

Keith Community Council

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Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 7th April 2015 at Keith Community Centre.

Members in attendance:- Neil Kidd (chair), Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Dave Carson, Susan Hutcheon, Lorna Mulligan.

Also in attendance :- Wendy Clarihew (Banffshire Herald), Councillor Stewart Cree.

1.Apologies :- Jane Martin , Councillor Gary Coull.

2.Police matters :- There was no police at the meeting but the report from Sergeant Thomas Gorman was circulated to members on the community council gmail. (Copy Available).
Matters raised at the last meeting have been addressed. The police are asking for members of the public to report any issues by calling 101, or in person at Keith Police station.
The 'Fair Warning Campaign' has been launched in Keith and Buckie as part of Operation Cedar and again, residents are asked to phone 101 with a note of the make, model, colour and registration number (even a part of it) of any vehicles causing issues in the area.

3.Approval of minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank.

4.Matters arising from the last minutes :-

- a) It was decided that the Community Council will write a letter to James Smith , the Traffic Engineer with Moray Council regarding the possibility of getting double yellow line road markings on Land Street at the junction with lanes as parked cars and vans make negotiating the exit from lanes onto Land Street very dangerous.
- b) Moray Council and possibly The Rotary will be asked to help with a litterpick around the town.

5.Correspondence:-

- a) James Smith, the traffic Engineer with Moray Council has written advising us that there will be a new centre line on the road from A96, down Bridge Street, round the corner and onto the straight section of Edindiach Road, in the hope that this will alleviate the danger when negotiating the corner. He thought that waiting restrictions there would encourage speeding.
- b) Tracey Rae has circulated the dates for training session for community councillors. The first is on Thursday 11th June (eve) at Elgin Academy "Principals of Participation for Community Groups". The next one is on Thursday 2nd July (eve) "Conflict Avoidance and Resolution". Any interest should be registered with Tracey at tracey.rae@moray.gov.uk

6.Treasurer's Report:-

Community Council Account - £1706

Christmas Lights Account - £7420 (after paying invoices).

7.Community Councillors' update :-

A. Planning&Licensing –

- DC George has bought Wisemans Dairy site.
- There has been an application to build a dwelling house on the site R11 north of Kynoch Terrace. The access road will be laid at the top of Broomhill Road at the start of the green roadies walk. This can be seen on the MC website : Most popular;PlanningApplications public access ; Broomhill Road.

B. Signs, street furniture and marketing - nothing to report.

C.Environment and cleansing-

- Some evidence of drug-taking was seen left on the grass behind the Stagestars building. This will be reported to the police.
- Getting a community owned pressure washer was suggested for Mid Street, supported by monetary contributions by shopkeepers and residents. Alternatively, they should be encouraged to clean the portion of pavement outside their premises themselves.

D.Roads and rights of way -

- There is a missing drain cover on the pavement opposite the Post Office parcel depot.

E.Keith in Flower-

- The bandstand at scotsraig gardens has been fixed but needs new panels.
- The proposal for the pagodas at the entrance to the town has to be finalised with Chivas.
- The planters have been made by Sandy Dickson for outside the Institute .
- Compost for the various planters will be available at Keith Builders Merchants.
- Brackets will be installed, and the hanging baskets and plants should be available in May.
- Collection boxes will be situated in several secure locations around the town to help fund the flowers .
- There will be a fundraising raffle for a food hamper in the Tesco foyer in the near future.

F. Cllr Stewart Cree -

- It is proposed to get a Moray App which will provide something for visitors to Keith to get the best access to the shops. A speaker will hopefully attend the next meeting to expand on this .

8. External Group updates:-

1. **Christmas lights :-** The lightposts on the A96 have been upgraded by BEAR and the power boxes for the Christmas lights on them have to be changed.
Susan Hutcheon will keep REAP updated as they requested.
2. **Scots Toun :-** There was a meeting on 9th March, and it was decided that there would be a celebratory event on Mid Street to coincide with the Whisky festival in September. Events manager George Walker will facilitate. More information to follow.
Marguerite is keen to get a piece of public art in the town devoted to the Scots Language, maybe in the form of a bench with figures, situated in a prominent place where it can be seen and used .
Five local schools have received cheques to buy resources which will encourage the use of Scots language in the classroom. Scots is now included in the schools national 1+2 language curriculum .

9. AOCB:- No further business. Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date of next meeting :- Tuesday 5th May at 7pm in the Community Centre.