

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
7th May 2013



PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach
Marguirette Cruickshank

Cllr Stewart Cree
Neil Kidd
Sadie Ogg

IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Mulloy	Keith Police
PC Julie Sinclair	Keith Police
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Gary Coull

2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF

Minutes of meeting dated 1st April 2013 were proposed by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Ian Cattanach.

3. POLICE MATTERS

May Day events on Sunday in Keith were discussed. The officers attending did not have an update as they were off duty on Sunday. There was an assault which was being dealt with. It was reported that there was crowds of youngsters converging on Seafield Avenue onto Church Road. They were from Keith and surrounding towns. Members were concerned that there would be an accident as Kids were wandering across the road to the Ugie House Hotel Car park.

Since the April meeting there have been 54 recorded crimes in Keith and surrounding area. These have been mainly dishonesty and theft of unattended items, housebreaking, theft by opening lock fast places and sneak in thefts at industrial and residential areas. The public are requested to report unusual vehicles or persons seen in their area. Recent break - ins – four people been remanded for this.

If a driver of a car obtains an ASBO the ASBO goes with the car if it were to be sold. Complaints of a car with a dump valve making a lot of noise. The police will investigate and driver may be reported to the procurator fiscal.

4. Presentation

No Presentation

5. Matters Arising

Letter that was sent on 25th March 2013 – JM chased Roddy Burns for a reply – she has heard back from him with no answers to the questions she asked. The questions were about the cutbacks to the toilets and the buses .Duncan Falconer met JM and said that he was delighted to have received a letter from the Chief Executive thanking him for doing his hard work in the community.

6. Correspondence

Handbook – If any changes need to be made they will have to let JM know before September. If for example you think that there is too much information or if you would like something added members would need to let JM know.

CL has been invited to meet with Andrew Stewart 16.5.2013.in the Keith Sports Centre. He promotes better cycling and walking routes in Moray. He will be invited to the next meeting of KCC to explain his role.

Letters been received from member of FKAG who wishes Fife Keith toilets to remain open. Matter will have to be taken up with KSRP as there may be funding available.

TMSA festival – members agreed to sponsor £30 the upcoming festival in June.

JM read out a document with questions to be answered for gypsy travellers existing planning laws. Members answered the questions tonight.

Community Council Review – Members took away this document to review and get back to JM. Scheme of electrol arrangements – appendix one was an important issue to read.

Various planning application – no objections.

Self Direct Support Scotland – a meeting on 20th May in Edinburgh.

Article promoting the Glen Moray Bike Ride in June.

Organisations can apply for funding to the Big Lottery Fund for funding for groups and families. www.biglottertyfund.org.uk/communitiesandfamilies is the website for more information. Funding up to £10,000 is available.

Voluntary Action Fund are pleased to announce the launch of two grants available to support third venture sectors. More information can be found on www.vouluntaryactionfund.org.

Email from Deborah Young who is the main contact for the SSE Blackhillock Sub - station Development which will be developed for the next five years.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Updates of the accounts were reported to members for the Xmas lights and the community council.

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

Taxi prices are set by Moray Council in answer to a previous query by a member who thought that a local firm has been overcharging for local runs. Question was

asked by a member if upstairs in the centre was changing to a playcentre. Would different planning permission be required? Fife Keith playgroup is folding due to a possible increase in rent at the Scout Hall. Could the cafe upstairs be franchised? When is the Green School going up for sale was asked by a member? **ACTION** – SC will attend to matter.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

Drains not been repaired at Moss Street. Resident reported incident to Scottish Water more than three years ago. Should there not be compensation? SC will speak to bear as it is still not fixed.

Pavements are a mess with weeds in Fife Keith.

Pavement sinking near Strathisla Cafe and Charles Innes plumber.

The drain at the bottom of Earlsmount is full of tar – water can't get into the drain.

Footpath closed off at the Percy Watt building for building work. Can't get to Drum Road.

Regent Court – owner can't be identified for the path. The path is drying up now it is better weather. This path is a right of way which has been improved by residents.

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

No update on the prices for the new signs. Marketing of Keith meeting was well attended. MC advised she has been approached by the publisher the (A4) Highland and Moray Visitor Guide asking if she would be interested in advertising. After requesting, received and read last year's copy, she declined the offer on the grounds that under the Moray section there were only 2 very brief mentions on Keith, stating that she would consider advertising if Keith were to be better represented. The eventual outcome was that MC took out a full page ad (£720) they agreed to print a full page editorial of Keith free of charge.

There is still no sign up for Hay Crescent on the brae heading down to the police station.

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

Drain at the corner of the square full of muck again. **ACTION** – SC will deal with matter.

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

Gullies need cleaning down on Seafield Avenue heading to Newmill. The old shute at the new play park has had the broken glass removed. Donna has being doing spot checks on it and seems to fine meantime. The Tens to Teens group are to do a litter pick along the old railway line on Station Road.

There may be some funding left over to give the Leys some new equipment for the playpark area. The new play equipment at Cuthil Park has been well enjoyed by local youngsters.

Report of horses leaving deep hoof prints on walkways. SC said nothing can be done about this.

JM reported that the travellers had left a terrible mess at the Caravan Park. There had been rubbish there before they arrived. Moray Council employees and local residents cleaned up the area although the Moray Council don't own the site. Mr Durrant the owner has not been heard of for some time. This area could be added to the document for new housing. Mark Cross will be consulted.

F. Housing

No update.

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

No update

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No update

9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

JM invited to go along on the interview panel for new regeneration officer.

B. FKAG

Letters been received asking that the Fife Keith toilets remain open Qualities Impact Assessment still to be done before a final closure of the toilets. If the Fife Keith Toilets were left open hopefully the superloo would be set up at Keith Square.

C. JCC

JCC have set up a face book page Tracey Rae is encouraging members to LIKE this page.

D. Christmas Lights

Hill Of Towie – we need to put a Bid in for funding for Xmas lights. Need someone to go out with BEAR to see where lights would go and what fittings are needed. Bids to be in by September. Need quotes for the BID.

10. A.O.C.B

The Gala Dance on Saturday 4th May was poorly attended though those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were a lot of other events on during this weekend being it the May weekend. The Gala committee have made a loss of £147 but the PTA did make a profit. They held an Auction to raise funds.

Date of next meeting

Monday 3rd June 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon