

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
1st April 2013



PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach
Neil Kidd

Nancy Cruickshank
Cllr Gary Coull
Sadie Ogg

IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Hutcheon Minutes Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Stewart Cree, Margaret Robson and Margueritte Cruickshank

2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF

Minutes of meeting dated 4th March 2013 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Sadie Ogg

3. POLICE MATTERS

There was a matter of children coming round to Green Court which have now been dealt with. There have been complaints of Lorries not using the lorry park and parking on residential streets. They can be causing obstructions for other traffic which may need to manoeuvre round about them. Reports of cars parking in lanes longer than they should be. Numbers need to be taken and reported to police. Unloading is allowed for 30 minutes.

There were no police at tonight's meeting. JM received the updated news letter from Sergeant Mulloy. There have been 29 dishonesty crimes including two thefts out with the town and one at a commercial property. There has been fuel and vehicle assessorie thefts. The new number for non emergencies to the police is 101. The only notable difference with the new police force will be the disappearance of the Grampian Police logo. Operation Avon will be operated with other agencies on the issue of youth disorder.

4. Presentation

No Presentation

5. Matters Arising

Drains on A96 – SC has emailed Ralph at Bear about this. The hydrant on Regent

Square has been repaired. CL will contact the water board about the one at 37 Moss Street and 75 Regent Street.

JM read out a letter that has been sent to Moray Council. Tracey Rae has passed it to various people but JM has had no reply as yet. The letter was about the proposed cuts to the buses and toilets. GC said the toilets are remaining open until the qualities impact assessment has been completed.

There was a discussion about when the buses are stopped how much it would cost a pensioner to use taxis in a week to get to shops and various hospital appointments. It cost £45 which is a lot of money out of a week's pension. Super loos were discussed again as replacement for closure of toilets. Funding would need to be sourced for this.

The new signs on the lanes have been going up. Questions about the names have been asked. The names were given to the lanes by local councillors, Keith Community Council and the Heritage Group back in 2007. Funding from the lanes has come from Tesco. A leaflet produced by CARS may be produced to explain the meanings of the lanes names.

The current manager of Tesco is to go along to KSRP meetings. He wants to be involved in the community. He would like the Community Board to be displayed in Tesco with local school children helping out with it. He has a meeting room available for any community group who wishes to use it. A race is going to be organised. Funds are going to be made available to a charity in Keith.

6. Correspondence

There were various correspondences including an email from Andrew Stewart who is establishing a steering group on the way forward for sustainable transport. He is asking for ideas and will be holding a meeting.

A survey from Moray Licensing Board to be completed by 31.5.2013

An email about costings for the Lanterns that could be made by local schoolchildren and used at the Xmas fayre. This would cost nothing to Community Council.

Moray Fundraiser Seminar leaflet – this was on at the Town Hall on 3.4.2013.

Bowel Cancer screening information email – second phase in an awareness campaign.

Moray Walking Festival – Thursday 20th June to Monday 24th June a leaflet giving details on the festival.

Kinloss and Rafford communities – Hall Tales. Sharing experiences and reminiscing was the theme.

Money advice service – an email.

Royal Scots borders are going to be in the area as of 22.5.2012. They are offering to take bids for projects when they will be in the northern areas this summer.

Angela Hyland from Heldon Community Council submitted an email applauding the good work they had done on a project that the Community Payback team has done for their community.

An email from Ann Davidson from REAP saying they are trying to organise a farmers market possibly on Mid Street. Also to promote a session in the North Church Hall about sowing seeds, planting and feeding the soil.

An appeal has been made for the application for two wind turbines to be put up at Backmuir Keith.

IT courses at Moray College being done for free to council members.

Email about a living it up project which is being done in Moray.

An email from a representative regarding the Blackhillock development. There are apprenticeships available. Visit the SSE website to find out more.

It`s the Clydesdale Banks 175th anniversary. There is some funding available for communities to apply for. www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation is the website to apply to before the 31.5.2013.

Email with planning permission – no objections to a small wind turbine at the Keith Station or to the extended car park at the station.

Community Capacity Building Training 2013 – Courses which people can attend in most cases for free. The types of courses include first aid, introduction to working with children and youths, cooking, jewellery making, John Muir award, dyslexia and many more courses are being offered.

Play, Talk, Read, Activity Bus Tour is to be circulating Moray in April. Hannah Mitchell can be contacted by email - hannah@workingonwheels.org.

Scotland and Offshore Renewable Energy – a community workshop in Laichmoray on 23rd April

7. TREASURERS REPORT

No update

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

A resident in the Cuthil is to take on a piece of waste ground near her property. There were no objections to this.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

There are steps that are crumbling at Westerton Court. The path at the rear of Regent court going to the golf course is in a mess. People are not going on it and going onto the golf course instead. Balloch Trust would have maintained it in previous years. ACTION – GC will deal with matter.

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

Costings are being sought for the new signs to promote Keith shops

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

No update

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

JM sent a letter praising a council employee. The employee of Moray Council has been dealing with the dog mess problem. It was pointed out that in the Northern Scot that people were being fined for allowing their dogs to make a mess.

F. Mrs Nancy Cruickshank – Housing

GC hasn't received the letter about the wobbly slabs near a property in Viewfield. Nothing has been done yet and they wobble and are dangerous.

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

No update.

H. Cllr Gary Coull

Gelatine has been put onto the Institute on Mid Street to deter the ongoing problem with the pigeons roosting and making a mess of the pavement and the building. Hopefully this solution works.

9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

Gillian Ferguson has got a new job. Some of the grants have been given out. A new website has been commissioned. There will be an open meeting in the North Church hall from 2 – 7pm on a date nearer the end of April. This will be a drop in session to promote a brand for Keith.

B. FKAG

No group has come forward to take on the role of keeping the toilets open in Fife Keith Square.

C. JCC

No update

D. Christmas Lights

Meeting to be held soon. JM had a suggestion of Lanterns that the local schoolchildren could make. They could follow Santa up the street after the Fayre.

10. A.O.C.B

The next meeting for the gala will be held on 6th March. Member Nancy Cruickshank has resigned from the Keith Community Council JM wished her well and thanked her for being on the committee for many years.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 7th May 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon

