

KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Chris Hunneyball (Chairman), Margaret Christie, Annie Ferries, John Hern, Bob Ingram, Eric Pashley, Jim Piggins, Mavis Wainman.

Attending: Cllr Hazel Al-Kowarri, Cllr Sheena Lonchay, Margaret Truscott.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for absence: Bill Blackwood, David Evans, Janet Newberry, Cllr Allison Grant.

3. Police matters: There being no police presence, there was no report. Mention was made, however, of the fact that the clamped car which had been in the Hall car park for some months had now been removed and that there were still problems with parents parking on double yellow lines near Kemnay Primary. Mavis Wainman suggested that a speed restriction could be made on Fraser Place and Fyffe Park on the basis that this route through a residential area was being used as a main exit from the village. It was agreed to broach this with the Roads Department.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2011 was proposed by Annie Ferries, seconded by John Hern, and unanimously approved.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes:

a) Bottle Bank: The siting problem had not been resolved. Cllr Lonchay agreed to speak with Mrs Truscott after the meeting and to pursue the matter further.

b) Alehousewells Parking: Cllr Al-Kowarri informed the meeting that the studies of traffic on Bremner Way and Grove Road were to be revisited as they had been undertaken some time ago. People were no longer parking on the zigzag lines outside Alehousewells School, but staff cars parked on the street were preventing parents parking near the school, and causing the road to be reduced to one lane throughout the day. It was suggested that short-stay parking might be enforced on that section of Bremner Way and Cllr Al-Kowarri agreed to put the idea to the Roads Department.

c) Kemnay High Street: Aberdeenshire Council had agreed to refresh and enlarge the "No Entry" sign painted on the road. (Post Meeting Note. This was done on 26th September)

d) ASCC: There appeared to be no successor organisation to the ASCC in the pipeline.

e) Fetternear: The Fetternear application had been withdrawn, as the proposals had changed materially.

6. Planning matters and applications:

a) Report: All requests for planning permission in the area covered by Kemnay Community Council had already been approved.

b) Planning Gain: The figures for planning gain were difficult to untangle. It was agreed to postpone discussion of them until the next meeting. In response to a request from the Village Hall Committee, it was also agreed to ask whether it would be possible for Planning Gain to provide a contribution towards the new kitchen in the village hall.

7. Reports:

a) Community Learning and Development: The gym club was to open after the October break: there had been a good response, and there would probably be two sessions available on the same evening. More tutors had been recruited for adult learning, and new classes would be starting, including a course on digital cameras, and possibly a computer class. A walking group had been set up in Kintore, and was proving popular. New volunteers were available as literacy tutors. The village hall coffee shop had been a great success over the summer, with workshops, children's activities and stands. In response to an identified need, it was hoped to start an Autism Support Group in Kemnay. The library was to run a course in theory, health and hygiene relating to cookery.

b) GACCF:

i) Report: There had been an interesting talk on the subject of planning gain in which the link between what the developer might be asked to pay for, and what the community might want was explained. Final details of the agreement would not be made public until all building had been finished and all monies paid. No elected members were allowed to be involved. The next meeting would be on 15 November in Insch, and would probably be devoted to presentations which could include Roles and Responsibilities of Community Councils, Ward Forums and/or Child Protection..

ii) Community Council Flyer: The design and distribution pattern was approved. It had been proposed by the Forum that the cost should be split between Community Councils and, hopefully, either the Area

Partnership or the Top Up Budget. If this was accepted Kemnay would have to pay about £36 for its share of the leaflets. This solution was supported.

iii) Community Hall Issues: The Marr Area Partnership was to be approached to undertake training in the running of village halls. It was decided that this was a matter for the Hall Committee, rather than for the Community Council.

iv) Working Together in Communities: There had been discussion as to how to get better involvement of groups and clubs in community issues. It did not seem to the Community Council that any of the suggestions offered would be practicable.

v) Child Protection Policy: As the Community Council did not currently work with children, it did not seem that a child protection policy would be required, but a generic policy was to be drafted which would be available if Community Councils required one.

c) Community Planning: Future Community Planning meetings would be open to the public. The next one would be held in the Bennachie Centre, Insch on 6th October at 10.00.

d) Improving Public Services: Bob Ingram had attended the meeting of the Scottish Parliament in Elgin, and had found it interesting and informative.

e) Bus Forum: The usual problems had been highlighted. It was noted that bus usage had improved since the new timetable had been issued.

8. Information on waste recycling: Jim Piggins pointed out that the Waste Recycling packs which had been issued to every household were now out of date and offering incorrect information. It was agreed to have a notice to this effect placed in the newsletter.

9. RHS Britain in Bloom: It was agreed not to pursue this.

10. Deveron Homes Public Art Feature: A sculptor had not yet been selected, but the successful candidate would be designing a space, rather than providing a single sculpture at one location.

11. Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum: The 2009/2011 review had been issued. A meeting was to be held later to discuss the creation of new paths.

12. Aberdeenshire Draft LTS: There were no comments on this review.

13. Remembrance Day: It had been agreed to acquire a wreath for the war memorial and to donate £30 to the British Legion.

14. Aberdeenshire news: There was nothing relevant to Kemnay to report.

15. Correspondence:

a) Community Council Survey: This was completed.

b) Consultation on proposed interim changes to the housing allocation policy: The suggestions seemed admirable: it was proposed to reduce the number of reasonable offers to one, introduce a suspension period for re-housing following eviction, reduce the minimum number of areas selected, and combine existing letting areas.

c) Inverurie Pathfinder Newsletter: This provided much interesting information about progress in developing a model for health and care services that would help to inform future services in Grampian..

d) Travellers Dialogue Day: Cllr Al-Kowarri had attended this and found it informative and interesting, offering an insight into the different lifestyles of Gypsy and “New age” travellers.

e) Co-opting young people: It was agreed that this would be desirable, but that past attempts to do so had not been successful.

f) Polling Districts and Places: There were no objections or suggestions for altering the polling place in Kemnay.

16. AOCB: A new path had been laid across Bogbeth Park to the school entrance.

17. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on 27 October 2011 at 7.30pm.