



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

Members in attendance Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Sandy Dickson, Marguerite Cruickshank, Susan Hutcheon, Fiona Addison, Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Cllr Coull, John Calder (KCR FM), Neil Wilson (SSEPD)

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Dave Carson
- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank.
- 3. Police Matters:** As per report circulated by email. 3 episodes of vandalism – 1 broken window on Turner Street, 1 on Mid Street, and 1 door damaged on Mid Street. A person has been reported to court for an attempted break in to a motor vehicle. A child's orange mountain bike was stolen on Isla Road and a child's scooter was taken from an unsecured shed on Viewfield. Two small fires have been set, 1 at the skate park on Cuthil Road and 1 at the toilets on Institute Lane. Anyone with information is encourage to call the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers.

A further application has made for a mobile CCTV camera re Union Terrace. The situation seems to have settled recently. There are a couple of queries for Police at the next meeting regarding parking on pavements and rights of a company to load and unload in a lane.

4. Guest Speaker: Neil Wilson, Head of Region, North Caledonia, SSEPD

SSE Power Distribution feels it is important to provide named contacts for and have good communication with communities. If there are any problems with supply of electricity in Keith, the Community Council can contact Neil or Michael Hilferty e.g. lines near trees in the garden, unsightly lines etc.

Older or vulnerable people can register for SSE's Priority Assistance Scheme to get extra support in the event of planned cuts to power or outages.

SSEPD also took a lead on and support the development of community resilience plans – making contingency for coping during prolonged power cuts in severe weather. They also give safety talks at schools and attend agricultural shows to promote safety re overhead lines.

SSEPD have a corporate volunteering scheme 'Be the Difference' – we can contact Michael to request help in the form of staff time.

Neil can pass concerns to other departments in SSE and will pass on comments about light pollution on A96. It is expected more screening works will take place.

ACTION: Catherine to email Neil & take priority assistance leaflets to the resource centre

5. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council £1,770.99

Christmas Lights £5,299.85

Scots Toun £3,407.07. £60.00 is due to be paid for tartan and approx. £500 for gateway sign

6. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Clicking manhole cover on Banff Road - has been replaced.

Race for Life – Fiona has a few marshals and helpers now. Marshalls to come along at 9.45 sign people in, other helpers at 10am. Fiona submitted a letter and risk assessment re insurance. The route has been diverted to avoid the Green Roadies due to the risk of tripping on the uneven hardcore surface. It does not seem likely the surface will compact without mechanical pressure.

St Rufus Park Regeneration Group Fun Day – Keith Community Council is happy their insurance be used for the family day at the park 26th June and we wish them a successful day.

ACTION: Catherine to email Jane and Tracey and to promote event on Facebook

7. Correspondence:

Race for Life - Letter from Tesco re event and risk assessment

Grant remittance advice from The Moray Council - £423.60 received

Community Planning Partnership engagement information & Moray Plan & 6 core questions

Proposed traffic order re disabled spaces

SSE – would like to meet us re Beatrice Offshore Wind and discuss forming a community liaison group – will continue to update us meantime

ACTION: Invite later in the year – probably October meeting

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No significant applications in. Discussion on short time to respond to applications. Community Councils can request an extension to the deadline if required.
Springfield public event re planning at site R6 – 23rd June 2-8pm at Longmore Hall. Keith Community Councillors invited to attend.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.**
Welcome to Keith signs – have been cleaned. The banner has been taken down and will not be replaced meantime while we await the outcome of Scotland's First Scots Toun sign –still chasing up BEAR Scotland.
- **Roads and rights of way.**
Roadside drains from Banff Road and Church Street leading to Seafield Avenue were overflowing in recent heavy rain. They are silted up and need cleaning. Rainwater was running past the drain (between the drain and kerb) on Banff Road outside Longmore Hall. There are broken, wobbly slabs outside 1 Kynoch Terrace – Cllr Coull will pass this on
- **Keith in flower.** Dave Carson wishes to thank those who helped plant the bandstand on June 5th. The flowers look good. Dave has been in touch with someone from The Moray Council to see if it would be possible to collect grass clippings when mowing around the bandstand. Bags of gravel are still available for uplift if anyone wants some. The hanging baskets will be ready in 2 weeks. Thanks to Keith McDonagh, Clark & Sutherland for making new brackets and resin bolts.
- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates.
- **Cllr Cree.** No report
- **Cllr Coull.** No updates

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – the main promotional leaflet has been distributed throughout Keith and to Strathisla Distillery. Word pebbles are in place and look bonny. Website development and improved navigation is planned for next year. Work is ongoing on the footprints. Marguerite has asked Tesco to use Burns Nicht, rather than night. Fiona is still waiting to hear about this.
ACTION: Fiona to chase up
- **Christmas Lights** – met 17th May. Will need to order some kit if BEAR gives the go ahead for more lighting on A96. The Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund application will be assessed this week. The supplier of children's presents has retired so the committee is looking for ideas for replacements.
- **Scots Toun** – as per KSRP – Keith Community Council is appreciates of Marguerite's work and is pleased to support her plans.

10. AOCB:

- **Union Terrace** – no further updates have been received meantime.
- **KCR FM** – John Calder interviewed Catherine about Keith Community Council, covering recruitment, the fact all are welcome to these public meetings, Planning, St Rufus Park Family Day etc. John also reminded us KCR will promote community events free of charge and information can be put through the letterbox at the studio or emailed
- **Gmail** – the account appears to have been compromised and Fiona can't get logged in.
ACION: Catherine to try and sort, then change password

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th July at 19:00 in the Community Centre.