

# Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at Keith Community Centre.

**Members in attendance:** Jane Martin (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Marguerite Cruickshank, Neil Kidd, Dave Carson, Lorna Mulligan.

**Also in attendance:** Sergeant Thomas Gorman from Police Scotland.

**Apologies:** Councillor Gary Coull, Councillor Stewart Cree, Sandy Dickson, Sadie Ogg.

**1. Police update:** The report was circulated to members of the Keith Community Council by email. (Copy available). Current matters listed below were raised by KCC members present were noted by Sgt Gorman and will be addressed in due course.

a) There were more police on duty, and since there was an arrest at the event in the Longmore hall on 30/05/15, this will be recorded on the Police Scotland system and it will be taken into account when a licence is applied for again for such an event. Any licensing objections can also be raised with the Moray council.

b) A search and rescue helicopter has been used three times over the Strathmill distillery area in Keith during the morning hours of 6.30-7.00 in the past few weeks. Sergeant Gorman explained that this was to find a male who was not a danger to the public but to himself and that the matter has been resolved but he could not offer any further information due to confidentiality.

c) It was reported that several elderly people have been seen drinking alcohol in Regent Square during the day.

d) Youths were seen wielding knives in the park at Fife-Keith.

e) There was a report of a man being seen wielding an axe and threatening children.

f) A trailer loaded with peat was stolen from outside a property on Station Road.

**2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Approved as accurate by Jane Martin and seconded by Susan Hutcheon.

## **3. Matters arising from the last minutes:**

- An email has to been sent to James Smith regarding the need for double yellow lines at the lane openings on Land Street.
- Four members attended the ceremony at the war memorial on 09/05/15.
- A Community Council laptop has been bought for secretarial uses.
- Leaflets have been compiled by Jane Martin and distributed to shopkeepers as part of the 'Keep Keith Bonnie' campaign.

## **4. Correspondence:**

a) Community Councillor training sessions will be attended by Lorna on 11/06/15 and by Neil and Jane on 17/06/15.

## **5. Treasurer's Report:**

CC Account Balance is £1109.59 and the grant for this year from the Moray Council has to be added.

Keith Christmas Lights account balance is £7274.92

Scots Toun Account Balance is £4250.

A laptop for secretarial purposes was bought for £ 472.97.

## **6.Community Councillors' Update:**

1. **Planning & Licensing.** No updates
2. **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** The sign on Moss Street indicating the Free Mid Street carpark needs to be altered as it says there are 16 places but there are many more than that. Also, it is at an angle which makes it unobvious to passing cars.  
We are still looking at donating paint for the school benches as part of the community involvement and perhaps get some junior members for the CC.  
It is noted that an editor is still being sought for the 'InKeith' website.
3. **Roads and rights of way.**  
The stray cattle issue has been addressed in the police update.
4. **Keith in flower.**  
An opening ceremony is planned with the Pipe Band present and KCR at the bandstand on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Members who are able are invited along to help plant out flowerbeds.  
Please be there for 08:00 am .
5. **Environment and Cleansing.** No Updates.

## **6.External Groups updates:**

**Scots Toun:** The banner advertising the Scots Toun award has gone from the Moss Street entrance. This will need to be replaced.

Marguerite was asked if the primary school children could be provided with funding so that sashes could be made from the Keith Tartan to wear at the Burns Federation festival, but they are going to be too expensive , (£1000+).

## **8 .AOCB.**

The Keith Raaaly Event is to be held at the Community Centre on 14th June 10:00-16:00. Helpers are required for teas.

Marguerite would like to be added to the KSRP marketing group.

There is a steering group in progress regarding the Edintore Windfarm. Updates are available at their project website: <http://www.edintorewindfarm.co.uk/>

**Date of next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 19:00 in the Community Centre.**