



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th October 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

- 1. Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Sandy Dickson, Fiona Addison, Susan Hutcheon, Catherine Sinclair and Marguerite Cruickshank (from 7.20pm)

Also in attendance: PC Bayliss, Police Scotland, Noel Cummins and David Scott (SSE), Cllr Cree (from 7.30pm)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies were received.

- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Sandy Dickson.

- 3. Police Matters:** Report circulated by email. There was a range of crimes reported in the area last month totalling 37, all at different stages of detection. Parking tickets have been issued regarding parking on double yellow lines on Mid Street, including to business owners. PC Bayliss will follow up re aggression towards shop owner loading in the lane. The Roads unit will be acting on the report of speeding vehicles on roads coming in to Keith.

There was discussion on traffic issues in the lanes. It could be difficult to make lanes access only or one-way. This would be a matter for The Moray Council. Wheelie bins being left in lanes, particularly large trade waste bins are causing access difficulties and raising concerns in view of the wheelie bin fire raised last year. PC Bayliss advised this would not be a police matter.

ACTION: Cllr Cree to report to waste team

A report was made of empty alcohol bottles being left outside Tesco on Friday and Saturday nights. PC Bayliss will contact the Community Liaison Officer.

Anti-social behaviour at Union Terrace situation has settled down. A portable camera would have required a power source.

PC Bayliss again urged members of the public to report incidents every time at the time they happen to help direct patrols etc.

- 4. Beatrice Update – SSE:** The planning for this offshore wind project off the coast of Caithness began 10 years ago and work began in May 2016. It is a £2.6bn investment to install 84x7MW turbines offshore, expected to be fully operational 2019. Wick is the primary harbour, Buckie the contingency harbour. The subsea cable will make landfall just west of Portgordon and connect with a substation currently being built adjacent to Blackhillock substation. Power will be transmitted to Blackhillock and from there to the national grid.

Community benefit from the project includes an estimated £680m of work for Scottish and UK suppliers and contractors including local businesses, and a £2 million community benefit fund for Moray expected to launch in 2017. Landfall works should run from 2017 to 2018. SSE and SSN are using AC and DC cables respectively so they cannot be shared and must be at a safe distance from each other, however access routes etc. will be shared where possible, and cables will be sunk deep enough to allow use of the land to resume. Any questions or concerns from the public can be passed directly to Noel. Information is available at @beatricewind on Twitter and at

<http://sse.com/whatwedo/ourprojectsandassets/renewables/beatrice/>

5. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council £1650.31

Christmas Lights £4850.16 plus £7405 in the bank but not on the latest statement

Scots Toun £3340.27

There were no objections to paying £100 fee to have the accounts audited.

ACTION: Marguerite will arrange

6. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 3. Police matters: There was discussion of the reporting of anti-social behaviour in Keith and it a review of how sensitive issues could best be handled.

Item 4: Turner Street bench: No feedback about removing the bench has been received in person or in the press.

Item 6.5 St Rufus Park Regeneration Group: Discussion on use of Community Council insurance for other groups' activities. The Regeneration group is now well established group and undertaking a wide range of fundraising activities and there is concern that CC insurance would not meet a claim should one arise. There was also some discussion on future options for the park at the last Regeneration Group meeting.

ACTION: Catherine to email CLO and ask legal department to give an opinion

Item 8. Correspondence: One of the paths was mistakenly identified as being between the golf course and Regent Court but the member of the public was referring to the Green Roadie between the golf course and Maisley Road. This has been reported to the CLO who will check responsibility and if appropriate, contact Criminal Justice to see if it can be trimmed.

Item 9. Pavilion: Cllr Cree is continuing to investigate the use of the pavilion and is planning a site visit to assess the state of the roof.

Item 9. Squash court: The building does belong to The Moray Council. There has been damage to the glass panel by the door that needs repair. **ACTION: Cllr Cree will report**

Item 11. A letter of acknowledgement re the hump on A96 has been received.

7. Correspondence:

Complaint against a Community Council re planning – the complaint regarding declaring conflict of interest and proper object to planning applications was discussed and noted.

Keith Grammar School – a thank you letter was received for the £25 prize awarded for community involvement.

Community Councillor Training – dates are available in October and November

Police meeting 13th October, Elgin – Catherine to attend and RSVP to CLO

Beatrice Community Benefit Fund – meeting 19th October in Ugie House Hotel – Sandy, Susan, Fiona and Catherine to attend and Catherine to RSVP

Keith & District Heritage Group invitation – Sandy and possibly Susan will attend. Catherine to RSVP

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates

- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.**
Scots Toun sign – no update since last email correspondence
Signs on public toilets – all were agreed that scots signs on public toilet doors were a good idea. Discussion on use of 'louns' vs. 'loons' – Marguerite to contact Scots Language Centre, Perth for info/advice.
- **Roads and rights of way.**
No entry signs on Mid Street. Report received that signs are not clearly visible from A96, particularly if heading eastbound. 'No left turn' and 'no right turn' signs on A96 would be BEAR's remit.
ACTION: Cllr Cree to look into
Sign for VOSA testing centre needs removed.
Reporting faulty lighting. Lights on Banff Road are out but link for reporting this on The Moray Council website is not available. Susan will phone in report meantime and Cllr Cree will report missing website link.
Mar Court safety gate – the metal gate was removed to allow access to install new street lighting. The gate stopped children running out onto the golf club car park where they risk being hit by vehicles. This was reported to the contractor but no action has been taken. Cllr Cree reported.
- **Keith in flower.** No report.
- **Environment and Cleansing.**
Wheelie bins in lanes – as per police matters.
Bin collections Friday mornings – collections are causing congestion on Friday mornings as pupils head to school **ACTION: Cllr Cree**
- **Cllr Cree.** No updates not previously discussed.
- **Cllr Coull.** No report

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – discussion on footprint templates for Tesco and pavements. It was agreed Marguerite should contact Tesco to discuss the size and also Roads department to see if any restrictions on placing markings on the pavement e.g. trip hazard or issues for blind people or wheelchair users. It would be useful for Ricky who would install the footprints to liaise with Roads on technical issues. **ACTION: Marguerite**
- **Christmas Lights** – new lights have been delivered
- **Scots Toun** – as per KSRP & signs, street furniture and marketing

10. AOCB:

Extravaganza: To be held on the last Saturday in November in Longmore Hall and to be publicised on Keith Community Council Facebook. **ACTION: Susan & Catherine**

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th November at 19:00 in the Community Centre.