

# Keith Community Council



## Minute of meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Keith Community Centre

**1 Attendance:** Lorna Mulligan, Neil Kidd, Susan Hutcheon, Marguerite Cruickshank, Dave Carson, Cllr Stewart Cree, Esther Green, Shelley Nicol (Banffshire Herald)

**Apologies:** Jane Martin, Sadie Ogg, Sandy Dickson, Gary Coull, Ron Shepherd.

**2 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous minutes were approved by Susan Hutcheon, seconded by Dave Carson.

### 3 Matters arising:

a) Members had not received the questionnaire

b) **79 Mid Street** – property owner had contacted KCC saying that because planning permission had been refused, the property would remain boarded up until it could be turned into flats. KCC is a statutory consulted on planning applications, and had opposed this application, being contrary to planning policy in the conservation area which is currently undergoing regeneration through CARS.

c) **Twenty's Plenty traffic restriction request for Land Street** – Andy Duff, roads engineer had contact Cllr Cree saying the Twenty's Plenty was only suitable for areas with no through traffic. 'Smiley face' road sign to be requested instead.

**Action - SC**

**Pitch maintenance** – Cllr Cree had received an assurance that Fife Park would be cut just prior to a booking, weather permitting.

**4 Police report:** There were some issues that members would have liked the opportunity to bring to the attention of police. As there was no police presence or monthly report, agreed to write to the local sergeant to request attendance and monthly report to KCC meetings. **Action - secy**

### 5 Correspondence:

a) **Joint CC** – Lorna Mulligan to ask Sadie Ogg to accompany her to meeting on Nov 13

b) **Sunshine Playgroup Pool Trip** – confirmed group wishes to go to Huntly pool owing to opening hours/smaller pool

c) **Joint Community Council Questionnaire** –members seemed unaware if this has been sent; available on gmail account and will be sent out. **Action - secy**

d) **Greenfingers** – 2015 price list for plants

**6 Treasurer's report** – KCC account £967.36; Christmas Lights £2051.94

### 7 Community Councillor updates

A. Planning/Licensing – no issues

- B. Signs/Street Furniture/Marketing – ‘Scots throughout the year’ letter for schools to be finalised and sent – **Action - EG, JM and MC**

**Doric Trail** – Metal plaques would be preferred option given little or no maintenance.

- C. Environmental and cleansing – Pigeon mess in town centre a matter of concern.

Keep Keith Bonnie – Rotary Club willing to plant and maintain a floral bed in Keith; at least one business expressed willingness to sponsor a floral bed. Seek to turn this into a community initiative, perhaps involving KGS pupils, Community Payback, REAP and others. This could run in tandem with a Pride o The Toun Award to encourage businesses and property owners to have their shop fronts, and premises smart and tidy. **Action – Dave Carson to report back next meeting**

- D. Roads and rights of way – A hollow is appearing in the A96 opposite the Cottage Woods layby; gouges out of road surface on A96 still not repaired. **SC to action**

- E. Request to be made for bus shelter on pavement near the Royal Hotel. – **Letter to Sustrans**

## 8 External group updates

- KSRP – Following the AGM a couple of issues have been referred to KCC for consideration:
  1. A need for more car parking availability close to Mid Street – members discussed and felt there were no sites available for new car parks but would be interested in any proposals or ideas.
  2. Bandstand Garden – The view was expressed by a local trader that the Incredible Edible garden, coupled with the grass cuttings left on the lawns, did not look attractive and request that consideration be given to floral beds being reinstated in the gardens. This could be addressed by a Keep Keith Bonnie initiative.
  3. Institute – KSRP to commission a feasibility study and keen to hear all views for how the building could be used in the future. KCC felt it would be good to include a range of groups and enterprises and ideas mooted included private nursery, Men’s Shed, new studio for KCR.
- Christmas Lights – Posters now produced for Christmas Lights Extravaganza and final meetings to discuss the arrangements for 29<sup>th</sup> November switch on will be taking place. There will be a street closure in place and tables for stall holders are still available in the Longmore Hall.

## 9 AOCB

- **Remembrance** – Neil Kidd agreed to represent KCC by laying the wreath at the Keith Remembrance Parade on Sunday.

**Next meeting** – This will take place on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm.