



# Keith Community Council

## Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at Keith Community Centre.

1. **Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Acting Chair), Susan Hutcheon and Sandy Dickson  
**Also in attendance:** Sandra Clark, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt and Keri Fickling from Sandpiper Trust Wildcat Project Manager

**Welcome and Apologies:** Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Catherine Sinclair, Marguerite Cruickshank and Fiona Addison

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. Report that young people may be using building behind the Spar in Fife Keith as a drinking den. Broken bottles were found on the Golf Course and flags uplifted but have been found.
4. **Speaker:** There was a presentation tonight from Keri Fickling, the project manager for the Sandpiper Trust Wildcat Project in the Grampian area. Keri explained that the project was originally set up in 2001 when a family lost a family member due to a cardiac arrest. The aim is to work with the Scottish Ambulance Service. Where an ambulance is called, the responders will be contacted by the Scotland Ambulance Service and may get to the patient quicker than the ambulance can and potentially save a patient's life by using the defibrillator. Up and running in Keith are two mobile defibrillators being used by responders in Keith. They are still looking for more responders to go on to the rota. There are also defibrillators in Keith at Tesco and the dentists. McLeod's Contractors who are operating at Blackhillock on the outskirts of Keith have also kindly donated a defibrillator for the community of Keith and surrounding area. The unit would have to be secured to a building in a locked unit which can be accessed 24/7 which would cost £500. A keypad with the code would be fitted to the unit. A discussion of where best to place the defibrillator was held, it might be best fitted in Fife Keith as this further away from Tesco and the dentist. The toilet block in Fife Keith was suggested as there is also CCTV there as well. In the meantime could the defibrillator be left at the Keith Sports Centre? Once permission is granted we would have to register with the Scottish Ambulance Service. The machine would have to be checked on a weekly basis to make sure it is working. Will get details added to Facebook page also. **ACTION - Cllr Gatt to speak to Moray Council to ask permission for unit to be fitted to a council building.**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £1,709.18

Christmas Lights - £5,067.84

Scots Toun - £3,340.27

6. **Matters arising from the last minutes:**

**Manhole Covers:** Sandy has been out to Bear and they are aware of the problems with the manhole covers. The utility companies (gas, electric and Scottish water) own the manhole covers. Moray Council were seen cleaning drains this week. Bear will be letting us know when they will

be doing their ones. White lines to be done as well as the yellow box at Banff Road Junction. There is a weekly survey between Inverness and Aberdeen to check for work that is required to be carried out. **ACTION – Sandy to identify who owns the covers and contact the relevant company and ask them to deal with the covers that are sinking into the tar.**

**Ponding at bottom of Mid Street:** No response from James Smith, Moray Council Roads dept. **ACTION – Cllr Coull will find if any progress being made.**

**Shop Sign** – The sign at foot of Mid Street has been replaced without an arrow pointing up towards Mid Street.

**Community Safety Report** – Individuals and Community Councils are requested to fill in the questionnaire. Council one done at tonight's meeting. **ACTION: Catherine will submit online**

**Community Council Elections** – Current councillor nomination forms will be available online from.

**7. Correspondence:**

**Pavilion at Fife Park** – An email has been received from the Youth League. They would like KCC to support them in the Community Asset Transfer they are hoping will take place. There will be a meeting. Moray Council are concerned about the condition of the Pavilion. Electricity and water now turned off. KCC will support the Youth League.

**Letter from member of the public:** A letter of reply has been sent addressing concerns.

**8. Community Councillors' Update:**

- **Planning & Licensing.** Recent applications discussed.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** No updates
- **Roads and rights of way.** No further updates
- **Environment and Cleansing.** – Donna has distributed leaflets in the town after complaints of dog fouling especially on Mid Street. There has not been less mess recently dog roaming alone has not been seen recently on Mid Street. Comments on Facebook as well showing disgust at dog fouling.
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Councillors are now in summer recess. Could KGS be approached to ask if a pupil would come to meetings to represent youth of Keith?
- **Cllr Gatt** – Has given up his job to concentrate on his Council job.

**9. External Group Updates:**

- **KSRP** – No update.

- **Christmas Lights** – Meeting to be arranged early July to see if Extravaganza to go ahead.
- **Scots Toun** – No update.
- **Keith in Flower** – no update from. The flowers that have been planted are looking lovely with positive comments from the public.

#### **10. AOCB:**

**Keep Moray Beautiful** – Recent meetings have been rearranged several times and there is concern about the purpose of this group.

**Community Bus** – The bus is available for bookings.

**Beatrice Community Benefit Fund** – It will be discussed at the September meeting how the money distributed to Keith Community Council will be spent. A separate bank account will be set up. £2500 to be awarded to each Community Council.

**Election** – Publicity of Election. It will be too costly to post leaflets to 2200 homes in Keith. We will promote via social media and posters.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 19:00 in the Community Centre.