



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th July 2018 at Keith Community Centre

1. **Members in attendance** Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Steve Hickin, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Sandra Clark

Also in attendance: Cllr Coull, Cllr Gatt, Mary Riddoch and Laurie Piper (Speyside Tourism)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Fiona Addison, Catherine Sinclair and Cllr Shepherd

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

3. **Presentation.** Laurie Piper gave a very interesting talk. Laurie and another employee work for Moray, Speyside Tourism. The business was created in 2014 on the back of RAF closure at Kinloss. They are funded by HIE and Moray Council (funding stops April 2019). Tourism has risen 45% in the last eight to nine years. 800,000 visitors come here. One resource we don't have in this area is a hotel big enough to cater for coaches of visitors. There are three areas which are promoted – landscape, nature and activities. He has travelled the globe to promote Moray. The aim in the next six months is target all business in Moray and Speyside to help promote the area we live in. They are trying to encourage tour operators to come to Moray from Aberdeen to visit distilleries, coastal towns and cashmere centres. He mentioned there is an opportunity to start a community event as the piping event at Forres has finished and will be moving on to Inverness next year.

4. **Police Matters:**

The Community Safety Report was not available for tonight's meeting. No police attended the meeting. Issues of parking on Moss Street, Bridge Street and Duff Street were raised again. Also been noticed that large lorries and tractors are parking half on pavements mainly on Regent Street.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

KCC - £1675

Christmas Lights - £5238

Scots Toun - £3066.53

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

Registration as a Data Controller – Direct Debit set up for £35 p.a.

Room hire fees for Keith Community Bus – Fee is £12 per meeting. Fire station has offered their room free to use. A fireman has spoken to Cllr Coull to offer the room.

Auld Brig – it was advised that the brig does not belong to anyone. Laurie Piper said he would speak to Lossiemouth Heritage as they are having a similar problem.

CCTV – as discussed with Police

Crossing patrollers – Some of the crossings have been reinstated by the new ruling council. The ones in Keith have not been.

Public Toilets – Have now been closed. Only be open for special events i.e. Keith Show. Question was asked if the toilet in St Rufus Park could be kept open for the summer period.

Defibrillator – has now been fitted. Sandpiper trust will contact Scottish Ambulance service to advise and a code will be created for users to access the defibrillator if required.

7. Correspondence:

A concerned member of the public has emailed the Community Council in regard to the two accidents there have been in recent weeks. He wondered if the community council or the police would be taking any action as a result of the accident. One accident was where a tractor with attached cart with load of dung overturned into the factory shop wall. The other accident was in Fife Keith where a tractor with an attached cart with silage in it braked and the cart damaged three parked vehicle outside the hairdressers. The email has been passed on to the police and Moray Council. As this happened on the A96 this will be a BEAR issue. The police have issued a media release in Press and Journal and other local papers. On Facebook they have also asked for the cooperation of tractor drivers to drive safely with in the speed limit and to think about the heavy load they may be carrying behind them

Email received from a resident saying a flag on Mid Street is making a noise. It could be a rope hitting a mast. Query passed to Rhona Patterson who puts the flags up.

8. Community Councillors' Update:

- **Planning & Licensing.** No report
- **Signs, street furniture and marketing.** No report
- **Roads and rights of way.** Various man holes seen to be repaired in the town recently. A local resident had written to the transport minister as he felt nothing was being done to potholes and lack of road maintenance in our area.
- **Environment and General Issues.** Steve has spoken to Jams about the amount of littering by Keith Grammar School pupils at lunchtime. He will do what he can.
- **Cllr Theresa Coull.** A two year lease has been signed for the Longmore Hall to be run by locals. This means the hall is now available for bookings. The group is now looking for the support of the community.to run the hall as a business. A company from England has been employed by Moray Council to see if they can help to find where savings can be made in the future.
- **Cllr Gatt.**
The grass cuttings have been picked up in the Bandstand making it look much better. The Scotsraig gardens and gas works gardens are not looking so good.

Talked about St Rufus Regeneration Group. There are complaints from residents about the anti social behaviour in the park.

9. External Group Updates:

- **KSRP** – MC said that the Sculptures have now been moved from the library to the Pop up Shop. The voting is to be extended to local schools for the children to vote on the preferred sculpture. Results will be announced soon. To buy the sculpture funding will have to be applied for.
- **Christmas Lights** – No update. Next meeting to be confirmed.
- **Scots Toun** – see above KSRP
- **Keith in Flower** – The grass cuttings have been uplifted from the Bandstand making it look much better.

10. Beatrice Micro-grants

The last application for a grant has been approved to 1st Keith Rainbows. There were two further applications received which were past the closing date. Catherine has contacted the groups and advised them to apply in the next round of funding next year.

11. AOCB:

Jamie is willing to be the minute secretary. A secretary is as required to do other duties. This will be advertised.

Date of next meeting: 3rd September at 7pm, Keith Community Centre