



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 at Keith Community Centre following the inaugural meeting with CCLO Jane Martin.

1. **Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Sandy Dickson (Vice Chair), Steve Hickin and Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Cllr Donald Gatt

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Fiona Addison and Sandra Clark

2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank
3. **Police Matters:** October's Community Safety Report was circulated by email today.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council - £1,553.18

Christmas Lights - £5,067.84

Scots Toun - £3,319.27

The independent examination is in hand.

5. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Keith Patient Participation Group – will attend the November meeting and members of the public will be invited to come along

Moray Cuppa Club – ACTION: Catherine to invite to the December meeting

Road markings at lollipop crossing – markings have been placed but there are problems with them. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to follow up**

Hay Crescent parking and traffic issues – ongoing

Squash Court – the grass has been cut but it will not be economical to make repairs as the court is soon to be advertised for sale or lease.

St Rufus Park – the diggers are being relocated

Scotsraig Gardens – the ground is contaminated but this would only present a risk during major excavations. There was discussion on weeding and maintenance. **ACTION: Dave to ask if Keith in Flower could take on weeding etc.**

Parking on Duff Street – no vehicles are parking on the chevrons now but vehicles are still parked close to the junction.

Abandoned car at Split the Wind – no longer there

Beatrice Community Fund – the memorandum of understanding was posted to SSE.

Defibrillator – now at Sports Centre and staff will be trained in its use. The location at Fife Keith has been agreed at the rear of the building in Regent Square by the notice board. A qualified electrician is to fit the cabinet and can use the building's electricity supply. There are various types of cabinet but typical cost is £500. Community Council grant could be used for this so long as it is advertised on the cabinet. We wonder if SSE volunteers may be able to fit the cabinet.

Moray Council are checking if the CCTV cameras on Regent Street are working. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to follow up**

6. Correspondence:

Friendly Town Sign – ongoing

Message about messy lanes and areas in Keith – to be discussed at next meeting

7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** A late license application from the Bengal Spice was discussed. **ACTION: Catherine to draft a letter as with previous such applications**

Susan Hutcheon will take on Planning and Licensing, with support from Neil. Training is provisionally booked for February.

- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** The Burns Sculpture competition was launched today. Marguerite circulated a press release and the brief.
- **Roads and rights of way.** Steve Hickin will also take on roads in the meantime.
Bollards – those on non-trunk roads need cleaned. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to request**
- **Environment and General Issues.** – No updates
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** No report
- **Cllr Gatt** – reiterated CCLO's advice to feel free to report issues to him between meetings

8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing. Interviews for the new admin will take place shortly. The AGM will be in October
- **Christmas Lights** – The Committee met last week. Some more donations tins have been counted and will be deposited. **ACTIONS: Catherine to re-post the extravaganza advert on Facebook**

- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing.
- **Keith in Flower** – Keith in Flower is currently writing to those businesses in Mid Street that don't have hanging baskets. Discussions are ongoing with 8 to 8 Dental who would like to sponsor Keith in Flower. Two benches have been received from Moray Council. One is to replace a bench at the bandstand; one is available for a suitable site if anyone would like to suggest one. The fallen wall at the bandstand is still being progressed and it is hoped it will be removed or repaired before long.

9. AOCB:

- We have been advised to direct queries or requests to Moray Council via Jane Martin and to copy our local Moray Councillors in. This is for record keeping and to ensure enquiries are replied to in a timely fashion. We should also take note of any job numbers we are given.
- Keith Rotary are hosting a 'Touch of Tartan' St Andrews Ceilidh at the Royal Hotel on 25th November
- The next JCC meeting is on 9th November and ideally someone from Keith Community Council will be able to attend.

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