



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017 at Keith Community Centre.

1. **Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Sandy Dickson, Fiona Addison, Susan Hutcheon, Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Cllr Cree

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Marguerite Cruickshank, Dave Carson and Cllr Coull

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

3. **Police Matters:** No Police in attendance. The Community Safety Report Police section was read out – see below. Neil has been passed some questions by a member of the public and some information to give to the Police. Neil reiterated previous updates on Keith Grammar School pupils crossing A96 during school hours, location of the lollipop crossing etc.

The member of the public thanked Police for moving on vehicles parked on Moss Street pavements. The same problem is reported at the top end of Moss Street. There are reports of untaxed vehicles and anti-social behaviour including eggs being thrown at pedestrians and houses from passing cars. Vehicles parked in junctions ongoing at Chapel Street and Cameron Drive. Double yellow lines were suggested to deal with parking problems at Duff Street.

Another member of the public reported a vehicle with an out of date disabled sticker parking on Mid Street and some cars and vans driving the wrong way up Mid Street.

ACTION: Neil to pass information to Police and email re Lollipop crossing location to member of the public.

Excerpt from Community Safety Report Feb 2017 - Keith, Strathisla, Dufftown & District and Speyside

On 5 January 2017, a derelict house was set on fire at The Square, Newmill, Keith. This crime has been detected and detectives working on the enquiry have thanked local residents for their assistance during the enquiry.

Overnight on 22/23 January 2017, two cars parked on Land Street, Keith, were damaged by stones having been thrown. These crimes remain undetected and anyone with information regarding these crimes is asked to contact local officers at Keith

The Dufftown area again continues to see low levels of crime however, overnight on 15/16 January, a car which was parked on Albert Place was damaged by someone scratching the body work. Constable Forsyth at Rothes is dealing with this incident.

Local officers will be focusing on Operation Cedar in the coming weeks/months which is an ongoing operation to reduce the number of road casualties and road traffic offences. This will be carried out in conjunction with the Roads Policing Division

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council £1834.14

Christmas Lights £5,009.95

Scots Toun £3340.27

The accounts are being audited.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Item 4. Scots language competition: Discussions have been held with schools and others. It has been agreed Cllr Coull will provide a shield for P4 to P7 Keith Primary pupils and KCC will provide a shield for nursery to P3. Cllr Coull will select a shield and we will buy one to match. KCC will pay for engravings each year. KCC will provide a similar shield for St Thomas Primary for their Scots Competition which may include poetry or short stories or spoken word.

Keith Primary School would like a community councillor to judge the competition on 17th March.

ACTION: Neil to ask if Marguerite available

Item 8. Loons and quines signs: the toilet signs were approved although it was suggested it may be best to remove the disabled sign as there are not separate male and female disabled toilets. Neil and Marguerite to discuss.

Item 8. Gateway signs: BEAR wonder if new signs will make the existing signs look old. We would like the new signs erected while funding is still available. Cllr Cree will advise BEAR.

Item 6. Community Bus: Neil attended a successful AGM and will continue as the KCC rep on the management committee. The constitution has been updated. Those interested in volunteer driving can give their details to the Kirk Shop. Prices will remain the same at 70p/mile with a minimum hire charge of £7.

Item 7. Tree on Braco St: Due to a miscommunication between The Moray Council and the tree surgeon, the wrong tree has been removed. The removed tree was diseased. The original tree will be removed in the next financial year and a similar tree will be planted with a root guard. We have received no acknowledgement or reply to our recent letter.

Volunteer showcase: We would like to congratulate KSRP on a well organised day. There was a good turnout from organisations and a lot of helpers on the day. Attendance from the public was a bit low but some organisations did well. Thanks and positive comments were received about the Christmas lights.

6. Correspondence:

As per Gmail. Thanks to members of the public who have shared and commented on recent Facebook posts on funding and other info.

Keith Grammar School Community Award: It was agreed Keith Community Council should sponsor the community award (£25) again this year. **ACTION: Neil and Marguerite to fill in form**

7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** Another late licensing application has been submitted for a food takeaway in Keith. KCC's position is as before. The previous application for extending hours was limited to 12.30am. **ACTION: Letter to licensing as before**
An application to take down an existing stone wall and replace with blockwork was discussed. An application to build 3 x 3 bed houses at Milton Meadows was discussed.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** As per matters arising
- **Roads and rights of way.**
Blocked drains on A96. Sandy to speak to BEAR.

Banff Rod junction with Church Road. A suggestion has been made that markings are used to direct cars where to stop for the lollipop crossing. There is no precedent for non-standard markings. The box junction will be refreshed according to a set schedule.

- **Environment and Cleansing.** No updates
- **Cllr Cree. No entry signs on Mid Street.** Transport Scotland replied to Cllr Cree to agree the signs could be more visible. Work has been scheduled for 2017-18
Information day for prospective Moray Councillor candidates. 3rd March 10-12am
- **Cllr Coull.** No report

8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – No report
- **Christmas Lights** – there was discussion on the work still outstanding and switches needing fixed. There was discussion on the need for new volunteers to carry on the work of the Christmas Lights committee. Some of the older volunteers have concerns about using ladders. **ACTION: Sandy to pass on lamppost numbers**
- **Scots Toun** – as per matters arising.

9. AOCB:

Men's Sheds: Fiona gave an update on the good progress being made and further discussion was held on venues, funding etc.

Beatrice – no community reps have come forward from the Keith area. The deadline for applying has been extended to 17th February. Marianne has emailed the application form and asked if we can encourage anyone we know to apply. Fiona will represent KCC on the Beatrice panel and if a second community councillor is needed, Sandy will also represent KCC.

Edintore – KCC panel members agreed it would be acceptable to purchase trustee liability insurance this year and review for next year.

Litter/Keep Moray Beautiful – Sandy has continued to attend meetings. It was agreed KCC could give £50 towards a logo design competition, as long as our sponsorship is noted i.e. promotion of Keith Community Council.

It was agreed to purchase 10 sets of litter picking kits for the benefit of the community. They will be kept on the men's shed site.

A Keith litter pick is planned for Sunday 19th March from 10am to noon. To meet at the old station car park. **ACTIONS: Neil will contact cubs and scouts and Duncan from Waste Team for litter pickers. Fiona will contact Brownies and Guides. Catherine to ask if Banffshire Herald will publicise.**

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