

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 1989

Present: Mrs Milton (in the chair), Mrs Shrago, Mr Wainman, Mr Stock, Mrs T Brown, Mr L Brown, Mr Cumming, Mr Moir, Mr Evans, Mr Downie, Mr Pashley, Mr Yates

Apologies: Mr Bailey, Mr Armstrong

Attending: Cllr Wainman, Cllr McLean, Mrs Evans (member of the public), Mrs Cobb (Press)

1. The Chairman being overseas on business, Mrs Milton welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the Kemnay Community Council year. The apologies were read as was a letter from Mrs Spurgeon, tendering her resignation.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Minutes were amended to include Mr Wainman in the list of those present. Proposed adoption: Mr Moir. Seconded: Mr Wainman. Passed no dissent.

3. Matters arising:-

(a) Kemnay Clean-up Day. This is scheduled for the 29th April. Mr Yates said he will be away on that particular day. Mr Brown suggested printing leaflets and putting them round the houses a few days before. Mr Yates and Mr Brown to co-ordinate this. Alehousewells Primary and the Academy PTA had offered to help but need to know more details. It appeared that most of the Council would be unable to assist on the day. Mr Evans proposed therefore that Mr Bailey be co-ordinator in his absence. Seconded by Mrs Milton. Passed no dissent.

(b) Possibility of election for two vacant seats. The Council to think about this and to be an AGENDA ITEM for next meeting. It was felt that things were all right at the moment but if anyone else drops out things could be tricky.

4. Unfinished Business. None.

5. Correspondence received. (a) Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Competition. It was decided to enter again. No-one seemed able to volunteer to show the judges round in July. The Secretary to try and get help from outside the Council.

(b) Letter from Ecolinc. This is a group just setting up in Aberdeen to deal with Environmental issues. There were a series of meetings in March. Mrs Margaret Evans had been asked to attend on behalf of the Community Council. She gave her report of the meeting on the 20th March in Aberdeen. She said that problems had been identified by Community Council representatives from various areas. Global issues had been discussed but not in real detail. Three people had been elected to the steering committee. Further details of meetings etc to go to Mrs Evans. The Chairman thanked Mrs Evans for going and giving such a good report. Mr Wainman suggested sending a Newsletter each month, which might highlight any local problems.

6. The Chairman's Annual Report was read and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

7. Mr Cumming read the financial statement, a copy of which is also attached to these Minutes. Moved adoption: Mr Brown, Seconded: Mr Stock. Passed no dissent.

8. New Business. None.

9. District News. Councillor Wainman said she had had another complaint about the buses this week. Regarding the land owned by St Machar Developments, the Planning Committee had authorised a Waste Land Notice on the owners. Litter Bins and seats will be placed on the Village Green in the Spring. Smoke Detectors are going into all their Council Houses in the near future. There will be a random survey of the condition of council and private houses of about 1500 people throughout the district to find a representative sample of housing in the District. The Crocuses on the Village Green are out and looking pretty. Dog signs put up on the Village Green - one has been torn down already. The Taxi business Planning Application is coming up again on Tuesday next. It is open to Mr Keir to appeal if permission is again refused.

10. Regional News. Mr Moir mentioned that yesterday three Alexander buses were outside Mr Caie's garage for about 10 minutes in the morning. Cllr McLean to investigate. Cllr McLean said that the ditch at the back of Kemnay House and the river had been inspected and no pollution had been found. He also said the Police will be keeping an eye on the piece of road past the Golf Course. Mr Wainman asked for any news of the road re-surfacing on the High Street and Aquithie Road. Mr L Brown brought up the question of the Horner junction again. There had been an incident when the lady who owns the house was walking with her pram in the road when a car swerved on the sharp right-hand bend to avoid her and made the pram shake violently in its draught. Mrs Helen Copus to be contacted by Cllr McLean. Discussion ensued on the Kendal Road/Don View Road Junction. Mention was made of the rose-beds and it was thought it might be better if these were removed.

11. Mr Evans said there were ^{Planning Apps.} four in all. The main one was by Mr Keir who was again applying for a taxi office on the site opposite the Police Station (01/0192). This does not appear to be too different from the last application. Our existing letter will be on the table again at the planning meeting on Tuesday next. However Mr Evans proposed we submit another letter on a similar basis to the previous one. Mr Yates seconded. Passed.

12. A.O.C.B. Mr Wainman mentioned that Kintore was getting a gas supply and asked if we should try again to get a gas supply for Kemnay. Discussion ensued and it was decided to write to Scottish Gas.

Mrs Evans asked whether the St Machar land was considered to be an environmental problem. It was decided it was and she will bring it up at the next meeting of Ecolinc.

13. Next meeting - Thursday 27th April 1989. Apologies from Mrs Shrago, Mr Yates, Mr Pashley. Someone required to take the Minutes. Mrs Brown to do this if she is at the next meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9 p.m.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1988-89

This report is for the first year of the fifth Kemnay Community Council, during which the normal attrition has reduced the council from a full fifteen members to thirteen. Nevertheless, the vigour of debate has not noticeably diminished.

In March last year the Village Meeting was held. The forum is designed to draw up, with the help of the public, guidelines and objectives for future KCC's to act upon and hopefully, achieve. I am glad to report that we have started to build on some of the foundations laid at that meeting. In May 1988 Frank Armstrong was asked to set up a sub-committee to investigate the feasibility of a Kemnay & District Swimming Pool. Frank was co-opted onto the Community Council to facilitate his initial task, and a small sum of money was voted towards administrative costs in setting up an independent Swimming Pool Committee. This is now established and up and running. The initial support has been slow to come in, but I am hopeful that this next year will see people in the community really splashing out with the support in cash and general help. It is a worthy aim, and will be to the benefit of absolutely all of us. I am asking everyone in the community to do their bit to help, however small. Every contribution will increase the chance of success. If this 5th KCC is to be remembered for nothing else, the starting up of the Swimming Pool Committee is a significant move towards 'Promoting the well-being of the Community resident in the Parish of Kemnay', to quote the aim stated in our Constitution. We, as a Community Council, have formally pledged our wholehearted support to the Swimming Pool Committee and its objectives. We wish them luck and increasing support in the coming years.

Moving on to the state of the village as a whole, a number of items came up for repeated discussion. Far and away the most frequent was the subject of litter. In 1988 Kemnay lost the chance of an award in the 'Beautiful Scotland in Bloom' competition, mainly because of the litter noticed by the judges, especially along the river bank. In May 1988 a Pick-Up Litter exercise was carried out. The turnout was exceptionally poor, with only 6 people taking part. Even so, 20 sacks of assorted litter and rubbish were collected and put into a skip positioned close to Kemnay Academy. The greatest volume by far was accounted for by empty crisp packets. This is really a plea to all Kemnay residents, especially parents and children - please put your wrappers, empty packets and sweet papers in the bins provided, or take them home and dispose of them properly. It takes so little extra effort and

it improves our chances in the 'Beautiful Scotland in Bloom' competition.

A new Litter Pick-Up Day has been organised for Saturday 29th April 1989, 0900 to 1500, with a skip placed in a central position in Alehousewells together with one by the Pleasure Park. It is hoped that improved publicity, especially through the schools and clubs, will produce a good result. The cost of the skips to the Gordon District Council, and thus to us as taxpayers, is significant. Please join the many making the effort and help to make it really worthwhile. I shall certainly be doing my bit again.

It was finally confirmed in May last year that the Gordon District Council had at last taken over responsibility for Paradise Green. As a result it is hoped that litter bins will be provided there before the end of the year.

To further improve the look of the village, 2000 crocus bulbs together with a large number of assorted corms, have been planted by the very welcome efforts of the Scouts and Guides around the trees in Paradise Green, and by the nimble fingers of George Downie in the grass triangle at the foot of the Glebe. Thanks go to all those who volunteered, or who were volunteered. Well done!

On the debit side trees planted in Bremner Way were vandalised. This totally mindless and selfish exercise spoils the amenity of the open spaces and grass verges for us all. I can only appeal to anyone who sees this sort of thing going on to report it to the Police if you feel unable to stop it happening at the time. It is worth noting perhaps with some satisfaction, that during a recent Police liaison visit to KCC, we were informed that as a result of a 'disturbance' in Kemnay in August 1988, fines totalling £2600 were imposed on seven of the eight involved, with the eighth person to be dealt with this month.

The police liaison visits to our meetings are a welcome source of information and exchange of views. Several matters have been resolved and I hope that this policy will be maintained.

The subject of bicycles being ridden without lights at night was discussed. It was remarked that not only does this put the cyclist at severe risk, but it also denies the driver the opportunity to avoid an accident. We all know who suffers the greater damage, so please have lights at night. Parents particularly have a responsibility to see that their children's bike lights are serviceable and are good and bright. Your child's safety has got to be worth the cost of a set of lights and batteries.

The new bus timetables introduced at the end of last year caused a good deal of inconvenience and some discomfort. Because a change of bus at Midmill left travellers on occasions

in the dark and wet waiting for the connection, a letter was written pointing out these problems and suggesting a return to all-direct services to Aberdeen. I am glad to say that our approach, together with that of the Police and others, produced a swift change for the better. It would be nice to think that all problems could be so easily solved.

The problem of the bus stop location by the car park in Aquithie Road is being investigated. Not only do buses cause congestion of traffic near the High Street/Bridge Road junction, but they block access at times to a private garage. A suitable solution to the problem is expected in the near future.

Talking on the subject of car parks, investigations are underway to see if the area at the bottom of the Glebe lands can be leased by the District Council to be used for car parking. This should reduce congestion produced by cars parking alongside the Pleasure Park in summer.

Notices will also be going up, if not already displayed, advising dog owners against letting their pets foul the Pleasure Park.

The roads are always surfacing on the KCC agenda and this year is no exception. The slip-road at Midmill has proved very successful and is a considerable help to Kemnay traffic. The Horner junction was reviewed, but no suitable answer to its problems found. A move to get a 'Kemnay Welcomes Careful Drivers' sign fell foul of the Regional Council policy - so no joy there. Victoria Terrace drains have proved to be functioning well - so far. Hopes are high that the problem is solved at long last! The pavement in the High Street is to be made continuous to the Square, which should improve pedestrian safety especially at school times. Outside the village the Fetternear Road junction by the long dyke has had the fencing realigned to improve the sight-line of emerging traffic.

A 'mail shot' about unleaded petrol was supported by KCC as a contribution to environmental improvements. This leaflets produced by CLEAR were distributed with the Community Association Newsletter.

Planning applications were much in evidence on the agenda as usual but few were contentious. The proposed Car Wash and Taxi business was perhaps the most difficult and an outcome on the renewed application is awaited with interest. Kemnay will also be getting a fast food shop - Chinese style. It was refreshing to see that the planning constraints imposed by the District were almost totally in accord with the KCC recommendations to the Planning Department.

Although over the last year no major issues have arisen there was business enough to keep us working well and in good

practice. As is usual, I should like to propose a vote of thanks to all those who contributed to maintaining our reputation as a lively and open Community Council. Special mention must be made of our District Councillor, Mavis Wainman, and our Regional Councillor, David Maclean. Both have been magnificent in their support of our meetings, and without their help and advice many of the issues we deal with would not come to a satisfactory conclusion. Sandra Shrago has been thoroughly efficient, as we have come to expect, in her unenviable role as Secretary. Hugh Cumming has kept a steady hand on the finances in his role as Treasurer and custodian of the pot of gold, keeping us from spending more than we have. David Evans has been up to his knees in planning applications throughout the year, and always kept us well briefed. I should like to thank most specifically our Vice-Chairman, Susan Milton, who in all probability is reading this report, for her much appreciated support and her willingness to step into the hot seat at short notice when I have been unable to attend. Lastly I must thank all the other members who have taken the time and trouble to represent the KCC on the various and diverse organisations and committees in and around the village. I look forward to the next year with confidence in the ability of the council to continue to work for the interests of the residents of the Parish of Kemnay.

DAVID BAILEY
Chairman

KILMAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1988

RECEIPTS (please specify)

£

CONTRIBUTION FROM GORDON D.C. 334 = 79

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Opening Balance

Closing Overdraft

£

334 = 79

£ 334 = 79

£ 174 = 05

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£ 508 = 84

Certified Correct

Date

(TREASURER)

10th January 1989

PAYMENTS (Please specify)

£

24/88 Don't 15 club/Village Meeting

24/88 Secretary Expenses

18/88 Gordon D. Comm

28/88 Kenney Road Trust Meeting

29/88 C.L.F.I.R.K. Donation

29/88 W. Winton on Morris' 1st Night

4/88 Medical Lessons Committee (Grant)

30/88 Secretary Expenses

30/88 Kenney Assoc. (NATIONAL CONTRACT)

31/88 Morris Winton on EXPENSES

28/88 Kenney DIST. SWIMMING ASSOC. (GRANT)

24/88 SECRETARY EXP. (WINTON ASSOC.)

24/88 Kenney ASSOC. (NATIONAL CONTRACT)

24/88 Morris WINTON ON EXP. (INDUST)

17 = 28p

17 = 20p

5 = 00

11 = 39p

25 = 00p

1 = 50

10 = 00

20 = 43

90 = 00

10 = 00

25 = 00

73 = 60

1 00 = 00

10 = 00

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR

Closing Balance

Opening Overdraft

£ 406 = 40

£ 102 = 44

£ 508 = 84

NOTE: The closing balance is reserved in whole or in part for:-

reversal of High Street seating

TREASURER

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

- (a) That payments shown are as described ✓
- (b) That, as far as I can ascertain, all receipts for the year concerned are shown overleaf ✓
- (c) That the closing Balance/Overdraft shown overleaf reconciles with the Community Council Bank Account. ✓

Signed 

Date *10-7-89*