



# Keith Community Council

## Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Keith Community Centre

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

**Also in attendance:** Sergeant Theresa Clark (Police Scotland), Cllr Gatt, Mary Riddoch

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

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

**Police Matters:** Community safety report circulated by email and discussed at meeting. Searches have resulted in charges for drug possession and in one case, drug supply. There have been a number of anti-social behaviour issues including vandalism, raising a fire, assaults and a disturbance where Police officers were assaulted. Daily reassurance Police patrols are ongoing in problem areas and these patrols are also monitoring parking problems previously raised and issuing tickets.

Sergeant Graeme Forbes is due to start in Keith this month. He has been a PC in Keith and has good local knowledge. Sergeant Ross has gone to Elgin.

Reports were made of repeated vandalism to the new gym equipment at St Rufus Park. Police will liaise with Moray Council anti-social behaviour unit. There are ongoing issues with speeding on A96 eastbound between Huntly and Keith.

Later in the meeting there was discussion of continuing dangerous driving on the A96 and Banff Road which will be passed to the Police, along with a dangerous situation at Nelson Terrace/Regent Street.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £3,554.88 (including £2,500 for Beatrice micro-grants)

Christmas Lights - £5,677.62

Scots Toun - £3,066.58

### 4. **Matters arising from the last minutes:**

**Registration as a Data Controller – ACTION: Catherine** - carried forward due to technical problems on ICO website.

**Room hire fees for Keith Community Bus – ACTION: Cllr Coull – carried forward**

**Beatrice micro-grants** – We have 9 applications to date but there has been one more handed in to the library. The press release has not been published. **ACTION: Catherine to circulate a list of applicants and their projects to all. Catherine to check if Banffshire Herald contact email should be changed**

**Beatrice Partnership Fund** – now open for applications from £10,000 to £50,000 for economic development, education etc. This is not the local panel fund. Information has been shared on Facebook.

**Longmore Hall** – the constitution is being updated and some progress is being made with the steering group planning to apply for a 6 month lease from Moray Council. The hall keeper is taking early retirement.

**Bandstand** – the wall has been taken down but the fencing will not be removed. Keith in Flower has plans to screen and camouflage it. The shelter is not fit to stand being moved so Keith and Flower are looking into getting another shelter or seat.

The Cubs and Scouts will be planting poppies in the Matthew Stewart Garden (St Rufus Church) and Moray Council will be weeding and clearing the ground ahead of this in response to a request from Neil.

**Edintore Community Benefit Fund** – a good meeting was held and almost all funds were allocated. All Panel members will stand down at the AGM in March and a new panel member from Keith Community Council is sought.

**Auld Brig** – Keith Heritage Group reports that nobody owns the Auld Brig. There has been some erosion of the banks along the River Isla this year so we would like to check it is not being undermined or in need of repair. If we had some advice, it would be possible to apply for funding for any work needed. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to see if Moray Council can carry out safety checks and advise on any work required**

**CCTV** – there are problems or limitations on the function of some cameras in Keith at present.

**Pothole at Tesco** – has been patched

**Secretary** – **ACTION: Sandy to contact a possible candidate**

#### **5. Correspondence:**

**Joint Community Council** – speakers were Moray Council licensing and Force 9 about the proposed Clash Gour wind farm in East Moray/Nairnshire. The possibility of community buy in is going to be explored further. More Planning training is being arranged – from Planning Aid Scotland and will be on a Saturday. Moray Council budget consultation is about to open. There will be local bookable events and drop-in pop-up events. Posters were circulated and this will be shared on Facebook.

**Public Toilets** – there has been some confusion about which toilets will close in Keith. The list will go before Economic Development and Infrastructure on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a final decision. Toilets will close from 30<sup>th</sup> June. Moray Council is looking to develop a Comfort Scheme (use of local businesses' toilets) for all areas.

**A96 Forum meeting minutes** – received

**Three weekly waste collections** – information letter received – will be shared on Facebook

**SCDC survey** – Community Councils asked to complete as a group and individually

#### **6. Community Councillors' Update:**

- **Planning & Licensing.** No updates
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** No updates
- **Roads and rights of way.** – Several issues were raised  
For BEAR: There is a deep pothole turning into Regent Square from A96; a bale of hay on the pavement near the Brig of Haugh ; grit box as Speyside Stoves has been tipped over again; 'Keep Clear' at bottom of Drum Road needs repainted.

**ACTIONS: Sandy to report to BEAR and invite Sean Christie to speak at a Community Council meeting**

For Moray Council: Ponding at bottom of Mid Street and location of painted lines demarcating the Banff Road crossing. **ACTION: Cllr Gatt to follow up**

**Rights of way and core paths** – there has been discussion about scaffolding blocking a right of way from Station Road to the Shell Garage. **ACTION: Neil to check Moray Council website and National Libraries of Scotland re path**

- **Environment and General Issues.** No updates
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** No report
- **Cllr Gatt.** The next Moray Council budget is to be decided and Cllr Gatt warned there would need to be more cuts. The budget gap is £14 million and there is only £10 million in reserves, of which £5 million must be kept for emergencies.

**7. External Group Updates:**

- **KSRP** – There was a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April and plans were agreed but funding is required. KSRP were awarded a grant for the website and information officer
- **Christmas Lights** – a meeting was held. There is a provisional booking for the Extravaganza for 24<sup>th</sup> November in Longmore Hall but a final decision about the Extravaganza is to be taken. Older lights have been taken down as the cables have perished and replacements will be ordered.
- **Scots Toun** – no update
- **Keith in Flower** – as per matters arising

**8. AOCB:**

**Crossing patrollers** – there will be a meeting next week re discussion on posts with regards to the change of school hours.

**Date of next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 7pm, Keith Community Centre