



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 at Keith Community Centre.

- 1. Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Sandy Dickson, Fiona Addison, Susan Hutcheon, Marguerite Cruickshank, Dave Carson (from 7.25pm), Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Phillip Davidson, Keith Grammar Library Resource Co-ordinator, Cllr Cree (from 7.40pm)

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

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

- 3. Police Matters:** Neil read the Police report which was circulated by email.

The lollipop lady on Banff Road was almost hit again. She regularly sees speeding vehicles, drivers using mobile phones, careless driving at school pick-up and drop-off times and would like the Police to attend.

A reply was received from Dave Malpas outlining the changes that would need to be made to move the crossing location, and advising there is no budget for this.

Neil contacted Keith Grammar School about pupils running across the road at break time. The Head was not aware of this. Other than senior pupils going to the resource centre, no pupils should be out of school at this time so he will look into it.

ACTIONS: Neil to pass information and request from lollipop lady to the Police

- 4. Library Resource Centre** – Philip gave a bit of background to his job and his interest in Scots, which he promotes at the school under the banner of “Spikkin’ and Screivin’”. He successfully applied for funding towards the costs of an author visit by Sheena Blackhall this year. He has author Matthew Fitt attending for World Book Day in March 2017 and hopes to book James Robertson in future. He is interested in developing links with the primary schools and the possibility of developing a Scots event involving the wider community and/or promoting Keith as a Scots Toun.

Discussion was held. It was agreed to approach schools about the possibility of Keith Community Council/The Scots Toun sponsoring shields for Keith Primary and St Thomas Primary for Doric spoken word/poetry competitions. Keith Primary School is looking for a new sponsor of what was the Bert Watt shield. An event could be held, including an author visit and if successful could be built on each year to involve more of the community.

ACTIONS: Neil to speak to Keith Primary, Phillip to speak with St Thomas Primary, Marguerite to investigate places to buy a shield.

Neil to call a subcommittee meeting in January to discuss further

5. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council £1940.11

Christmas Lights £7,140.43 with £3,288 due to paid for lights

Scots Toun £3340.27

6. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 6: Turner Street bench: Dave Malpas will arrange repair of the bench

Item 6. Pavilion: Tracey Rae is supporting work on this. A quote for roof repair is being sought.

Item7. A96 Dualling: Neil and Sandy attended the meeting in Fochabers 15th November. Sandy asked about the consequences of single point failure over the River Spey and asked if 2 bridges would be built. Neil raised the issue of the A96 bump and forwarded our letter and the response to John McIntyre, Transport Scotland as requested.

Item 10. Compulsory purchase Union Bridge: Neil advised the Allotment Group to write to Transport Scotland directly for more information on the implications of the compulsory right of servitude on the allotments.

Item 10. Community Bus: Neil attended the last meeting and will continue to attend. There are a number of volunteer drivers and the bus is available for hire by the community and schools.

7. Correspondence:

Tree on Braco Street: Neil received a letter about removal of the tree on Braco Street stating that Keith Community Council had been in discussion with The Moray Council and were in agreement with removal of the tree so long as a replacement tree was planted elsewhere. This is not accurate.

ACTION: Neil/Catherine to write to Ian Cameron

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** **Scots Toun sign** – ongoing
 - Signs on public toilets** – It was agreed 'Loons' be used on the door signs as this is in common usage currently and it will take time for change to happen.
 - Footprints:** Marguerite met with Ralph Newlands of BEAR and James Smith of The Moray Council Roads department. James advised on a type of transfers that would avoid any trip hazard and suggested a footprint of about a foot in length. He recommended ordering spares in case of maintenance work that would require replacement of a footprint. Ralph will ask BEAR if they have any guidance on footprint size for visual impact.
 - Burns Sculpture:** Two thirds of the Kirk session thought the sculpture should incorporate a seat, one third felt it would have greater impact as a standalone sculpture. Marguerite had thoughts on a slight change to the design.

- **Roads and rights of way. No entry signs on Mid Street.** Cllr Cree emailed BEAR who have passed the request on to the relevant department, however it is unlikely there will be a deviation from national guidelines.
- **Keith in flower.** A further 18 baskets have been taken up by businesses in Mid Street. It is planned to order planters with integrated hanging baskets. Clark and Sutherland will supply a truck and bowser and volunteers will feed, water and deadhead baskets next year, if businesses would like.
A fundraising tea is being held at Keith North Church Hall on 17th December from 1-3pm. The wall has come down at the back of the bandstand and the homeowner has been requested to remove it. Once clear, the area can be screened with plants and shrubs.
- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates
- **Cllr Cree. Council elections** - the deadline for applications for those interested in standing as a Moray Councillor is 29th March 2017.
BT phone boxes – a number are being closed, including one in Fife Keith that logged 124 calls in a year.
Parliamentary Boundaries –under review. Currently Moray’s parliamentary boundary matches the local authority boundary. It is suggested it should become Moray and Nairn.
- **Cllr Coull.** No report

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – it is planned to attend the Expo in Edinburgh next year
There is a volunteer day at the Longmore Hall 28th January from 11am to 3pm. The Christmas Lights committee will attend and to try and recruit volunteers to the lights planning committee, and can also recruit for Keith Community Council.
- **Christmas Lights** – Keith Rotary Club has awarded £250 towards Christmas lights. Sandy and Susan or Carol will attend Thursday 8th at 6pm to collect the cheque.
The lights look great, including the trees at St Rufus Church. 3 SSE volunteers attended again. There are a few repairs needed and BEAR is still to change the fixings on some poles. The extravaganza was successful with a good attendance. £420 was raised from Santa, £477 from the door and those attending reported good fundraising with the teas or their stalls. Costs are still to be paid.
A letter of thanks is to be written to acknowledge the help of all the volunteers.
- **Scots Toun** – as Signs, street furniture and marketing.

10. AOCB:

Window displays: Keith Rotary will be judging the best domestic window display on A96 and the best commercial display in Mid Street and Fife Keith. Many of the window displays are excellent and we would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts in making the town look bonny and festive.

Use of Keith Community Council Insurance – The CCLO is awaiting an email from the legal department but has been told that Community Council insurance would not cover a separate group with its own constitution. To be used on an ad hoc basis for small events, a Community Councillor would need to be involved in arranging or at least attending the event. Catherine has suggested some general guidance on insurance to be added to the members' handbook when next updated.

ACTION: Catherine to email St Rufus Park Regeneration Group

Funding Query - Discussion was held on an informal query about Keith in Flower's funding and sponsorship. The query was addressed comprehensively at the meeting. It was agreed such questions should be properly addressed by writing to Keith in Flower directly and the enquirer would be advised of this.

For clarity it was noted that Keith in Flower is a separate organisation with its own constitution and bank account. Given the legal advice we have received lately, it was agreed it was time for Keith in Flower to have independent liability insurance.

ACTION: Dave to get cover

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