



Keith Community Council

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

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

Also in attendance: Cllr D Gatt, Cllr T Coull, Sgt Krystle Ross (Police Scotland)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Shepherd

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

3. **Police Matters:** The Community Safety Partners report was circulated by email. An antisocial driving campaign was run and will be run again. Parking on Mid Street has been monitored with several tickets issued, drivers educated and letters delivered to businesses and residents on Mid Street. The situation seems to have improved and there has been some positive feedback from business owners.

The owner of untaxed vehicles on Nelson Terrace has been charged. Horseboxes do not need to be taxed or moved if they are in a parking bay.

A group of youths were charged for anti-social behaviour in November. Police and the Community Warden have patrolled the area of Balloch Road when possible and spoken to and moved on groups of youths. Both the lollipop crossing and Balloch Road slip road have been given passing attention when possible. If vehicle registration is noted and passed to the Police, a warning can be issued to drivers. Other traffic concerns include speeding drivers, drivers using mobile phones and cars parking on the pavements at Edindiach Road. Ongoing concerns about dog fouling were raised. A report of loose dogs is best passed to the dog warden.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £1,472.43

Christmas Lights - £6,168.71 (including takings from Christmas Extravaganza, with costs of presents and Fife Keith trees to be paid out)

Scots Toun - £3,319.27

The audited annual accounts have been sent to the CCLO

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

Beatrice Community Fund – will discuss how to allocate funds at February meeting. Should it be 10 grants of £250 rather than smaller grants? Should basic running costs such as hall fees, membership subs etc. be excluded and the funding be made available for capital costs, equipment etc. Should terms and conditions be issued to the applicants? Should there be a closing date?

Road markings at lollipop crossing – The marking is being moved. Steve Hicken spent a morning at the crossing but due to temporary traffic lights, traffic was not flowing normally. Some drivers improved their behaviour when they saw a second person at the crossing. Some drivers ignore the crossing markings entirely, some misjudge and are unable to clear it before the A96 junction, and lorries are not always able to keep out of the box. Steve will attend again and report back.

Health Centre and Hospital – A meeting was held at the Health Centre for staff to discuss what they would like to see in future. Their wishes are in line with Scottish Government views too. Pam Gowans will attend the March Keith Community Council meeting to give an update and members of the public will be welcome to attend.

Antisocial driving campaign – it was reported in the press that Keith Community Council had raised fears about anti-social driving but in fact the Community Council was passing on reports and concerns raised by members of the public.

United Keith – not connected with the Community Council. The late night opening evening was successful with a good footfall and will hopefully be held again.

JCC – Neil, Fiona and Steve attended a good meeting. Chief Inspector Maggie Miller spoke at the meeting. Fiona and Steve will attend February's meeting.

Speed limit signs at west end of Keith – need cleaned and overgrown branches cut back.

ACTION: Fiona to ask Richard Brooks to clean the signs and invoice Keith Community Council.
Catherine to ask Ken Kennedy re branches from Cottage Woods

Post Office buildings, Mid Street – the property agents have been contacted and will take action as soon as possible. They are happy to be contacted directly by Keith Community Council in future.

6. Correspondence:

Moray Council 2017 Performance report: Hard copy received and is also available online on Moray Council website

7. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing. Bengal Spice late license** – did not go before Licensing Committee in November as there was insufficient time to prepare a report. It will go to the January meeting. Comments from the Community Council will be put to the Committee and treated in the same way as objections.
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** Due to cost, an alternative supplier of footprints is being sought. Sculpture applications have been received and will be discussed at the next KSRP meeting. KSRP are seeking funding for production of maquettes (scale models) to be ready in March.
- **Roads and rights of way.**
Drains – some roadside drains are becoming blocked with leaves again
Manhole covers – further repairs have been carried out but some are still sunk. **ACTION: Sandy Dickson C/F**
Grit Bin – the bin at the corner of Union Street/A96 is tipped over. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to report**
- **Environment and General Issues.** No updates
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Moray Council proposed budget will go to public consultation until Sunday 14th January 2018. Members of the public should be urged to take part online or by writing

letters. A budget must be approved or Moray Council may be disbanded. Any requests to prevent a cut will need an alternate money saving proposal. Positive suggestions and funded alternatives welcome.

All CCTV cameras in Keith are working, apart from those removed from Seafield Park

- **Cllr Gatt** – further discussed budget economics, decision making and the work of the Committees and local Councillors

8. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing
- **Christmas Lights** – The Extravaganza was successful. It was noted that if it had been held outside, it would have had to be cancelled this year due to the weather. Thanks are due to Keith Men's Shed for lovely refreshments and a generous contribution to the Christmas Lights Fund. A total of £921 was raised. The lights are all up, looking beautiful, and positive feedback has been received. Some planned maintenance is to be carried out and a few lights are still to be connected.
- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing
- **Keith in Flower** – no update

9. AOCB:

Broken wall at Bandstand – an update on progress was requested. Keith in Flower would like to move bricks away from beds. **ACTION: Cllr Coull**

Defibrillator – We now have costs for recommended cabinets. **ACTION: Catherine to check if the donors would like to be acknowledged on the sign.**

Keith Christmas Stars switch on – all are welcome to attend for carol singing and hot chocolate when the lights are switched on 9th December.

Keith Community Bus – all were happy for Neil to continue to be Keith Community Council representative. He will attend the AGM 5th December.

Contact details – all agreed to share their contact details within Keith Community Council

Date of next meeting: 5th February 2018 at 19:00 in the Community Centre.