

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 1989

Present: Mr Bailey, Mrs Shrago, Mr Evans, Mr Wainman, Mr Cumming, Mr L Brown, Mrs Milton, Mr Yates, Mr Stock, Mrs T Brown, Mr Pashley, Mr Moir. Members of Kemnay Academy School Council:- Miss S Mutch, Mr A Hanson, Mr J Rennie, Miss A Souter, Miss A Brown, Mr G Mitchell (Janitor), Mrs E Andrew, Mr J Campbell (members of the public). Mr T Thompson, British Gas.

Attending:- Cllr McLean, Mrs Cobb and Mr Gration (press), Constable R Craigmyle (Grampian Police)

Apologies:- Cllr Wainman

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and said he was pleased to see such a high attendance.

2. The apologies were read. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mrs Milton proposed an amendment to the previous Minutes as follows:- In 10, third paragraph line 7 - "to see if we can work with them to badger the authorities". Proposed: Mrs Milton, seconded: Mr Cumming, passed. Proposed adoption of Minutes: Mr Brown, seconded: Mr Evans. Passed unanimously.

3. Matters arising:- (a) HGVs in Alehousewells. Mr Evans said he had been down on two occasions but there were none there, although he has seen HGVs outside the Primary School in the lay-by there and in the lay-by in High Street. Mrs Cobb said that first thing in the morning and last thing at night were the worst times. The land is in the ownership of Gordon District. We would need to approach the Council to see what the rules and regulations are. The Police to investigate.

(b) Group photograph to be taken after the meeting.

(c) Litter. Discussion with Kemnay Academy School Council. The Chairman said that on the clean-up day there was a fairly poor turnout even though it was well-advertised. Most of the litter on the riverbank was sweet wrappers, crisp packets and soft drink cans. A long discussion then ensued between the members of the School Council and the Community Council. Several useful suggestions were made by the pupils. At the end of the discussion the Chairman invited the members of the school council to come along to the meeting before the next clean-up and give us some ideas. He then thanked them for coming.

(d) Gas in Kemnay. The Chairman said that we last had a talk with British Gas about two and a half years ago when we got a fairly resounding no from them. He then introduced Mr Thompson Assistant Area Sales Manager (Domestic) from British Gas, Scotland who gave his presentation. He said that it was now possible to tap off high-pressure mains and British Gas would be undertaking a survey during the next financial year looking at the technology to reduce the pressure, the costs, and the number of houses available to take the supply, then gauge the response they would be likely to get before doing their calculations. A conditional offer should be ready to go out to the village in about a year from now. The Chairman thanked Mr Thompson for coming and said he was very pleased to see that British Gas had come of their own volition and he was sure it would please many people to know that we are being considered for gas. Mr Thompson said he would be in touch and if we wanted to we should get in touch with him.

(d) The Maiden Stone. The Chairman said the reason he had brought up

this matter was because he felt heritage was a matter for everyone. He made the point at the last meeting that the stone suffered a great deal of damage either by acid rain, pollution or whatever over the last 150 years. He then introduced Mr Jim Campbell who showed his plans drawn for protection of a similar stone in Forres. Cllr McLean offered to draw the matter to the attention of the Regional Archaeologist and the Planning Department. Mr Campbell felt the Tourist Board might be interested and that possibly a grant might be available to help with some protection. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that we should take Cllr McLean up on his offer.

4. Unfinished Business. None.

5. Correspondence received. This was read. A letter to be sent to Gordon District re Under Age Drinking saying we agreed that the matter should be left as is. Mr Wainman said if anyone wanted a copy of "What's on in Gordon" they should let him know.

6. New Business. None.

7. District News. Mrs Milton asked what was happening with the refuse collections as she has not had her refuse collected for two weeks after the change in collection days. Mr Wainman said she should contact Environmental Health. The Council were told that the Scottish Office Reporter would be inspecting the site in Aquithie Road which is the subject of an Appeal. Mr Wainman said if we wanted bulbs we should order them now. Cllr Wainman to see if this is possible. The Guides have indicated their willingness to plant them. So far the Secretary has been unable to contact the Scouts.

8. Regional News. (1) A survey will be carried out in the evening re Donview Road and Kendal Road. (2) Craigmyle Bend. There is an anti-skid surface being put down. (3) There is a problem re parking in Victoria Terrace by the Bowling Green. Mr Moir again mentioned the poor state of the pavement just past the Grove Nursing Home.

9. Planning Applications. Mr Evans reported seven in all. Collies the Butchers are to build a new shop in the gap site in St Brydes Road and above the old shop will be converted into a two-bedroomed flat. There will be four garages behind the new shop. Mrs Milton said she felt there should be a slate roof in line with all the other buildings in the High Street. Letter to Gordon District to this effect. The Newsagents are moving into the old Butcher Shop. None of the other applications were contentious.

10. A.O.C.B. Mr Evans proposed that we write to the Headmaster at the Academy and ask him to thank the pupils for attending the meeting and for contributing so much with their opinions and ideas, also to invite the students to further Community Council meetings. Seconded by the Chairman. Passed unanimously. (b) Mr Wainman asked for further CVs to go with the photograph, also a report on this meeting for the Newsletter, and a resume of the Gas situation.

11. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming, in particular the members of the public. If anything contentious arises an Extraordinary meeting will be called, otherwise the Office Bearers will deal with matters. The next meeting to be on Thursday 28th September 1989. There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: