



# Keith Community Council

## **Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Keith Community Centre.**

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

**Also in attendance:** Sandra Clark, Cllr Theresa Coull, and Sergeant Crystal Ross.

**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 Sandy Dickson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank

- 3. Police Matters:** As per community safety report plus one housebreaking 31<sup>st</sup> May with one housebreaker apprehended and the other identified but at large. Two abandoned cars were reported. A letter from a member of the public included some points for the Police which were passed on. As far as known, all CCTV cameras in Moray are now operational after a round of repairs. Sgt Ross will check status of Police cameras. Some in Keith are the responsibility of Moray Council. There was discussion on the use of CCTV as corroborating evidence.

Naming and shaming of vandals was proposed in the letter. This has been noted. Parking issues are ongoing at Moss Street, Cameron Drive/Chapel Street and Hay Crescent. Double yellow lines were again suggested by the member of the public. There are cars parking all day on Mid Street again. Passing registration numbers to the Police is helpful.

There was discussion on anti-social behaviour at weekends and a zero tolerance approach to drunken anti-social behaviour.

People are still using mobile phones while driving and parents are still speeding on the school run. The Roads Unit can be asked to attend in an unmarked car. Warning letters are not routinely sent to drivers using mobile phones as they now face a £200 fine and 6 points if caught, which should be an effective deterrent.

Police can give passing attention to all these issues as resources allow.

**ACTION: Catherine to follow up on Hay Street enquiry to Roads dept.**

- 4. Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council £1,784

Christmas Lights £5,068 thanks to a £100 from the Phoenix Ladies Club.

Scots Toun £3,340

Accounts have been submitted to the CCLO and the £400 administration grant has been received. There was discussion on use of the grant to promote upcoming Community Council Elections.

**ACTIONS: Neil to ask if Scout Post would flyer households. Catherine to get prices for printing a leaflet, ask for coverage in The Banffshire Herald and from Keith Community Radio.**

- 5. Matters arising from the last minutes:**

**Manhole Covers: ACTION: Sandy to contact BEAR c/f**

The letter from the member of the public also raises this issue, the poor quality of trunk roads in Keith and generally in the north of Scotland and the poor quality and cleanliness of pavements in Keith. Moray's road are still in the top 20% for Scotland.

**ACTION: Catherine to reply**

**Ponding at bottom of Mid Street:** Catherine emailed photos to James Smith, Moray Council Roads dept. although we are unsure if he was dealing with the enquiry initially.

**Green Roadies:** Ken Kennedy will investigate but as allocation of budgets is a factor. Marguerite has spoken to the member of the public and advised about the description of the route as requiring sturdy footwear.

**Christmas Lights:** The two lights on Church Road have been disconnected.

**Blocked drains** – Neil will speak to Moray Council again.

**Community Safety Report – ACTION: Neil to resolve Fife Keith Neighbourhood Watch issues with Community Safety report**

**JCC Meeting** – The Men's Shed presentation was good and Keith & District Men's Shed and Fiona were mentioned for their achievements to date.

**Tesco lights causing tailbacks** – issue was resolved.

**Sandpiper Trust – ACTION: Catherine to invite to July meeting**

**6. Correspondence:**

**Gmail** – Members are still having problems accessing Gmail. **ACTION: Catherine to resolve**

**Letter requesting support for Merchant Navy Day in September:** Will discuss at July meeting

**Letter from member of the public:** as discussed

**7. Community Councillors' Update:**

- **Planning & Licensing.** Recent applications discussed.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.**  
A shop sign at the bottom of Mid Street may be responsible for some drivers turning up Mid Street from the A96. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to let shop owner know**  
**Gateway signs** - correspondence is ongoing. It was agreed if there is no progress by next meeting we made need to take action/make a complaint.  
**Toilet signs** – ongoing  
**Footprints** – design plans almost finalised and still waiting to meet with the specialist
- **Roads and rights of way.** No further updates
- **Environment and Cleansing. Dog fouling** – a growing concern. The Community Warden is aware and has reported on it. **ACTIONS: Catherine to post again on Facebook and ask if The Banffshire Herald will be doing more P.U.P. coverage**
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Councillors have been busy with negotiations on leadership of the Council and committee training.  
**ACTION: Cllr Coull to pass on safety concerns about children climbing on the damaged roof of**

**the Pavilion in Fife Keith Park.** From the roof children can climb onto the old water tower. Police have visited the site. The roof needs to be repaired or there needs to be a deterrent to climbing put in place. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to report**

**8. External Group Updates:**

- **KSRP** – No update.
- **Christmas Lights** – contact details for Mr Claus passed on. A final decision on the extravaganza is to be made.
- **Scots Toun** – No update.
- **Keith in Flower** – are to speak to Keith North Church about the siting of the big planter and also make sure it does not affect visibility at the junction.  
The bandstand gardens were planted up on 28<sup>th</sup> May with only 5 volunteers in attendance. Peter and Linda will water and maintain the gardens. There has been no progress with the dilapidated wall. Thanks go to Keith & District Men's Shed for painting the bandstand.  
No Community Councillors are able to undertake care of the large planter so it was suggested Dave Carson could adopt it.

**9. AOCB:**

**Keep Moray Beautiful** – the last meeting was cancelled with only 4 in attendance and no apologies received. This was very disappointing. The meeting is to be rearranged.

**ACTION: Fiona to email Sandy litter pick photos**

**Community Bus** – The committee met last week. Bus (with driver) bookings can now be made at Keith Community Centre, not the Kirk Shop. Rates remain the same at 70p a mile with a minimum charge of £7.00. **ACTIONS: Catherine to put on Facebook. Neil to enquire about use of winter tyres in bad weather**

**Beatrice Community Benefit Fund** – next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> June. Levels of grants awarded to be decided. Panel plan to meet twice yearly.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 19:00 in the Community Centre.