



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

Members in attendance Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Marguerite Cruickshank, Susan Hutcheon, Fiona Addison, Dave Carson, Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Cllr Cree

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Sandy Dickson and Cllr Coull
- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Neil Kidd.
- 3. Police update:** As per report circulated by email.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:**
Keith Community Council £1,397.39
Christmas Lights £5,199.85 – with thanks for £50 charitable donation from Cllr Cree
Scots Toun £3,407.07

- 5. Matters arising from the last minutes:**
Litter Pick – The thank you cards are in hand

Flooding on Banff Road - There is still water gathering at School Road junction. Cllr Cree will investigate now he has more detail on the location. The manhole cover on Banff Road is still clicking when driven over.

KCR – John Calder will attend the next meeting and would like to interview someone for 10-15 minutes after

SSE Power Distribution Community Engagement – Michael Hilferty will give a brief talk at the June meeting

Tesco Fun Run – volunteer marshals are still needed for 12th June – see Fiona.

- 6. Correspondence:**

Co-option – Letter received confirming co-option of Fiona as a community councillor

CC Complaints Procedure – the amended procedure has been circulated by email and is on the agenda for the JCC meeting where it will hopefully be adopted

St Rufus Park Regeneration Group – requesting insurance cover for their open day. Discussion was held. Although this type of event would be covered by Keith Community Council insurance if we were to hold it, there is concern that the group may not be, as they are not a subgroup of Keith Community Council and are not co-arranging the event with the community council. The group is due to meet May 9th. Cllr Coull agreed with the concerns and emailed Jane Martin.



7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates.

- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.**

Scotland's First Scots Toun – no further progress as yet, still in contact with BEAR Scotland

Friendly Town Signs on Haughs Road – need to be cleaned and arrange twice yearly - cleaning. **ACTION: Marguerite or anyone who sees the window cleaner meantime**

Marketing materials – 'A Warm Welcome Awaits' leaflet is being printed for visitors to the distillery, pebbles and a window cling for business offering a discount will be available. Work is ongoing on the footprints trail.

Burns Sculpture – the sculptor is working on sketches

Event – it is proving hard to progress a Scots Toun event and it was agreed it may be better to develop a different plan to leave a longer legacy of the money.

- **Roads and rights of way.**

Hardcore on Green Roadies Path - Discussion on hardcore at green roadie path from Edindiach Road as causing difficulty for runners and buggy users. Cllr Cree advised these are rights of way and are maintained as such, not roads. The hardcore is laid as the route is muddy and slippery and it will consolidate over time to give a good surface. Fiona will assess the area and if necessary, change the Tesco race route.

Pipers Lane Closure – OpenReach closed the lane for 3 days without prior notice. When residents complained to engineer about lack of notices, they were told the notices were in place and if not, that was The Moray Council's responsibility. Cllr Cree explained that due to the volume of work being done, OpenReach get blanket permission to work in an area, rather than having to apply repeatedly for individual sites. It is OpenReach's responsibility to ensure notices go up, so any complaint should be directed to them.

- **Keith in flower.**

Uptake of hanging baskets and planters is good and has increased on last year overall. There is still availability for new organisations to get involved. The Scouts are going to take over the planter at Scotsraig Gardens. The theme this year is pink, red, white and yellow. Baskets will be planted and hung up once in bloom and reservoir baskets are available to make it easier to water. The planting day is planned to be May 28th – to be confirmed.

Fence panels have had to be placed in the bandstand where the wall is unsafe while ownership of the wall is established. Keith in Flower will erect bamboo screening and plant where possible. Plans are ongoing to improve drainage of the waterlogged parts of the site. Tesco donated watering cans which are available for those with hanging baskets to have.

- **Environment and Cleansing.**

Emms Emporium – appears to have ceased trading

- **Cllr Cree.** No updates

- **Cllr Coull.** No report



8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – marketing meeting and open meeting will be held later this month
- **Christmas Lights** – an application is being made to the Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund with the aim of installing 22 lights to complete the A96 and replacing some of the motifs. The Extravaganza is provisionally planned for the last Saturday in November.
- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing.

9. AOCB:

- **Union Terrace** – no further updates have been received meantime.
- **Broken slab by Keith North Church** – has been repaired by the church
- **Keith Rotary Gin and Whisky tasting** – May 13th Royal Hotel, 7.30pm. £20 for meal and tasting – get in touch to book a place.
- **Burns Concert** – Royal Hotel, 16th May 7.30pm – hosted by Keith Rotary.
- **New Rotary members sought** - The Rotary is looking to recruit more members – all are welcome. The majority of activities are fundraising related, working to support the local community, with a good social element too. Rotary meets weekly from 6.30pm for a meal (optional) with the business part of the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Contact Dave to find out more.
- **July meeting** – Neil away – to discuss alternate Chair or rescheduling at June meeting

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th June at 19:00 in the Community Centre.