

**KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**  
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**PRESENT**

Jane Martin  
Charlie Lawson  
Neil Kidd  
Sandy Dickson

Cllr Gary Coull  
Cllr Stewart Cree  
Susan Hutcheon  
Sadie Ogg

**IN ATTENDANCE**

PC Copp	Keith Police
PC Tripp	Keith Police
Lynne	REAP

**1. APOLOGIES**

Ron Shepherd, Lorna Mulligan and Margueritte Cruickshank

**2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF**

Minutes of meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 were proposed tonight Jane Martin and seconded by Charlie Lawson

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

\_Police are dealing with a matter where there have been reports of a van going across the golf course.

JM had to phone KGS this week as a number of teenagers are smoking outside a property in Green Court. Police will make look into this.

Report that a youngster has been seen riding a motorbike. Police will also look into this matter.

The area at Edindiach Road is being monitored and training by officers has taken place.

Since the last meeting there have been 30 recorded crimes which are mostly thefts, threatening behaviour.

The old primary has still problems where kids are trying to get into the building. Reports of parking too near to the junction at he bottom of Duff Street again.

**4. Presentation**

Lynne from REAP who is a project leader came along to do a presentation tonight. She informed councillors how they work with local groups including Turner Memorial Hospital the Resource Centre and KGS. They are always looking for more land to be able to grow produce. They are looking at areas in Balloch Road and Rothiemay. While working with pupils from KGS they are hoping to grow their own seeds. Pupils can help with community groups working on the plants.

A Community growing date was set for the 31<sup>st</sup> of May for members of the community to plant herbs and flowers in areas in Keith that are not going to be looked after by Moray Council in the coming year. Areas that have been identified are Scotsraig Gardens, The Bandstand and planters in the town. There has been £500 secured from Moray Towns Partnership for buying plants. JM has approached the Rotary for funding. REAP are going to source plants. The new grower's course has been very successful and is fully booked for new growers to learn how to look after their plants. Donations of tattie boxes have been received. The work that REAP are doing will be free this year but funding does stop.

## **5. Correspondence**

Refer to separate list.

## **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

No update

## **7. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE**

### **A. Mr Neil Kidd – Planning and Licensing**

NK hoping to attend the meeting in Elgin with SD but if NK unable to attend SO will go instead.

Planning application for Hyde Park has been withdrawn. Application was for a recycling area. Need to wait to see if it will be submitted again. The fence is now down and is apparently an eyesore – council have issued an enforcement

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

SC or GC will write a letter to Scottish Water with concerns from the Community seeking assurances that the fire hydrants are being checked and maintained in the town. A hydrant has been reported to be full of gunk and unable to be used in Fife Keith. Scottish water are also meant to be responsible for the cover outside the Royal which is still rattling every time vehicle goes over it but BEAR should be contracted to deal with it. CL and SD were out to BEAR with complaints. Water at Brig o Haughs is an ongoing problem with a non return valve being the problem. Signs at entrance to Keith are meant to be self cleaning and normal soapy water is not to be used on them.

A lady fell on Regent Street. When SD and CL mentioned this they were told the pavements were quite serviceable. SC said to take photos and send to BEAR. On A96 heading to Huntly just past the Denwell a bit on the road seems to be subsiding as there is a bit like a ramp. And seems to be getting worse.

### **C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture**

No update

### **D. Mrs Lorna Mulligan – Environment and Cleansing**

The old primary school is still having problems with broken bottles being strewn across playground where youngsters and dogs are going through. Problem seems to be who pays for the clearing up - **ACTION – GC will deal with matter**

**E. Housing**

No update.

**F. Cllr Stewart Cree**

No update

**H. Cllr Gary Coull**

Scots Toun application has been submitted. GC, JM, SC and MC all met up and decided on the best way to present the application. A mention of thanks went to Mrs Beattie from Keith Primary School who has put in a lot of effort to help show how much the language is also used in the local school with a video and evidence of the Keith festival participants and also the Burns Festival participation that Keith primary school has.

New signs are to be made before the end of this financial year.

**8. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S**

**A. KSRP and CARS**

The job of web editor for the In Keith website has been given to Esther Green. JM and GC were at an event in the Eight Acres promoting Keith. A couple of new people have come on board on the website.

There will be a CARS meeting on Tuesday evening. A house on Mid Street is having improvements done through the project at the moment.

The POP up shop is quite well booked up.

**B. FKAG**

No update

**C. JCC**

No update.

**D. Christmas Lights**

At a recent meeting the way forward for the Christmas lights was discussed. It was felt with the lack of help for the lights that the Christmas trees on Mid Street may come to an end and new options were suggested. There will be another meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March to discuss. There will be lights ordered for the trees at Scotsraig gardens. JM said that Tesco have offered to help with Christmas lights. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

## 9. **A.O.C.B**

Esther Green is to take up the position of minutes secretary for six months along with the secretary`s position. Members agreed to this.

NK asked how FIRE Scotland recruited retained firemen. JN to write a letter to them requesting this information. - ACTION – **JM will deal with matter.**

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon