Garioch Group has been established and a list is being compiled of the issues which need to be tackled, there will then be a public meeting and an action plan formed to tackle the issues raised.

Due to budget cuts Mrs Rigby will no longer hold the post of co-ordinator but the 'Group' work will continue, with funding from the Housing Revenue Account. Dr Piggins thanked Mrs Rigby for her presentation and there was discussion and suggestions made for the Safety Group to consider.

10 Concern had been expressed when a police car was parked on the double yellow lines at the bank whilst its driver used the cash point. It was also reported that scooters without lights had been on Kemnay roads after dark.

Readers will recall that the operator of the 7.30 pm bus into Kemnay from Inverurie had refused to continue the service because of vandalism to the bus. He is now willing to operate the service again on condition that he is not abused. If any member of the public sees any damage to this service will they please report it to the police. Reports of abuse will be treated in confidence so you do not need to be afraid of reprisal.

A report was given on the Housing Feasibility Study Conference on the Large Scale Voluntary Stock Transfer. After much discussion in groups the feeling of the conference was that tenants were very satisfied with Aberdeenshire Council as landlord and had no wish to change. Concern was expressed that the information given to tenant was difficult to understand and therefore ignored. It was emphasised that there would be no transfer of council houses without the agreement of the tenants.

Concern has been expressed by the artists who are designing the viewing point at the Quarry on the siting of a mobile phone mast in that area.

There will be a Planning Appeal on the Milton Meadows Application (phase 3) in Kemnay Village Hall starting on Tuesday 9th May at 10.00 am

Dr Piggins listed the the nominees who are prepared to stand for Kemnay Community Council for the next three years. Dr Jim Piggins, Mrs Susan Milton, Mr David Evans, Mr Alan Davies, Mrs Mavis Wainman, Mr Alistair Thomson, Mrs Janet Newberry, Mrs Moira Michie, Mr Ahmed Al-Kowarri Mr Pat Findlater, Mr David Caney. He intimated that Mrs Louise Moss had resigned and that Mrs Michie did not wish to continue as Secretary. An advertisement for this post would be put in the Newsletter.

The next meeting would be on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Wainman Room. Dr Piggins thanked everybody for attending.

New Business ; The Garioch Forum of Community Councils meeting was attended by Dr Piggins who reported that Area Plan training sessions for Community Councillors were to be scheduled for 17th May.

The draft Community Council Forum constitution had been discussed. Dr Piggins had pointed out that the draft had been issued just after Kemnay Community Council's last meeting, giving us no opportunity to discuss it. Others had pointed out that each Council had only one voting representative, and that the Constitution did not allow for substitution if that person could not attend. Nevertheless the Chairman had put the draft to a vote and it was approved by 4 votes to one with some abstentions, Dr Piggins having voted against.

Concern had been expressed that Garioch Area officials felt they had been slighted by the Scottish Executive because Frank McAverty had twice cancelled meetings with them.

Mr Niblock had given an excellent presentation on Waste Strategy. Nationally, separation of waste for recycling had proved difficult due to the apathy of the public.