

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
4th November 2013



PRESENT

Jane Martin
Charlie Lawson
Lorna Mulligan
Neil Kidd
Sandy Dickson

Margueritte Cruickshank
Cllr Gary Coull
Cllr Stewart Cree
Susan Hutcheon
Sadie Ogg

IN ATTENDANCE

Shelly	Banffshire Herald
Donna Jamieson	Community Warden
PC Nick Boyd	Keith Police

1. APOLOGIES

Ron Shepherd

2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF

Minutes of meeting dated 7th October 2013 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Sandy Dickson.

3. POLICE MATTERS

Reports from a member of public that motor bikes being used up in the Dunnyduff Woods and making a mess of the paths. It is reported to be adults rather than youths that are doing this This will be looked into.

Factory Shop have put up barriers after discussions with police to stop cars going into their car park when they are closed as there was a lot of rubbish being left there when people in cars were parking up there in the evening. Residents had been raising concerns.

Lot of beer tins and bottles have been reported at Keith Railway Station in the waiting area. This will be looked into was well.

No word of anyone being reported for driving up the wrong way on Balloch Road. There is CCTV in Tesco petrol station which will be looked at if possible.

Suggested that the road lay out be changed to stop this. Plans would have to be looked at. A complaint from a resident that the firemen also attending call outs are using this road as well. A visit to the fire station will be done.

The police will be responsible now for managing the illegally parked cars as there are no wardens in Keith.

There were 22 recorded crimes since the last meeting which consisted of thefts, dishonesties, road traffic offences and vandalisms. A break in occurred at the Cricket Pavilion, a domestic dwelling and a commercial property. Crimes out with Keith are for thefts of fuel and a break in to a vacant property.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Correspondence

A96 Duelling – public exhibition in Longmore Hall on Tuesday 19th November from 12 noon until 7pm. NK had a resident querying if Cameron Drive could be made into a 20mph limit like the Den. JM said it was that it was nearly impossible to get to 30mph in the Cuthil. If this was looked at other areas such as Mar Court, Fraser Place and Nelson Terrace would have to be looked at as well. If vehicles are speeding take note of the number and report to police.

Resident asked if it could be made one way and why did residents from Muldearie View not have to stop and give way to Cameron Drive traffic.

NK went to the area to see for himself and found that there are a lot of parked cars and it is difficult to weave in and out them and pass oncoming traffic. He saw speeding vehicles and thought one way would be possible from Chapel Street to triangle where the phone box is. The junction at Cameron drive will have been there for years.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

No update

7. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE

A. Mr Neil Kidd – Planning and Licensing

Another meeting is to be held regarding the Aultmore Wind farm. The planning decision has not been made yet and date not arranged. Permission sought for no parking zone from Greer's to the train station. No objections to this. Banff Road – Bowling club to Banff Road junction – no parking zone requested – no objections.

Disabled parking at the Station permission requested but work has been done already.

B. Mr Charles Lawson and Mr Sandy Dickson – Roads and rights of way

The bushes on Station Road have been cut on Station road which has made a big difference to the look of the area. Unfortunately the black lamp post got damaged by the cutter that was used to do the work. Pavement in Regent Street been fixed outside Jeannies but the one outside Strathisla chip shop hasn't been fixed. CL and SD to speak to BEAR about repairs. - **ACTION – CL and SD will deal with matter.**

Steps at Cameron Drive which are unstable have not been attended to yet.

Steps on Nelson Brae - the gravel is being washed away with the rain and needs to be replaced – **ACTION - GC will deal with both matters**

A disabled badge needs to be removed from Cameron Drive parking space.

C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture

The proposed new signs for pointing to Mid Street shops were shown to everyone. GC to get back to Transport Scotland to discuss production of signs and date for them to be put up.

D. Mrs Lorna Mulligan – Environment and Cleansing

Could something be done about the down pipe between Stephen and Robb and Mither Tongue? The foot at the bottom of the pipe is missing and it can be very icy on the pavements when water comes down the pipe and freezes. The owner of the building would be responsible for this. Question was asked who was responsible for the path leading through the old primary school when it is icy – Moray council will be. NK asked about grass cutting. SC and GC said this has not been discussed. NK had heard that grass around the play park only to be cut from now on at Fife park .A reduced grass cutting service will be happening in the spring. A survey may be conducted by KCC to see what can be done. An insulation programme is still going ahead for residents of council properties. GC is waiting to hear about this. A survey will be made up in the New Year by KCC to look at cuts in services.

The house on corner of Dunnyduff Road/Balloch road is owned by Gala Bingo Association. GC to find out whats happening with it as it is a state of disrepair and it is felt that it could be done up and rented out to someone. **ACTION - GC will deal with matter**

E. Housing

No update.

F. Cllr Stewart Cree

No update

H. Cllr Gary Coull

No update

8. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S

A. KSRP

The AGM was held recently and directors were elected back on. The marketing campaign is to be kick started on 29th November with a press launch. Fergus Ewing will be visiting Keith and amongst other engagements will be at the Longmore Hall in the evening for a community event. There will be local entertainment and local produce on show. The logo is available for anyone to use promoting Keith. NK said that it`s 50years since Keith Golf Club opened and they will use Logo on flags on golf course. The bowling club have used it as well as.

B. FKAG

It was suggested that FKAG could be asked if they would take on responsibility of areas that have been emptied of flowers by Moray Council. The KCC could pay for the flowers if they would plant and take care of them.

C. JCC

Meeting on November 14th. Two members are hoping to attend

D. Christmas Lights

SC said that the new lights for A96 and Fife Keith have arrived. They are hopefully going up shortly onto lamp posts. The trees have been ordered and dressing of trees will be done on 16th November with the help of volunteers from FKAG. Toys from George Duncan have been ordered, entertainment organised and bookings are almost full up for the stalls for the 30th November. The Loft Youth project is doing the teas this year.

9. A.O.C.B

Gregs at the top of Mid Street has been sold to a local builder.

JM asked who would be able to attend the remembrance parade on Sunday. CL said he would manage and SC said he would be there also.

It was asked how long the institute would be closed. JM hoped that it would be reopened. The heating has broken and is going to cost in region of £6000 to repair. Staff from the Institute are up in the Resource Centre building where SC said there was no interference with the services provided there. He would rather they were in this building where it is safe and warm. JM to write to Moray Council wishing that the Institute be maintained and reopened.

There is a continuing problem of bird mess on Mid Street which is unsightly on pavements outside shops. It is up to individual shop owners/ property owners to clean up the mess. MC suggested an incentive may be used to encourage shop owners to keep properties tidy.

Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd December 2013

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon