

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
4th March 2013
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PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach

Cllr Stewart Cree
Sadie Ogg

IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Jamieson	Keith Police
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Shelly Nicoll	Banffshire Herald
Neil Kidd	Member of public

1. APOLOGIES

Nancy Cruickshank, Gary Coull, Keith police and Margueritte Cruickshank

2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF

Minutes of meeting dated 4th February 2013 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Ian Cattanach

3. POLICE MATTERS

There was no police present tonight. JM gave an update that she received from Sergeant Mulloy. There have been 38 recorded crimes since the last meeting including road traffic offences and a break in at Moray Council garage in Balloch Road. The offences of the stolen Christmas trees were investigated but no offender identified. On 1st April Grampian Police will cease to exist and will be replaced by Police Service for Scotland. A new non emergency number was launched over Scotland which is 101. Examples to call this number on are for car theft, damage to property, Minor traffic collision, suspected drug use or dealing and information about crime in your area. Calls are 15 pence per minute and will connect you to a local police service centre. You should still continue to dial 999 in an emergency.

Donna Jamieson the community warden spoke about the on-going dog mess there is in Keith. She had to call out council staff to clean up 66 messes on Balloch Road. Plain clothed patrols have been considered to try to combat the problem. Fixed penalties will be issued if anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog. Green Dog Walkers have been encouraged to sign up to a scheme where they would wear a green band and could be approached for bags if a dog owner doesn't have one with them or they can offer an owner a bag. Email donna.jamieson@moray.gov.uk if you would like more information. Donna is hoping to set up the Junior Wardens this summer for local school kids. She is hoping to secure funding for this.

4. Presentation

No Presentation

5. Matters Arising

Duncan Falconer dealt with the matter of rats in the Den. Police have been dealing with the cars that have been going to Keith Grammar car park. The gates have to be closed by the primary school. Fiona Grant (grounds maintenance) will be contacted by a councillor. JM and GC attended the meeting about the lack of proper signs pointing to Mid Street. And the amount of unnecessary signs there are. There are new signs showing the way to the Keith shops - One sign is to be made to show BEAR, Transport Scotland and Moray Council.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence including Scottish Hydro Board second consultation – C will look at it and reply to them. Towers that are appearing on A96 are to heighten pylons and then they will be lowered.

An email was received from Jane Sharp about the closure of the public toilets. The FKAG enquired if a group could be set up to volunteer to clean the toilets so that they may remain open. It was questioned who would pay for the cleaning materials water and electric used if taken over by a group. We need to respond by 30th March about the proposed toilet closure. JM to email a compromise to keep open the Keith Square and Fife Keith toilets and shut the ones in car park on mid street. It seems unfair that the toilets at St Rufus Park are to shut as where are people meant to go. A member suggested that they be opened shorter hours could be a compromise. A suggestion that super loos could be used where you pay to use the convenience.

Training Calander – there are various training opportunities for people to attend.

Local Government – a reply has been received saying we had responded.

Community Warden Service – Community councillors have been sent a questionnaire to complete asking how they feel the wardens in their area are doing and what could be improved or done differently if anything.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

No update

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

No major planning issues.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

Cottage woods have been restructured. New hand rails have been put on and new hardcore has been laid. This was done by Moray Council which had received funding from the European funding for this to be used for core paths and for cycling and walking. Hopes are that the Den will be done next. The fishwives walk has been completed as well. This is from Reidhaven Square in Keith over to Aultmore and Drybridge to Buckie. The Rotary Club possibly will do a Sponsored Walk if this path is under 10 miles.

Water hydrant sunk at toilet block in Keith Square. Holes are appearing on the newly laid tar which was laid in December. Street lights have been put in through the old junior primary. There is a mess of smashed bottles in the playground. Unauthorised parking is still a problem at the KGS. Police will be approached about this matter. SC to see about the entrance to the school – it is not what the original plan said it would be like.

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

No major issues

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

No update

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

Reports about the council driver being on busy roads at peak times again when he could be going round when it is less busy.

F. Mrs Nancy Cruickshank – Housing

No updates

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

The subject of the Deveron Coaches which are to be cut at the end of March was discussed. SC said that there it was not used enough. He said Dial a Bus has received more funding so that it can be promoted for more use when Deveron Coaches stops running. People that need to sign on in Buckie are going to be offered an alternative way of signing on. There is a petition going around the town to try and save the buses. JM read out a letter she is to submit to the Banffshire Herald and to Moray Council asking Moray Council to review its rural transport provision.

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No updates

9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

A new leaflet has been printed and will be distributed to various outlets in the area.

B. FKAG

The next meeting will be on the 11th March.

C. JCC

CL attended the latest meeting. There was a health promotion promoting walking, cycling etc. JM won't be able to attend the next meeting but is liaising with Tracey Rae. There will be elections for the community councils in October.

D. Christmas Lights

Meeting to be held soon.

10. A.O.C.B

The next meeting for the gala will be held on 6th March

Date of next meeting

Monday 1st April 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon