

**KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**4<sup>th</sup> February 2013**  
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**PRESENT**

Jane Martin  
Charlie Lawson  
Ian Cattanach  
Cllr Stewart Cree

Margueritte Cruickshank  
Cllr Gary Coull  
Nancy Cruickshank  
Sadie Ogg

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sergeant Mulloy	Keith Police
Donna Jamieson	Keith Police
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Shelly Nicoll	Banffshire Herald
Duncan Falconer	Moray Council
Neil Kidd	Member of public

**1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies

**2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF**

Minutes of meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Nancy Cruickshank

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

Sergeant John Black has moved on to Elgin and been replaced by Sergeant Mike Malloy.

Since the last meeting there have been 76 recorded crimes: - A number of dishonesty crimes have been detected to an adult male who was always strongly suspected. House thefts are on the decrease but the police would remind local residents to keep their property secure and report any suspicious activity.

There were several detected road traffic offences including dangerous driving or drug and drink driving and driving whilst using a mobile phone. Operation Lunar was a traffic operation run specifically to target drivers with faulty lights etc. A number of people were issued with warnings and others were charged.

Operation Avon will be running along other agencies to look at youth order issues .Reports of vehicles at KGS car park that shouldn't be in there. A member said she was willing to close gates at the weekend and open on a Monday morning. Reports of children using petrol miniature vehicles on roads near KGS. One nearly struck a residents parked car.

#### 4. Presentation

Duncan Falconer from Moray Council gave a presentation explaining the new recycling scheme which will be rolled out to Keith on 25<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a Blue Bin replacing the Blue box to hold paper and cardboard and a pink bin to put plastic, tins, aerosols and tin foil in. Plastic milk lids can now be recycled. The orange box will remain for glass. You can return your blue box to Moray council if you wish. This will run as a fortnightly service. There will only be one size of bin – no smaller ones. Only a smaller brown or green bin can be supplied. It will soon be that only one green bin can be put out per household. If there are five or more people living in one house or a four member family including two in nappies then a bigger bin can be requested. A sticker is going to be provided to put on your bin which you will then have to write your house number on and only one bin per household will be collected. There is an assisted collection for people that find the bins too heavy or awkward to take to the pavement. You can contact the council to arrange this. The recycled plastic can now be used to make fleece jackets and used for wall insulation.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence including Scottish Police Consultation – there was no need to reply.

Various planning applications including the Phase 2 at Alexander Road - a resident from Fife Keith has asked that we discuss this at our meeting. The resident wishes to object as the original plan is for 10 houses not the 17 affordable homes which have been proposed now by Springfield properties. Keith Community Council will not be objecting as there is a need for affordable housing in Keith.

Road Closure on School Road – will not be happening at the moment.

Invite to Fair trade forum on 27<sup>th</sup> February – no one can manage.

Proposed road works at Brig O Haughs starting march for six weeks to be controlled by traffic lights.

Man from Yorkshire was enquiring for the crest of arms. SC sent him a pin badge of it.

Community Empowerment Renewal Bill – SC looking at this. Looking at ways that communities can be given more of a voice.

Climate Funds Change Grants – funds are available to groups wishing to apply Landfill Fund Tax - we need to register to be able to apply for any funding from this to ENTRUST- **ACTION – JM will deal**

Nominations for MY Place Award – do we know anyone worthy of an award.

Someone who does a lot for the community. JM had a suggestion of someone – she needs to discuss with this person before she nominates her.

Email thanking everyone contributing to the budget consultation.

Consultation on housing for the elderly – reply by 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

There is funding for all War memorials to be cleaned up if need be. Any queries should be directed to Historic Scotland.

Local policing – an email from Louise Blakelock – an update on local policing issues in Keith and Buckie.

Community leadership Programme 2013 – free training to anyone interested in first Aid training, gaining a John Muir Award and MIDAS mini bus driving.

Nominations for My Place awards.

## **6. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE**

### **A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing**

Moray housing seminar – at the recent public display in Longmore Hall – R14 seems to be the preferred option for new industrial site opposite the Cemetery. R13 opposite Bond 2 was another option. We need to respond to these proposals by 15<sup>th</sup> February. Members took home books with plans to look over and would get back to JM with responses. SC said there is a need for more pensioner friendly housing as people are living longer and staying in their own homes. The road infrastructure needs to be looked at as well. Banff Road is already at full capacity.

### **B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way**

A number of street lights were out during the festive period. They just need to be reported. SC will speak to BEAR about a manhole on 75 Regent Street and the one at 35 – 37 Moss Street which are dirling. **ACTION - .SC will deal with matter** There is a lack of lighting at pedestrian crossing at Fife Keith – SC said there was no requirement for more lighting but he will enquire again. **ACTION – SC will deal with matter.**

Matter of leaves not being cleared brought up again. Drains then get blocked which then causes flooding.

### **C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture**

GC said there is to be a meeting about the signage that is required in Keith on 19<sup>th</sup> February. The slideshow highlighting areas that need better signage and where signs need to be taken away has been sent to BEAR. JM, GC and other representatives attending this meeting.

In response to Marguerites letter to Maureen Watt MSP she responded with a copy letter from Alastair Allan Minister for Learning, Science and Scotlands Language who advised that the Scots Language Centre had submitted proposals for the administration for the Scots Toun Award to the Scottish Government, The assessment process had been identified and applications will be accepted later this year.

### **D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment**

Stump at Keith Square has been removed.

### **E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing**

Reports that there is rats at a property in the Den. They are feeding on food left out to the birds. A man is reportedly letting his dog out on Balloch Road every morning and letting it make a mess without cleaning up after it. A number of people have reported him. Evidence will need to be provided before he can be approached.

**F. Mrs Nancy Cruickshank – Housing**

No updates

**G. Cllr Stewart Cree**

No updates

**H. Cllr Gary Coull**

No updates

**7. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S**

**A. KSRP**

Some grants have been awarded to property owners. Grampian Construction who is in receivership received no money towards the upgrade of Greigs on Mid Street. SC said that the building has full planning permission in place along with the grant would make an attractive prospect for a developer. GC said it would need to be clarified who exactly owned the building now. GC is preparing a package to attract new business to Keith and area. An online package is to be done as well as to promote what Keith has to offer. Business` s won't come to Keith if people keep saying there. We need to promote what we have. There are towns a lot worse off than Keith. Retailers may need training on how to promote their business on the internet. Retailers need to get together and do a joint advertising campaign.

**B. FKAG**

The music event which was to be in May has been postponed until the following year.

**C. JCC**

14<sup>th</sup> February is the next meeting

**D. Christmas Lights**

JM thanked everyone who helped decorate and put up charismas trees and take them down. SC suggested putting an article in local paper as a lot of the discs had been blown off with the gales we had in early December and sponsors had not been able to see their name on the discs. A suggestion has been made that we use recycled artificial trees on Mid Street. These could be trees that people don't want anymore or are replacing. Suggestions of LED lights put in between the trees on Mid Street. The conifer trees near Memorial could be lit up as well as the big windows on the Longmore Hall. 115 trees were put up this year.

**8. A.O.C.B**

The Keith Gala is being held at Kynoch Park on 26<sup>th</sup> May. The Gala dance will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May which will include an auction from Keith Primary School.

**GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS  
AVAILABLE  
THROUGH HILL OF TOWIE WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND**

Renewable energy company RES is delighted to announce that funds are still available for local community groups through the Hill of Towie Wind Farm Community Fund.

The scheme has to date assisted 11 community projects with grants totalling over £38,000 and is keen to hear from other groups who may need funding to continue or expand their activities. The groups must be properly constituted and be based or active in the defined area of benefit – Mulben, Drummuir and Keith and District. The next application deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> March with the Decision Making Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Application forms and further details are available on-line at [www.reapscotland.org.uk](http://www.reapscotland.org.uk) or [www.hilloftowie-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.hilloftowie-windfarm.co.uk)

Further information and application guidance is available from REAP, 177 Mid Street, Keith on 01542 888070.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 4th March 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon