



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

- 1. Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Sandy Dickson, Fiona Addison, Susan Hutcheon, Dave Carson, Catherine Sinclair and Marguerite Cruickshank (from 8.30pm)

Also in attendance: PC Bayliss and PC Robertson, Police Scotland, Shelly Nicol, Gail Smith, St Rufus Park Regeneration Group, Tracey Rae, The Moray Council, Cllr Cree (from 7.15pm)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Cllr Coull.

- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Susan Hutcheon.

- 3. Police Matters:** Report circulated by email. 19 incidents since the last meeting with enquiry ongoing on shoplifting. Speed checks have been carried out on roads leading into Keith and Fair Warning letters are to be issued. If a second offence occurs, the driver will be prosecuted. Anti-social behaviour at Tesco is continuing and affecting staff, customers and nearby residents. PC Bayliss advised each incident should be phoned in at the time. Cars have been racing around Tesco car park in the early hours of the morning – again this should be reported, even if anonymously. Wheelie bins in lanes and school pupils running across the road are not matters the Police can act on.

- 4. St Rufus Park Regeneration Group – Gail Smith and Tracey Rae**

Gail gave a review of how the group came about from an initial desire to improve the park, the group's consultation with the public, local organisations and the local authority, its activities to date and plans for the future. Keith Community Council wholeheartedly support the aims of the group and its plans. There was discussion on the mutually beneficial relationship between the group and the Community Council.

Reassurance was sought by Keith Community Council about use of public liability insurance cover from the Moray Council legal department but unfortunately the query was not passed on and we did not have an answer in time for the last event. It may be that now the group is established with its own strong identity, it would be better to have its own insurance.

ACTION: Catherine to follow-up on insurance enquiry

- 5. Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council £1990.39

Christmas Lights £10223.90 with lights, other equipment and electrical works by BEAR to be paid
Scots Toun £3340.27

Remittance advice for the grant of £423.60 has been received.

6. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 6: Turner Street bench: No further feedback about removing the bench has been received in person or in the press. The bench is still there and still loose.

ACTION: Catherine to email Dave Malpas again and ask the bench be removed or repaired on safety grounds

Item 6. Correspondence about paths: The Green Roadie between the golf course and Maisley Road has been cut as a 'one off' with thanks to The Moray Council. Future cutting of the path will depend on resources.

Item 6. Pavilion: Funding may have been identified for the cost of re-roofing the pavilion and if this is successful, a community asset transfer may be considered.

Item 6. Squash court: The door has been repaired. The Golf Club are considering developing a plan for a Community Asset Transfer.

Item 7. Beatrice – Fiona, Susan, Sandy and Catherine attended the meeting on 19th October about the community fund. £1 million will be made available over 5 years to 4 community council areas including Keith. 1 or 2 Community Councillors will be asked to sit on the decision making panel. Fiona agreed to sit on the panel. A second person will be confirmed if needed.

Item 7: Keith & District Heritage Group: Susan and Sandy attended the 20 year celebration and enjoyed it.

Item 8: Reporting faulty lighting: The issues with the web link will be resolved with the new website due soon. Cllr Cree re-reported the faults as they have not yet been repaired.

Item 8: Mar Court safety gate – has been reinstated

7. Correspondence:

Tree damage on Balloch Road: A letter was received from The Moray Council regarding a tree causing cracks in a garden wall and the surrounding pavement. Discussion was held and it was concluded The Moray Council may need to deal with this on safety grounds.

ACTION: Catherine to reply

Proposed Inspection of Moray Scottish Fire and Rescue service: survey completed

Community Safety Survey: Agreed to respond as individuals

A96 Dualling: Neil and Sandy to attend meeting in Fochabers 15th November

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** An application from Best Kebab to open 4pm – 2am Friday to Sunday was discussed, including public order concerns. **ACTION: Catherine to submit comments**

- **Signs, street furniture and marketing. Scots Toun sign** – a mock-up design has been sent to BEAR and it seems there will be some progress now.
Signs on public toilets – ‘Louns’ is the traditional spelling as in ‘Toun’ but ‘loons’ is also in common usage. Debate continued. To be decided in December.
Footprints: Ongoing
Burns Sculpture: Marguerite attended the Kirk Session to talk about the statue. There were some interesting points on discussion and the session will discuss it further.
Scots Event: The Keith Grammar School Librarian is interested in a Scots language event. It was agreed this is a good idea. **ACTION: Marguerite to invite along to December meeting**
- **Roads and rights of way. School pupils running across A96 at morning break:** Discussed. Neil to let Grammar School know of concerns for pupil safety.
Filter lane at Tesco lights: Noted. **ACTION: Sandy to pass to BEAR Scotland**
Clicking manhole and drain covers: Query as to timescale BEAR has to repair these and that those recently repaired have sunk again. There is a clicking manhole cover on Moss Street.
ACTION: Sandy to pass to BEAR and check their agreement for repairing covers
Location of Lollipop crossing: Query if any feedback received on proposal to move crossing further along Banff Road. **ACTION: Catherine to follow up**
Leaf clearing and winter gritting of pavements: **ACTION: Sandy to pass query to BEAR**
No entry signs on Mid Street. Ongoing. Cllr Cree emailed BEAR regarding ‘No left turn’ and ‘no right turn’ signs on A96.
Blocked drain School Road: Cllr Cree has reported
- **Keith in flower.** Keith Community Council thanked Keith in Flower for the bonny displays and baskets over the season. The next meeting is Tuesday night at 7pm in the Royal Hotel. Planters and baskets are being emptied at present. It is planned to offer a watering, feeding & deadheading service to those who wish it next season, for a cost of £20 for the season. There is already interest in 16 new baskets for next year and plans for other planters etc. Signs for planters are being commissioned.
- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates
- **Cllr Cree.** No updates not previously discussed.
- **Cllr Coull.** No report

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – Fiona and Susan attended the AGM. KSRP have some funds still to allocate. A volunteers’ day is planned at Longmore Hall next year.
- **Christmas Lights** – Congratulations to the committee for getting the lights up. BEAR still have some electrical work to complete and there are 11 poles and 11 lights to do. Thanks to 3 volunteers from SSEPD who helped. Date of switch on is TBC. The Extravaganza will be from 2-4pm in Longmore Hall on 26th November.
- **Scots Toun** – as Signs, street furniture and marketing.

10. AOCB:

Remembrance Day: Dave or Neil will lay our wreath.

Litter Summit meetings: Sandy attended the latest meeting and felt it covered a lot of theoretical ground such as how do we stop fly tipping and working on anti-litter and litter prevention plans. 16 were present at this meeting, compared with the large turnout at launch. He will attend the next meeting 19th December to discuss the Spring Clean next April/May, and report back.

Compulsory purchase Union Bridge: Transport Scotland have given notice of a compulsory purchase order of Union Bridge and nearby land by. The allotments group is concerned this may affect them.

ACTION: Neil to get some information and advise Allotment Group to contact Transport Scotland initially

Community Bus: The group's constitution states that a representative from Keith and Strathisla Community Councils should attend meetings. It was agreed Neil to attend on our behalf.

Nuisance calls to Chair: An abusive phone call was made to Neil's mobile and landline numbers regarding eviction of a Moray Council tenant. The caller would not say where he got the contact details.

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