



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th September 2017 at Keith Community Centre.

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

Also in attendance: PC Ferris, Police Scotland, Jane Sharp & Leon Stemlach, Keith Health Centre Patient Participation Group, Sandra Clark, Charlie Lawson, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from Cllr Ron Shepherd and Dave Carson

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

3. **Police Matters:** Community Safety Report was circulated by email and discussed.
Vehicles parking in the chevrons at the bottom of Duff Street are still causing difficulties for vehicles exiting the junction. Parking on double yellow lines on Mid Street and in lanes is bad again, particularly at weekends where vehicles are sometimes parked in lanes overnight. Parking on pavements from Reidhaven Square along Moss Street is ongoing. The abandoned Megane is still at Split the Wind. Dangerous and inconsiderate driving continues at the lollipop crossing with excessive speed, driving while on mobile phones and stopping in the lollipop crossing. It is felt that it is a matter of time before there is an accident. Numerous complaints about antisocial behaviour at an address in Fife Keith have been reported repeatedly on 101 and issues are ongoing. These matters will all be passed on to the Inspector.

4. **Keith Medical Centre Patient Participation Group:** Keith Health Centre surgery and Turner Hospital are no longer fit for purpose. They are the top priority for replacement in Moray, but not in Grampian. Staff members and the Patient Participation Group has put in a lot of effort, submitted feedback and agreed plans over previous years without a positive response. Staff, local councillors, MPs, and MSPs agree there is a need for new facilities.
The next step is to reach a Stage 1 agreement so Scottish Government can be asked for funds. If this goes off the agenda the work done to date will lapse and the process will have to begin again. The Patient Participation Group will come back in November with an update and members of the public will be invited to attend this meeting. Meanwhile, those that have not yet signed the petition are urged to do so.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £1,653.18 (election promotional materials)
Christmas Lights - £5,067.84
Scots Toun - £3,319.27 (window clings and stickers)

£332.65 from Christmas Lights donation tins has been deposited at the bank.

The books are to be audited to the end of September. All agreed that Marguerite should ask Kevin Strathdee to do this.

6. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Manhole Covers: Some drains have been cleaned and some sinking manhole covers patched.

ACTION C/F: Sandy to identify who owns the covers, contact the relevant company, and ask them to deal with the covers that are still sinking into the tar.

Several outstanding issues and actions were passed to Moray Councillors

Ponding at bottom of Mid Street; Road markings at lollipop crossing; Hay Crescent parking and traffic issues

Beatrice Community Fund – the memorandum of understanding signed on behalf of Keith Community Council and will be returned to SSE. There was discussion on the fund and how best to deal with it. A suggestion was made that a deadline is set; groups write letters of application for £250 then submit receipts once they have spent their grant. Once monies have been received, process for application will be finalised and promotion of the fund will begin. Each year SSE will top the fund back up to £2,500 so ideally all funds will be spent each year.

The closing date for Beatrice Moray Local Fund is 12th October. There are two sets of grants – up to £5,000 and £5,000 to £10,000. Groups and organisations can apply to both streams.

ACTION: Catherine to publicise

7. Correspondence:

Defibrillator – ACTIONS: Neil will meet with Ken Brown re siting the defibrillator in the Community Centre temporarily.

CLlr Gatt will follow up on permission to install it outside in Fife Keith.

Friendly Town Sign – As far as we know, the sign was installed by Transport Scotland.

ACTION: Catherine to reply to email

Contractor Fund – it was agreed to circulate information to a number of local groups where this fund would make a significant difference. **ACTION:** Catherine

Local Development Plan workshop: 14th September in Supper Room, Elgin Town Hall. Unfortunately nobody from Keith Community Council can attend.

Moray Cuppa Club – it was agreed to invite the Cuppa Club to the December meeting

Community Council Elections - Leaflets were distributed and will go to Peterkins, Longmore Hall, Community Centre and are already in Keith Library and Mither Tongue and the Keith Hub. Posters are up at the library, community noticeboards and Tesco and approaches have been made to various individuals. Discussions are ongoing about adverts on KCR. Catherine can put a poster through KCR letterbox. Nomination forms were distributed. **ACTION:** Catherine to email KGS about youth members

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** Marguerite is awaiting a proof of the gateway sign. The Quines and Loons signs for the toilets are ongoing. The sculpture competition will be launched on 2nd October and details will be on in Keith website. An application has been made to Beatrice for

£3,000 so those shortlisted can make miniatures of the sculpture.

- **Roads and rights of way.** No updates
- **Environment and Cleansing.** – No updates
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Since the recess, the biggest item before local councillors has been the hospital and medical centre and local councillors have pledged their support for this campaign.
- **Cllr Gatt** – Cllr Gatt reiterated his support for a new hospital and said the need must be kept consistently in the public eye.

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing.
A new admin is being sought for the 'In Keith' website and Facebook.
Representatives of Keith, Buckie, Lossiemouth and Forres Four Towns Partnership will soon be report back on the work done and their future plans.

Christmas Lights - There will be no need for a road closure this year. The lights will go on the day of the Extravaganza, 25th November. **ACTIONS: Catherine will reply to Moray Council to this effect, Susan will get Catherine to advertise the extravaganza on Facebook**

- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing.
- **Keith in Flower** – All agreed Mid Street looks fantastic with the display of hanging baskets. Keith in Flower is currently writing to those businesses in Mid Street that don't have hanging baskets to increase numbers for next season. Keith in Flower are seeking the Community Council's agreement or backing to run community markets.
They note Scotsraig Gardens look very weedy. Is it due to be weeded? Is the ground contaminated and would it be safe for Keith in Flower to weed the gardens?
ACTION: Cllrs to enquire

10. AOCB:

St Rufus Park – rotten step at bottom of slide is a health and safety risk. First hole dug for toy diggers is wet and still has fencing up, is it due to be filled in soon? **ACTION: Cllr Coull**

Squash Court – the building is looking untidy and unkempt, with windows at risk of falling out due to rotten frames. Are there any plans for it? **ACTION: Cllr Coull**

Grant Lodge – Councillors approved £25,000 to make Grant Lodge fit and prevent further deterioration of the building, why not Keith Institute? Cllr Coull brought up this up at the committee meeting where this decision was discussed. It was explained some of this was the remains of insurance money. Also, because the building was the subject of a Community Asset Transfer request, it had to be made fit before it could be transferred. If there was to be a CAT request regarding Keith Institute, it would also have to be made fit although it would cost a great deal more due to structural issues.

Date of next meeting: TBC – provisionally 2nd October at 19:00 in the Community Centre.