



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 at Keith Community Centre.

- 1. Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Fiona Addison, Sandy Dickson, Marguerite Cruickshank (from 8pm), Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Cllr Cree, Jane Sharp, Rob Barsby, independent candidate for Keith & Cullen, Donald Gatt, Conservative and Unionist candidate for Keith & Cullen, Inspector N Campbell, Sergeant C Ross

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dave Carson and Cllr Coull.

- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Neil Kidd.
- 3. Police Matters:** Community Safety report received by email. Inspector Campbell asked for feedback. This month's report contains a good level of detail and was reviewed at the meeting. Parking issues were brought up again and the Police reiterated that vehicles causing obstruction can be reported and will be dealt with. Information in the email received regarding Hay Crescent was passed to the Police and they will give it passing attention and take any action they can. The abandoned car on Banff Road is still present. The lollipop lady had another near miss and this remains an ongoing problem. Police will monitor.

ACTION: Catherine to pass feedback to CCLO regarding Fife Keith Neighbourhood watch

- 4. Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council £1,411.38 (+ lodgements from men's sheds)

Christmas Lights £4,862.23

Scots Toun £3340.27

The accounts are ready to go to the CCLO.

- 5. Matters arising from the last minutes:**

Litter Pick: This was a successful day although not attended by many members of the public. Over 30 bags of litter were collected although there was less litter than in previous years. We may look at other areas in future. Cllr Cree emailed about fly tipping and littering issues.

Turner Steps bench: Is in Elgin but could be placed on another suitable site in Keith if one is identified.

Item 4. Scots language competition: Neil and Marguerite attended and enjoyed the event at Keith Primary. The school is very pleased with the shields.

Item 6. Broomhill Cemetery – no comments have been received by Keith Community Council.

ACTION: Catherine to check with Shelley and if no responses received will email Moray Council

Item 6. Clicking manhole covers – the covers are in a poor state along Moss Street as far as Fife Keith. **ACTION: Sandy to visit BEAR to report**

Item6. CCTV: Confirmed is not working but is due for improvement work in the coming months.

Item 6. Road signs on new development: Cllr Coull contacted the developer who will erect signs.

Item 6. No through road sign on Union Street/Laundry Brae: An email was received outlining possible options, none of which are ideal and some of which Roads department could not support. Advice is that if this was a one-off incident, take no action for now and monitor.

Item 9. Coopers Lane: There is no budget to improve the surface. Cllr Coull has enquired if KSRP has any funds that could be applied for.

Item 10. Men's Shed: The group voted to seek a serviced site and use portacabins for premises as this is likely to be more cost-effective. Cllr Cree advised it may be difficult to get planning permission for temporary buildings.

6. Correspondence:

Democratic Services re Community Council Membership: It was agreed Keith Community Council would support the change allowing residents of co-terminous Community Council areas to sit on Community Councils as full members. **ACTION: Catherine to email**

Parking on Hay Crescent: An email was received about the dangers to cars and pedestrians caused by parking on Hay Crescent, and enquiring about the possibility of double yellow lines. It was noted a clear line of site may lead to increased speeds. **ACTION: Catherine to pass concerns to Moray Council Roads.**

7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing. Sunset Takeaway:** The late hours license for has been withdrawn.
Planning: Change of store front at Bairds Pharmacy. Change of retail store to residential at 102 Mid St.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** Gateway sign being designed by Moray Council and will be fitted – does not require permission, but has to meet Moray Council's standards.
- **Roads and rights of way. Ponding at bottom of Mid Street:** A photograph of the ponding is needed. Ongoing
Blocked drains: Cllr Cree has emailed BEAR recently about clearing drains which are causing flooding. Refer to BEAR's contract re standards in a community.
Green Roadies: A member of the public reported the Green Roadie at Drum Road is very muddy and possibly in need of drainage. **ACTION: Will pass on concerns to Moray Council**
- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates
- **Cllr Cree.** As per matters arising and Gateway signs
- **Cllr Coull.** As per Gmail

8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – no updates

- **Christmas Lights** – lights that were still on are now disconnected
- **Scots Toun** – waiting to see how much Gateway signs cost before making other plans.
- **Keith in Flower** – There will be 25 new baskets on Mid Street. The barrels at Third Brothers are moving to North Church and the planters at the old Post Office will move to Thirds. A volunteer is sought to look after the planters. Thanks to Peter Smith who is re-staining all the troughs, a kind gesture. New boxes are being designed by Keith McDonough (Clark & Sutherland). The whisky tasting night raised over £1,700.

9. AOCB: Election candidates: Donald Gatt introduced himself and gave his background. There are 8 Conservative candidates standing for election in Moray.

Outgoing Councillors: Many thanks to Councillors Cree and Coull for their help and support over the years and best wishes for the future.

Date of next meeting: Monday **8th May** at 19:00 in the Community Centre. NB a week later than usual due to holidays