



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th July 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

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

Also in attendance: no one.

1. Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Stewart Cree, Gary Coull and Catherine Sinclair.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting: The minutes were approved as accurate by Marguerite Cruickshank and seconded by Sandy Dickson.

3. Police Matters: No police in attendance. Member reported that a person had threatened violence to in McPhersons lane due to a vehicle being parked in the lane. Vehicles are allowed to unload up to a certain time. Police have issued parking tickets to a number of vehicle owners around in June. Toilet block at the leys been attempted to be broken into as well.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council £1729.50

Christmas Lights £4891

Scots Toun £3407.07

5. Matters arising from the last minutes:

SSE – On GMAIL there is an update on the application for funding. Up to £165000 is being made available. Neil to contact members with an update. Fiona suggested that someone from SSE would be welcome to advise customers at Tesco what they can offer. A representative to come to a community council meeting.

St Rufus Park Regeneration Group Fun Day – Had a very successful day and raised a considerable amount of money. Neil suggested we ask a representative along to our next meeting so that they could give an update on how they are progressing. **ACTION: Neil to contact Gail Smith.**

Edintore Windfarm – seem to be happy with the constitution. Couple of things to be clarified. Three councillors from Keith are required to attend the twice yearly meetings. Neil and Sandy already attend and Fiona offered to be the third person.

6. Correspondence:

Email received from Huntly Community Council to say that the no 10 bus is having a reduced service. The buses were half hourly but will now be hourly.

7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing - Springfield** public event at the Sports Centre was attended by Sandy. Seems to be houses for a housing association.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.**
Welcome to Keith signs – The black signs could be doing with a freshen up. Susan to speak with someone from the Heritage group as they are responsible for them. Still waiting to see if the gateway signs can be extended – been waiting for approval since February.
- **Roads and rights of way.**
Roadside drains were overflowing again with the recent heavy rain we have been having again.
Wobbly slabs on Kynoch Terrace sorted within couple of days of being reported.
- **Keith in flower.** A coffee morning was held recently to raise funds. The hanging baskets and tubs are looking bonnie around the town.
- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates.
- **Cllr Cree.** No report
- **Cllr Coull.** No report

8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – no update
- **Christmas Lights** – met 14th June. Sandy and Susan went to see the toilet block at the leys and it looks dry and adequate to store the lights. Other part of the building needs to be seen first. Some alterations need to be done so that the trees can be decorated with lights. The Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund has awarded £7250 to the Christmas Lights fund.
- **Scots Toun** – Marguerite had a map of how she would like the footsteps to be placed out in the town. She was looking for feedback and councillors agreed this was a good lay out. Size of steps to be decided. Steps would be colour coded facing various parts of Keith mainly Mid Street, Fife Keith and Strathisla Distillery. Fiona to ask her manager at Tesco if they would be happy for footsteps to go from the store in direction of places of interest. Proposed sculpture at the bottom of Mid Street was discussed. Permission from the North Kirk would have to be granted before this could go ahead.

9. AOCB:

- **Union Terrace** – there has been further problems with Keith Gramma School children throwing food dinks around. This has been reported to the school. Tesco store had problems with them also.
- **Vintage Tea** – On July 27th a Vintage tea will be held in the Longmore Hall from 2pm until 4.30pm. TSI Moray are promoting this event and there will be groups promoting Health and Wellbeing. This event is for over the 60's in the Keith area. Tesco are helping out at this event.

- **Dufftown Road** – Richard Lochhead has contacted Neil by letter to say that a number of Keith residents have concerns about there not being a barrier erected on the Keith to Dufftown road where a massive amount of trees were harvested. There is a sheer drop and without the trees stopping cars, if it goes off the road, drivers fear a serious accident could happen. A survey has been done by Moray Council which has shown that the barrier is not necessary. Richard Lochhead is looking into this matter further.
- **KCR FM** – The interview that Catherine did with John Calder came across very well on the radio. Next Community Council meeting to advertised on the radio.
- **New Members** – Discussion was had on how to attract new members to the Community Council. Articles to be put in newspaper and radio. Word of mouth to be used as well.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th September at 19:00 in the Community Centre.