

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
3rd June 2013
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PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach

Cllr Stewart Cree
Neil Kidd

IN ATTENDANCE

Shelly Nicol Banffshire Herald
Susan Hutcheon Minutes Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Gary Coull

2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF

Minutes of meeting dated 7th May 2013 were proposed by Ian Cattanach and seconded by Charlie Lawson.

3. POLICE MATTERS

There were no police present tonight. A resident who has complained about traffic illegally turning up to Balloch Road was told to contact JM. SC said this was a police matter as it`s a road traffic offence.

4. Presentation

There was a presentation tonight from Andrew Stewart who is employed with Moray Council as the Sustainable Transport Officer. He told how there is funding available of up to £100,000 from European Funding for the Keith area. The idea is to provide and improve walking and cycling facilities in the town. There were a number of areas suggested that could be upgraded including a path from Nelson Circle to Keith via Strathmill Distillery. There are steps there at the moment which are very steep and unsuitable for Buggy`s. JM asked if something could be done with the Stepping Stones over the Isla. Andrew thought there might be an issue of the water and may be frowned upon by the Funding providers. NK and CL have offered to go out with Andrew on the afternoon of 21st June to look at and discuss various paths that could be suitable for funding. Once these paths have been done Moray Council would need to adopt them. The work has to be completed by December 2014. Members found the discussion interesting and JM asked Andrew if he could come back with an update. He will come back with an update.

5. Matters Arising

Bear have been told about the areas that need seen to again. There are spots which have been marked which will hopefully be repaired soon. The builders are allowed to block of a path near to Simpson Park (query by a member). The gully at Factory Shop cannot be cleaned as it belongs to Factory Shop property. JM will speak to manager - **ACTION – JM to deal with matter.** Water lying at Earslmount entrance again- this seems to happen after tarring has been done. Reports that a tractor had made gouges in the new tar with its front loader. Taxi driver concerned that kids were skateboarding down church road and may come off the pavement. New kerbing put in may prevent this happening.

6. Correspondence

Planning permission for various projects – no objections although it was mentioned about a turbine in the Newmill area which Strathisla CC will deal with Email asking to forward minutes to Northern Scot so that anything can be extracted to add to Town and County article in the newspaper - email address - newsdesk@northern-scot.co.uk

Smart Sustainable Transport – email about a meeting which was on 28.5.2013. Nominations were being sought for the National Volunteers of the year. This was week of 7.6.2013

Invitation to an event in Inverness. Grow the Future – Community Growing in the Highland on 21.6.2013 from 10 until 4. There will be workshops on agriculture, wildlife and Income Diversification.

Minutes from the Urban Freedom Workshop meeting – this was a meeting arranged by Andrew Stewart who did a presentation tonight.

JM spoke to someone dealing with British Legion Funding – they can tap into Restoration Funding

7. TREASURERS REPORT

NO update

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

CL to help JM with an Agricultural Consultation. An amendment to the Beatrice Offshore Application – two members have taken DVDs to look at them. There are only two new starts for the Stathisla play group this year. This is why it is closing down. The Keith Playcentre will cover any additional changes to the Community Centre.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

No update

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

No update

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

No update

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

No update

F. Housing

No update.

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

SC said it seemed to be getting more and more difficult to exit onto the A96 from various streets. He wondered where Transport Scotland was with the Traffic Management in Keith. Decided to write to them and copy in Moray Council as well.

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No update

9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

There are ten applicants for the job of regeneration officer. Lot of work to be done. Invergordon have artwork on buildings that are not used. This could be done in Keith as well.

B. FKAG

No update

C. JCC

No update.

D. Christmas Lights

No update

10. A.O.C.B

JM asked members if it would be okay to open an account for special events account to cover the gala, etc. Members agreed to this. £75 to be used to promote the upcoming elections in Banffshire herald, Keith Community Radio and MFR. Leaflets will be handed out at Tesco in August same as last time. A lady from SSE regarding the Blackhillock Substation will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday 1st July 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon