



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
1st July 2013



PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach

Sadie Ogg
Neil Kidd
Margueritte Cruickshank

IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Hutcheon Minutes Secretary
Three ladies from FKAG

1. **APOLOGIES**

Stewart Cree, Gary Coull, Donna Jamieson and Keith Police

2. **PROPOSE MINUTES OF**

Minutes of meeting dated 3rd June 2013 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Ian Cattanach.

3. **POLICE MATTERS**

The police were unable to attend tonight`s meeting. JM read out the memo she received from them. There have been 29 recorded crimes since the last meeting. These mainly consisted of road traffic offences, vandalisms, public disorder and assaults. There has been an increase in the number of complaints in relation to anti social driving which is being continued to be monitored. The Keith Music Festival and the Tractor Pulling event were well attended and generally well behaved with no issues reported.

4. **Presentation**

No presentation tonight.

5. **Matters Arising**

The meeting that was arranged for CL and NK to meet up with Andrew Stewart had to be cancelled. A further date will be arranged. JM received an email from Andrew to say that the idea of upgrading the area at the stepping stones has been turned down. Moray Council would not be able to support this venture mainly on safety grounds.

SC has written to Transport Scotland about the issues raised at last month`s meeting regarding the problems of traffic on the A96 and getting onto the A96. JM is to attend a meeting on Thursday – this is for the Aultmore development. Proposed toilet closures – Email has been received to say that the Fife Keith toilets will remain open. The other toilets which are due to close will close in



September. Matter of Super loo was discussed again and funding could be available from Scottish Landfund and from the Windfarm developers. Fundraising was suggested to help to cover costs of a superloo. The ladies from FKAG were here to discuss the closure of the Fife – Keith toilets but left at this point delighted that the toilets are staying open.

The entrance to Keith is very overgrown and grass and weeds need cutting.

Junior Warden`s – Donna Jamieson the Community Warden will be taking the junior wardens to Elgin Fire Station and the Buckie Lifeboat station. The Loft has been able to secure funding for the trips and KCC members decided to donate £250. There are twelve youngsters who will be wardens. Keith Builders are donating high Vis jackets and the Deli is supplying food. At the end of the session they will be awarded a Dynamic Youth Award.

6. Correspondence

JM had a call from a resident in Kynoch Terrace who was concerned that KCC hadn`t objected to a wind turbine to be erected which will be seen from his house. JM explained we hadn`t objected as she hadn`t received any letters of objection.

JM read out a report and filled in a consultation for Colvin Court regarding the letting of property.

Moray Local Development Plan – the recommendation was accepted.

An email from Scottish Land fund saying that funding is available for purchasing land and property within their area. It is funded by the government and managed by HIE and the Big Lottery Fund. Funding is available until March 2016. For more details contact is Su Cooper on su.cooper@hient.co.uk.

An email detailing changes to PEL – licences for events in Council owned buildings.

An email asking to forward any questions to Tracey Rae for Richard Lochhead who will be attending the next JCC meeting on 8th August.

The Moray Walking Festival takes part from Monday 20th until Thursday 24th June. A poster is to be displayed in the display area at Fife Keith.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

NO update

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

No concerns with any planning applications.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

CL said that it has taken three years and 10 months to get some issues resolved with BEAR and Scottish Water. Reports should be resolved in 48 hours not 48 months. Gullies need to be cleared and paths cleaned of weeds. It was thought that killing of weeds had been done but CI thought they had sprayed Growmore. He saw a car hit the kerb after it had bounced out of three tobys which need



repaired near Keith Garage. Water is also collecting at house near to the garage and is up to the first step when it is heavy rain. Gullies from Keith Grammar to the Royal Hotel are not fit for purpose. There is barley growing out of a gully at the bus garage. 114 trip hazards from Fife Keith to Keith Community Centre. He said it doesn't look good for visitors to the town. The only pavement upgrade that has been done is outside the Spar. Fire Hydrant has collapsed at Union Bridge. Flood culvert on A95 gushing with water near the bridge when raining. Residents fed up with cleaning up the grass after the council have cut it. Grass up to 14 inches in various parts of Keith including Mar Court. No work been done at the steps near the hospital – the path is now very narrow. Reports of used syringes and broken glass. Broken glass at old primary school - ACTION – SO will deal with matter by speaking to Duncan Falconer. CL to speak to Moray Council and NK to speak to Bear.

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

No update at the moment about the new signs pointing out the way to Keith shops.

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

The drains at Keith Square need to be cleaned. IC will go to and report at the Institute.

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

Complaints again about the black bins on Mid Street. If people have problems manoeuvring around them they will need to cross the street as the bins cannot be removed as there would then be complaints of litter. Quite a bit of rubbish at the Skate Park – CL thought there were no bins. SO will speak to Duncan Falconer and JM will speak to Donna Jamieson – ACTION – SO and JM will deal with matter

F. Housing

No update.

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

No update

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No update



9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

An officer has been appointed and will take up his post on 1st July. Fishwives path is to be officially opened on Tuesday in Buckie. Alec Salmond will be in attendance. The marketing project is coming on and the application process will be on the website in the Autumn. New Keith leaflet has been distributed to venues. It is hoped that a TV advert can be made. There will be a meeting this week. Idea of pop up markets in towns is being looked into.

B. FKAG

Jane Sims from Abercairn nurseries at Aultmore has donated flowers which will hopefully fill 30 hanging baskets to be displayed in Fife Keith. All the volunteers were thanked for their invaluable assistance. Keith Station has received plants now as well. The recent litter pick was hailed a huge success. It is hoped that a member from FKAG will be able to attend KCC meetings.

C. JCC

The meeting on 8th August has Richard Lochhead attending. Any questions we want answered should be forwarded to JM before middle of July who will forward to Tracey Rae. A member requested that he speaks Doric now and again.

D. Christmas Lights

No update

10. A.O.C.B

JM needs help to promote the upcoming Community councils in October. Promoting will be done in Tesco the same as last time in September with handing out leaflets.

Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd September 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon