



Keith Community Council

Minute of meeting held on Monday, 2nd March 2015 at Keith Community Centre

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

Also in attendance: -Councillor Stewart Cree, Councillor Gary Coull, Community Warden Donna Jamieson and Police Officers David Baird and Barry Corbid.

Geni Docherty and Meg Deasley from vento ludens Ltd (Edintore Windfarm).

Apologies: -Susan Hutcheon and Sadie Ogg

1. Welcome.:-Jane Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and also advised us that she will be absent from the next meeting due to her going into hospital for an operation. (Neil Kidd has kindly offered to take on the position of Chairperson during Jane's absence.)

2. Police matters: -Officer Baird gave the report (copy available).Operation Cedar (Challenge Educate Detect And Reduce) is underway and aims to target the anti-social driving in Keith. The issues raised by members at the last meeting have been or are in the process of being addressed. New issues raised by members were:

- Irresponsible parking at corners on Edindiach Road makes it dangerous for traffic due to the narrow road and reduced visibility. This is also a problem on Land Street. ? The need for double yellow lines to alleviate this problem.
- There has been people drinking alcohol at the park on Seafeld Avenue and they have left a mess of broken bottles.
- There has been some vandalism to a fence surrounding a pond of water behind the Grammar School.

The police left the meeting and there followed a short update from Geni and Meg representing vento ludens , the company who are building the windfarm at Edintore (3km or 1.5 miles south of Keith) in the near future..

3.Edintore Windfarm Update: - Permission was granted in 2012 for the building of this windfarm of 6 turbines with a capacity of 21 MW. Everything is going ahead. Work will commence in the next 12-18 months starting with the clearing of vegetation and making tracks and finally the erecting of the turbines. The transportation of the turbines will be the most disruptive part of the operation. It is not known from which direction the will come from along the A96; (from Invergordon in the North or Aberdeen in the South). Docherty Consulting Ltd (DCL) act as the first point of contact for the local community in order to keep people informed.

The representatives said that they are keen to have ideas put forward from the communities of Keith, Strathisla and Drummuir as to how the Community Fund of £5000/megawatt generated annually will be managed over the next 25 years.

It was agreed by those present that this needs serious thought and that a further presentation by the representative of vento ludens would be appropriate to allow members of the wider communities to be involved , and suggestions put forward . It was suggested that immediate projects could be funded and then perhaps set up a legacy for the community which could be used to fund sustainable projects in the future.

The project website will be kept up to date as further information becomes available, and can be found at :<http://www.edintorewndfarm.co.uk/>

A meeting will be arranged in the next 6 weeks around the beginning of May for this purpose.

See Local Press for details.

Meg and Geni left the meeting.

4. Minutes of last meeting : The minutes were proposed as accurate by Dave Carson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes:-

- a) Dislodged kerbing outside the main school entrance has been repaired.
- b) Keith Community Radio will be invited to the meeting on Tuesday 5th May.
- c) The consultation event held by Keith and Strathisla Regeneration Partnership (KRSP), at the Institute on 19th February was reported to be fairly well attended and a good number of suggestions put forward as to the future use of the building. All very positive and there will be a presentation report by KRSP in the local press in 3 weeks.
- d) The crafters have located premises on Mid Street.
- e) Keep Keith Bonnie- Dave Carson gave another very positive report. The coffee morning raised £385 and 90% of businesses who were asked said they would buy a hanging basket. Dave will co-ordinate the buying of plants for the planters to keep costs down. There will be funding available from KSRP. Planters are being made for in front of the Institute and for at the Banff Rd/ Broomhill Rd junction by Sandy Dickson. It was suggested that perhaps schoolchildren can help maintain the planters. Paintings by local artist Joyce Thain of how the pagoda style planters being made for the south entrance to Keith will look was presented , and all agreed that they will look very impressive.

5. Correspondence :

- a). Peter Jones of Moray Council wrote advising us that the Armed Forces Day will be held in Keith this year on 20th June. It will be further advertised in the local press.

6. Treasurer's report –

7. Community Councillor Portfolios:

- There is a lamp out at No. 11 Fraser Placce.
- Litter has accumulated at the back of the grammar school again.

- Donna Jamieson will see if something can be done about tidying up.

8. External Group Updates.

- a. **CARS** – The funding is running out so meetings have been less frequent. No new updates.
- b. **Scots Toun** – A meeting to be arranged for next Monday to discuss further events. Only 3 schools have applied for the £250 grants available- Keith Primary, St Thomas's Primary and Bottriphnie Primary. Marguerite is keen to have youngsters to make recordings of the spoken scots to play outside the 'Mither Tongue.'

9. AOCB

1. Community Day will be 20th May.
2. Green Roadies/ Doric Trail to be discussed at next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th April at 7pm in the Community Centre.