



Keith Community Council

Minute of meeting held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at Keith Community Centre

In attendance: Jane Martin, Neil Kidd , Sadie Ogg, Susan Hutcheon, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Dave Carson, Lorna Mulligan Councillor Stewart Cree,

Apologies: none

1. **Welcome:** Jane Martin welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. Esther Green has resigned as minute's secretary and secretary due to a new job. A card will be sent wishing her well in her new job. Susan Hutcheon took tonight's minutes. Lorna Mulligan has offered to do this position and after a vote was taken she has been given the position of Secretary.

2. **Police matters:** PC Bob Atkins was present and presented the police report (copy available). Issues raised by members were:

- KGS pupils congregating at the school gates – this matter was thought to have been dealt with but a councillor said there were still issues. This would be reported back and police would be monitoring the situation.
- Cars gathering in Tesco late at weekends, creating noise. People complaining need to take number plate number if you want any action taken.
- Broken beer bottles in Drum Road, School Road – this seems to have stopped.
- Members requested an update on plans for a fresh clampdown on Anti-Social Behaviour – this is still on the agenda to be dealt with.
- Irresponsible use of mobility scooters on roads – police are to monitor the situation with mobility scooters.
- A number of thefts have been occurring in Keith including vehicle windows being broken and items stolen. Police advise to be extra careful and not have items on show in vehicles and to make sure property is secure.

3. **Minutes** – the minutes were approved for accuracy by David Carson, seconded by Sadie Ogg.

4. **Matters arising:**

a) Closure of the lane leading from School Road to Drum road – this was due to a gas leak. Traffic was tailed back to the cemetery on some occasions and caused long delays.

b) Nelson Terrace street light – dealt with.

c) Steps adjacent to hospital – street lights going in shortly

d) Main entrance to school – kerbing dislodged – **ACTION – SC will deal with matter.**

e) Keep Keith Bonnie – DC gave an update on the plans for this year and JM thanked him for all his hard work.

- DC has contacted garden centres for prices.
- Guides to attend flowers at Gleeson store,, KFC five tubs in Keith Square, KCC to do tubs at Institute, Banffshire herald to do tubs at North Church, Rotary to do tubs at Longmore Hall, Herb garden to be moved near Isla near Graveyard, Dr Kay and youth group to attend the memorial garden where Ranauld`s bench is and Keith Builders to do something at Factory Shop.
- DC to meet Symon Simmers and Yvonne Thackery to discuss the planned Pagoda at entrance to Keith on Thursday
- Keith Builders Merchants will store the compost which can be bought there also at cost price. – compost will be bought in bulk.
- Sheers have offered to water the planters in the Keith Square.
- Hanging Baskets – shop owners will be asked if they would like to purchase hanging baskets.
- A reply from Jane Sharp of FKAG who said they are happy to work along with the team from the Rotary and are willing to attend any meetings.

5. Correspondence :

- a. See above – Letter from Jane Sharp.
- b. JM received a letter about sponsoring an award at Keith Grammar School. The cost would be £25 which would be reviewed yearly. This was agreed by councillors.

6. **Treasurer`s report** – KCC account - £1731. Christmas lights - £9001

7. Community Councillor Portfolios:

Planning – Breweister are seeking a licence to sell alcohol – no objections.

Environmental – A representative to attend a meeting to discuss changes in recycling later in year. Old tyres been dumped at Denwell – **SC will deal with matter.**

Roads and rights of way - Rattling drain cover outside A96 – continues to be annoyance. **SD to visit Bear.** More spaces are to be made for disabled parking. Marks near the mart corner need to be filled in again. Does the old junior primary have to be gritted by present owner – no present owner does not have to do this. Complaints of not enough grit in recent icy road and pavements.

- Surface water gathering at the corner of the A96 at Brig o Haughs. **SD to visit Bear**

8. External Group Updates

- a. **CARS** – The money has almost been all used up.
- b. **Scots Toun** – MC mentioned that the Scots Toun status can be applied for every second year. £250 to go to each school in Keith and feeder schools to help promote the Scots

language. Language. Sachs to be bought with logo of In Keith and KCC on it to be used at competitions. The Scots Toun award can be applied for every second year.

- c. **Doric Trail** –No update
- d. **Christmas lights fayre and switch on** – The Christmas lights across Mid Street will be taken down soon.

9. AOCB

- a. SSE – JM spoken to a representative from here who are offering funding. JM hopes they may be able to offer funding for the Isla Brig repairs which are badly needed. SNH would have to be contacted on the way ahead for this project.
- b. Keith Community Radio would like to visit the KCC at a meeting and do a recording. This will be brought up at next meeting.
- c. The Institute – Moray Towns Partnership are paying for a feasibility study which will last 24i/2 days. . KSRP are to take the matter forward on how to progress with what`s to be done with this iconic building. Can the Moray Heritage be moved to Keith as the gateway to Moray?
- d. Joint Community Council – the next meeting is 12th February. No one will be able to attend.
- e. Can councillors respond to the Moray Healthcare consultation on Gmail.
- f. Pop up shop – the crafters that are in the just now are looking for premises to rent are having difficulty sourcing a premises.

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 2 March 2015 at 7pm.