



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th Mar 2018 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, Insp Neil Campbell (Police Scotland), Pam Gowans, Sean Cody, Alan Robertson (Moray Health and Social Care Partnership & NHS Grampian)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dave Carson, Jane Sharp and Cllr Shepherd

2. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Sandy Dickson
3. **Police Matters:** Community Safety Partners report circulated by email and discussed at meeting. A road safety operation was carried out on 9th February regarding anti-social driving and further operations are planned. People have been charged in relation to two recent fires and shoplifting. Parking at junctions, on Moss Street and overnight in lanes is ongoing. CCTV cameras possibly not all working. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to follow up**
4. **Future of Keith Health Centre:** Progress is being made on the 1st phase and this will lead to a formal process. At a meeting last week, all recommendations by the Asset Management Group were approved. The suggestion from the community that a public sector hub with multiple services, not just health and social care, was put forward.

There is an enthusiasm to make the most of Keith's location and transport links and to develop a modern and flexible facility that could serve a number of purposes. This could include e.g. outpatient clinics to serve east Moray and north Aberdeenshire (rather than travel to Aberdeen), training facilities for rural medicine, a hub for facilitating consultations using high quality 'Attend Anywhere' technology for the types of appointments that do not need a 'hands on' or face-to-face approach. Options like this increase the attractiveness for investment.

More strategic scoping, looking at different ways care can be delivered, looking at the capacity of existing hospitals and the work they carry out, talking with potential partner organisations and creative thinking and planning for a health and social care service that is suitable for the next 20-30 years is needed. This will inform site requirements and size.

Over the coming year a lot of work will take place and conversations will be held with the community. It is important to bear in mind that development of any new facility is dependent on securing funding. In the best case a facility in Keith is likely 5-10 years in the future. In the meantime, work is ongoing to see if it is possible to increase the functionality spaces in the existing health centre, ideally enabling them to become a training practice, which is important for recruitment. Discussions are ongoing with staff to look for interim solutions

5. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council - £1,216.88

Christmas Lights - £6,397.80 (costs of presents to be paid out)

Scots Toun - £3,066.53

6. Moray Council issues (various)

Longmore Hall: A public meeting, arranged by Cllr Coull, is being held Monday 19th March 7pm in the hall. Andrew Gray from Moray Council will talk about Community Asset Transfers and Gordon Christie will talk about the experiences of Fochabers Institute. A positive meeting, attended by representatives of user groups is desired, with plans to take the future of the hall forward, possibly with the formation of a Community Transfer Body.

Community Asset Transfer Seminar is being run by Moray Council on 22nd March.

Planning drop in

16th March, Longmore Hall, 2-8pm drop in. Also includes planning on footpaths and rights of way.

ACTION: Catherine promote these events again

7. Beatrice Micro-grants

Guidance notes and application form were circulated. Once amended guidance is received we will promote the fund with a press release (possibly jointly with Strathisla Community Council), on social media, on Keith Community Radio, via In Keith, and with posters and flyers.

We will advise that applications will be assessed on a first come, first served basis and will encourage smaller groups or those that have not previously applied for funding to apply.

ACTION: Catherine draft press release

8. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Room hire fees for Keith Community Bus – carried forward until Moray Council staff member returns to work – should be in touch soon.

Defibrillator – It was agreed to accept the kind offer from the Grampian Hotel and have the defibrillator fitted there. Meanwhile Cllr Gatt will clarify which toilets are shutting. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to follow up. ACTION: Catherine to write letter of thanks**

A launch event may be arranged after the defibrillator is installed.

Town Clock - Neil has let Ian Grant know that Keith Community Council will pay for this year's service and is waiting to hear back.

Bandstand wall - Cllr Coull emailed updates after talking with Moray Council. Keith in Flower would like to know who is monitoring the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Coull will find out**

Neil will suggest Keith in Flower may want to request that the shelter is moved away from the problem area, or that a new shelter is set up.

Auld Brig - Cllr Coull contacted Keith Heritage Group who have reported that the Auld Brig belongs to the people of Keith. It was previously repaired thanks to funding from Historic Scotland. The current state of the Brig would need to be confirmed before any group sought funding for more work. **ACTION: Marguerite will ask if the Heritage Group has a report on previous works done**

Banffshire – Kronach twin town – Susan found a contact and has passed on the teacher's contact details

9. Correspondence:

General Data Protection Regulation training - has been arranged for Saturday 7th of April and it

has been suggest that each Community Council send two representatives. It is a requirement of the insurers that Community Councils are GDPR compliant. Sandy and Steve will attend.

ACTION: Catherine to email CCLO

RAF – information received about what is happening at the base to be used as suitable

Moray West Offshore – pre-planning notice and information was received. The developer is happy to arrange to speak to Keith Community Council if more information is required. Drop-in sessions were promoted on social media. **ACTION: Catherine to reply – we will bear in mind the offer to speak to Keith Community Council in future**

Clash Gour – an email was received offering further information on the potential for community buy in to Clash Gour wind farm. A memorandum of understanding has been issued. Steve and Catherine heard a presentation from Local Energy Scotland at the last JCC meeting. **ACTION: Catherine to reply and bear in mind offer to speak to Keith Community Council in future**

Tourist Information Building – the building is on contaminated land so cannot be demolished at present. It is possible to refurbish it if a group wishes to do so.

A96 dualling forum meeting - Sandy will attend the meeting in Fochabers on March 21st

10. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** Sculptors are working on maquettes which will be exhibited in the pop-up shop in the week beginning 26th March. There were no objections to paying for promotion and subsistence expenses from the Scots Toun fund.
- **Roads and rights of way.** Gully drains on A96 at Seafeld Avenue and the Longmore Hall are not draining water. Ponding at bottom of Mid Street has never been resolved. **ACTION: Catherine to email CCLO with photos**
TSB car park is badly potholed. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to report**
- **Environment and General Issues.** Complaints received about the TSB car park as per Roads and Rights of way
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** Cllr Coull is planning the meeting regarding the Longmore Hall and is carrying out constituency work
- **Cllr Gatt** – constituency work

11. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing. Funding has been cut so an application for funding has been made to Beatrice Community Fund. KSRP will be represented at the Tourism Expo. A re-print of the Keith leaflet and Heritage Walks is planned.

- **Christmas Lights** – some lights are due for repair/refurbishment. If Longmore Hall closes, no further Extravaganzas can be held.
- **Scots Toun** – as per signs, street furniture and marketing.
- **Keith in Flower** – no update

12. AOCB:

Water Tower Drain Fife Street – a cracked drain pipe under the grass verge is flooding the garden of a householder on Fife Street. Neither Scottish Water nor Moray Council are responsible for this pipe. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to find out who owns the drain**

Registration with Information Commissioner's Office – Keith Community Council needs to register and needs to supply an address. The annual fee is £35. It was agreed to wait until after GDPR training to see what else is needed.

Annual Litter Pick – it was agreed to arrange this for September this year

Secretary – Catherine wishes to resign as Secretary. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to enquire with a contact**
ACTION: If necessary post can be advertised

Date of next meeting: 9th April 2018 at 19:00 in the Community Centre. May meeting will be a week later on May 14th as the Leisure Centre will likely be closed on May Day. **ACTION: Catherine to change bookings**