



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
3rd September 2013
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PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Ian Cattanach
Stewart Cree

Sadie Ogg
Neil Kidd
Margueritte Cruickshank
Gary Coull

IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Boyd	Keith Police
Catherine Forrerst	Moray Council
Andrew Stewart	Moray Council
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Shelly Nicol	Banffshire Herald
Valery Dickson	Spectator

1. **APOLOGIES**

Donna Jamieson

2. **PROPOSE MINUTES OF**

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

3. **POLICE MATTERS**

JM wished to praise the scheme for the Junior Warden Scheme which was run over the summer holidays by Donna Jamieson the Community Warden and other organisations who were involved. The Junior Wardens may run the scheme across Moray in the future.

Problem at the old junior primary school where kids are getting onto the roof and entering the building, there are reports of vandalism and drinking taking place. The electricity is still on which could prove dangerous. **ACTION – SO to contact Tracey Rae**

There are still ongoing problems of youths racing cars on the streets. GC said it has not been as bad as it was a couple of months ago. It is a problem which will not go away.

There were 50 detected crimes since the last meeting. These include 15 detected driving offences, 5 vandalisms and 8 assaults none of which were serious. 7 thefts including cow and deer antlers.

4. **Presentation**

Andrew Stewart returned to the community council meeting with Catherine



Roberts to give an update on how they are going to promote sustainable travel in the Keith and Buckie area .Catherine has drawn up some costings and some have been ruled out because of the cost. The stepping stones upgrade has been ruled out. Three schemes were suggested that the councillors support. They are Nelson Terrace – open up the bollards so that cars can go straight through to Nelson Terrace. Turner Street – maintenance of the steps going down to Old Town. Cuthil park - do up paths there.

The Cuthil Park suggestion was frowned upon. A suggestion by VD was to have a zig zag path up through St Rufus Park which came across as a good idea.

SC said a perfectly usable bridge at Braco Street could have wooden steps up to the bridge and this would take you to path behind St Rufus Church. Funders said it has to be something in the audit report

We are now in second year of this three year project. Last year`s money was lost as there was no project allocated. Andrew has only taken up this post recently.

VD as if we could reclaim the lost money. Andrew said he would try to get match funding. It would be worthwhile asking anyway. March 2014 is when the money has to be spent.

Payback scheme could help with labouring for possible projects.

5. Matters Arising

Lighting at the primary school – someone needs to speak to Tracey Rae - ACTION – SO will deal with matter.

Painting on boards at the old primary school has been suggested. As you look at the school from A96 you see the windows which are boarded up –David Lloyd could get sizes and castings. VD said KSRP could possibly fund this project

6. Correspondence

New way to distribute correspondence – JM won`t read out all correspondence but will continue to email to everyone. A chart will be made up for the ones not on computer and if they require any further information they can ask for it.

JM has been on steering group for local elections campaign. Advertising will be in local press. KCR and Tesco are promoting the election as well... £130 has been used for printing leaflets and a banner @ £45 was bought. Election forms are available at Mither Tongue. JM to speak to Tracey as she is looking to buy an ipad. A kindle was suggested as a cheaper alternative. There is going to be a website that councillors can access. JM asked if it was okay with councillors to purchase a tablet. It could be used for taking pictures and storing various information.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

NO update

8. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mrs Jane Martin – Planning and Licensing

Paul McBain is applying for drinks and gambling licence to operate from a SPAR in



Mid Street, Keith. This news was welcomed by councillors.

B. Mr Charles Lawson – Roads and rights of way

New switches and wiring are being put into the lamp posts in Keith. This is why pavements being cut. New pavements will be laid when work is complete. New waterproof deck is being fitted at the Brig O Haugh`s. The flooding issue has still to be resolved there. Grass cutting is to be cut from six weekly to four weekly. Only two gully`s work properly in Keith.-They are all blocked with weeds and rubbish. Every street brander is full. Some weeds at waist height. Weeds in lanes need removed CL said Keith was a disgrace. It was suggested that property owners and business could take a bit more responsibility to clear weeds. It doesn`t take much effort for this to be done. Pigeon mess at Thirds and Post Office is a problem

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

GC, JM and Jed met up with a man from Transport Scotland to discuss signage for Keith shops. The suggestion of brown signs pointing to the shops was given. Councillors agreed that brown signs usually mean there is something to be seen and this seemed a good idea. He is to come back with a detailed plan. Town Centre Shops is what we want on the signs.

D. Mr Ian Cattanach – Environment

No update

E. Mrs Margaret McDonald – Cleansing

No update

F. Housing

No update.

G. Cllr Stewart Cree

No update

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No update

9. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S



A. KSRP

VD explained to members that the new project officer has taken up his position and will be in the Institute on a Wednesday in anyone wishes to speak with him. The group had a stand at Keith Show and a new website with the logo will be launched in October. The minutes from our meetings can be posted on there. Esther Green is doing profiles and would like another meeting to be held soon. If anyone wants a group or business to be put on the website this can be done. The aim of the website is for local people and for people coming to Keith to see what we have on offer. CARS – Gutters to be cleared by a cherry picker on Mid Street before the end of the year. There is insurance cover for this. Dividing units on the industrial sites to smaller units for people who are starting up is being encouraged. SC hoped that a small gateway bridge could be designed and put to entrance of Keith.

B. FKAG

No update

C. JCC

No update

D. Christmas Lights

There is a permit which we need to comply with to get new street lights up on the poles. The permit has been issued by BEAR. SC is dealing with this. JM said that she has been asked to have the extravaganza back on Mid Street again. SC said that plans were already started for this year but this could be discussed for next year. The extravaganza is going to held on 30th November 2013.

10. A.O.C.B

A gala meeting to be held sometime in September. Next meeting will be the inaugural meeting with no business. JM asked how councillors felt about having meeting at 6.30 as we never seem to have time to go through everything. Some were against it as they are not long home from work. It will be discussed at the next meeting

Date of next meeting

Monday 7th October 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon