



Keith Community Council Minutes

KCC - Tuesday, 6 May 2014, 7-9pm, Keith Community Centre		Be at the heart of your community	
Chair:		Jane Martin	
Attendees			
Jane Martin (chair); Susan Hutcheon; Marguerite Cruickshank, Lorna Mulligan, Neil Kidd. Also: Sgt Molloy, Shelley Nicol (Banffshire Herald) and Esther Green (minutes secretary).			
Apologies			
Councillors Stewart Cree and Gary Coull; Sandy Dickson; Charlie Lawson; Sadie Ogg.			
Topic		Discussion	Action/ Timescale/ Name
1.	Police Update	<p>Monthly update – Sgt Molloy reported that since the April meeting there had been 49 crimes the majority theft/dishonesty crimes. These included fuel thefts from Moray Council sites, and an attempt to steal from the depot and nearby recycling centre. A vehicle and tools had been stolen in Orton and two further vehicles stolen from addresses in Keith. Enquiries are being made and additional patrols carried out.</p> <p>There have been a number of cars vandalised in Keith, with enquiries continuing.</p> <p>A number of road traffic offences have been detected and while calls regarding anti-social driving are continuing, the matter is being addressed.</p> <p>In the past month there have been two incidents where gates have been stolen from the front of properties outwith Keith.</p> <p>The Judge Jules music event at the Longmore Hall drew a large crowd and passed without any incidents of</p>	

		<p>note.</p> <p>With the warm weather approaching, residents were advised to keep windows and doors closed and locked, especially at night or when out.</p> <p>Operation Avon was carried out in Keith on April 26. The joint operation between police and partners to tackle anti-social youth behaviour and drinking resulted in a number of youths being stopped and a large quantity of alcohol being recovered. Additional staffing and equipment was brought in to identify if a person had come into contact with drugs and a large number of people were tested, several persons were thereafter searched and this led to a small recovery of drugs.</p> <p>Officer Recruitment Campaign – Committed and motivated individuals are being sought to join Community Policing Teams, with vacancies across the area for constables.</p> <p>Contacts - Anyone with information regarding crimes should contact police via the service centre 101; Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or calling in to Keith Police Station, the office manned from 8.30am-4.15pm.</p> <p>Specific issues for police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports of speeding and anti-social driving on Edindiach Road and Station Road.• Anti social behaviour by young motorists congregating in the Tesco car park, a particular problem on Friday evenings.• Damage to paths at the Den Walks due to motocross/motorcross bikes <p>Sgt Molloy said all matters raised would be given passing attention by</p>	Sgt Molloy
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		local officers.		
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Approved by Lorna Mulligan, seconded by Susan Hutcheon		
3.	Matters Arising	<p>Street signs – Both Fife Keith town entry signs washed by a window cleaner for £8.</p> <p>Activities week – News that KGS pupils doing litter picks and cleaning benches this week was welcomed.</p> <p>Scots Spikkin Toun – Announcement on winner delayed but expected any day soon. Members approved MC's suggestion of adding a "From King To Keith" promotional banner to the side of one of Mither Tongue's window as a visual way of showing the journey of the Scots language.</p> <p>Community Planting Day – This joint venture between REAP and Keith Community Council is on 31 May from 10-12, featuring Strathisla Pipe Band and refreshments – all welcome. It will be followed by a separate venture by Sadie Ogg and June Simpson, a lunch fund-raiser at the Longmore Hall to purchase a bench in memory of Rev Ranald Gauld.</p> <p>Hay Crescent property – property owner has arranged repairs that have resolved the water leakage.</p> <p>A96 road surface – the slots cut out of the tarmac surface at the Mart Corner have not yet been reinstated. Issue to be raised with BEAR Scotland</p>		JM
4.	Correspondence	Fife Park litter – Response from Moray Welfare noted. No further action meantime.		
5.	Treasurer's Report			
6.	Community Feedback	Speyside Whisky Festival – The desire for Keith to offer more as a town in support of this annual event over the		

		<p>first weekend in May was raised. It was agreed that the community council would be supportive of any individuals or groups that take forward plans but would be unable to take this on themselves.</p> <p>Broomhill Cemetery – earth areas next to gravestones are now being grassed. Council policy to be checked with the help of Tracey Rae.</p> <p>Future of Institute – members noted that the resource centre is now the council’s community hub in Keith and questioned what would happen to the Institute building in the future, hoping the building’s exterior would be maintained to protect the appearance of the street.</p>		JM/TR
7	Community Councillors update	<p>A. Planning – plans to develop Hyde Park into a recycled materials yard have been resubmitted to Moray Council. Objection to be lodged by CC on the grounds of concern for road/pedestrian safety.</p> <p>B. Signs and street furniture – new signs for Keith had been promised before April but are not yet in place.</p> <p>Pointer signs – the black and gold direction signs are chipped and some are unreadable. Tracey Rae to be asked for advice.</p> <p>Community noticeboard – featuring inKeith.com signs is now in place at the entrance of Tesco.</p>		JM GC JM/TR
8	External group updates	<p>Lights - Christmas Lights committee had a meeting and are to look at Luminate website for ideas for this year’s lights.</p> <p>KSRP/inKeith.com – Keith Golf Club should have inKeith.com flags, commissioned for its 50th year in Fife-Keith, in use for the anCnoc open on</p>		

		May 31.		
9	AOCB	Neil Kidd and Jane Martin attended Keith ASG education review meeting. The presentation was good, a number of points were made as part of the consultation process, but the meeting did become somewhat heated at times.		
10	Date and venue of Next Meeting	Monday, 2 nd June, Keith Community Centre, 7pm.		