



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018 at Keith Community Centre

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

Also in attendance: Cllr D Gatt, Cllr T Coull, Jeffrey Gable (Moray Cuppa Club), Charlie Lawson

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

2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Steve Hickin and seconded by Susan Hutcheon
3. **Police Matters:** Community Safety Report circulated by email today. A member of the public raised concerns about parking at, near and in junctions and on pavements, parking in Mid Street and overnight parking in lanes. Police have advised that people phone 101 at the time and provide vehicle registration details if possible. Concerns will be passed to Police again. Underage drinking and anti-social behaviour has also been reported.
4. **Moray Cuppa Club:** Now in year 3 of a 5 year initiative funded by the Life Changes Trust, Moray Cuppa Club aims to provide support to carers of adults with learning disabilities and dementia, or at increased risk of dementia. It provides support for carers, helps connect them with the community if they've lost touch, combats loneliness and gives carers a voice. Clubs are set up according to what members want – where, when, what activities, information or speakers. There is a need for information about what effect dementia going to have. There is one club in Forres and one starting in Lossiemouth. This is the only project of its kind in Scotland and the only other similar project in the UK has closed. It would be great to set one up in Keith – everything is free of charge for users. It is challenging to reach carers and let them know the club is for them and that they will be supported, not made to take any actions they don't want to take. Also, the Care Providers Support Network has produced a wallet card, "I am a carer, someone depends on me". More information can be added to the card if desired. **ACTION: All to promote the Cuppa Club & Carers Card**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £1,251.88 (+ £2,500 from Beatrice Wind Farm Fund)

Christmas Lights - £6,973.80 (including £795 in sponsorship & donations. Toys still to be paid for)

Scots Toun - £3,066.53

Keith Community Council grant includes the latest admin grant and the cost of the defibrillator cabinet. Proceeds from the Extravaganza total £921, slightly up from last year. Sponsorship has gradually declined over the last few years.

6. **Moray Council issues (various)**

Defibrillator – Neil has the cabinet and we thank Keith Grammar School for ordering it. It had been agreed to put the cabinet on the wall of the toilets in Fife Keith but it was agreed to wait and see the outcome of the budget. Alternative locations were discussed and we wondered if it would be possible to supply the cabinet from a lamppost. **ACTION: Steve and Sandy to look at alternative locations**

Institute Clock – discussion was held. It was agreed Keith Community Council would arrange for payment for the clock to be serviced this year to keep it in good order while the building is empty. If it remains unsold, other contingency would have to be made.

Non-trunk roads in Keith – roads are in a poor state of repair generally. Pothole repairs were carried out in Fife Keith and Edindiach Road during snowy weather. Members of the public have raised concerns. **ACTION: Catherine to email Roads department**

Longmore Hall – Depending on the outcome of the Moray Council budget, Longmore Hall may be closed unless there is a community asset transfer. To be discussed further after the budget meeting.

7. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Beatrice Community Fund – The cheque for £2,500 for micro-grants has been received, along with an application form. Allocation of grants and process to be discussed at March meeting.

Broken wall at Bandstand – further discussion was held. Repair of the wall will not be carried out until the source of water is identified and stopped. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to ask if Moray Council can remove sections of the wall from the bandstand gardens**

Grit bin on Union Street – has now been set upright and filled with grit.

JCC – Steve will attend

Speed limit signs at west end of Keith – signs have been cleaned by BEAR.

8. Correspondence:

Mar Court grit bin: Residents would like a grit bin reinstated in Mar Court so they can grit pavements. The gritter can't get access the areas due to bollards. Roads have looked at the proposed site and cannot place a grit bin there but have passed the enquiry to Estates and Housing to see if they will provide one. **ACTION: Neil to follow up**

Insurance renewal: Documents have been received. Zurich insurance advises that written risk assessments should be carried out for activities. Unless we have any questions or comments, cover will renew on 1st April.

Planning training – Jane Martin has arranged training on Planning on 27th February at 2017. Anyone able to attend should book a place with Jane by 20th February.

Banffshire and Kronach Twinning Association – St Thomas Primary School would like to make contact to arrange an international lunch day in March. **ACTION: Susan to ask a contact to get in touch**

Keith Primary School - Scottish Poetry Competition – Neil will attend as one of the judges

9. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing. Bengal Spice late license** – notwithstanding our letter, the late license was granted. Discussion was held.

- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** KSRP successfully secured funding for the maquettes. Once completed, they will be on display in the pop up shop for the public to view and vote on.
- **Roads and rights of way.** Discussion on lighting faults on A96. Faults can be reported by phone or online. We will pass on a letter from a member of the public to BEAR regarding a number of issues on trunk roads.
- **Environment and General Issues.** The Auld Brig is being undermined. **ACTION: review previous minutes about Auld Brig to see what action might be taken**
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Busy with constituency work and the budget
- **Cllr Gatt.** The budget is the predominant issue. The budget meeting is 14th February

10. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing
- **Christmas Lights** – the lights are all down. Some of the permanent lights will need replaced or tie wraps replaced
- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing
- **Keith in Flower** – see bandstand wall

11. AOCB:

A practice nurse in Keith will be receiving the Queen's award

Keith Rotary has placed 'Citizen of the Year' ballot boxes in Patersons and Clarks Pharmacy

Keith Bus has to pay for room hire from Moray Council **ACTION: Cllr Coull to look into**

Pupil award – all agreed that Keith Community Council would again contribute £25.00 to Keith Grammar School awards ceremony. **ACTION: Marguerite**

School trophy **ACTION: Neil to check if the trophy has been engraved**

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

Pam Gowans to attend