



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 at Keith Community Centre

Members in attendance

Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Steve Hickin, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Sandra Clark, Catherine Sinclair

Also in attendance: Sergeant Graeme Forbes, Jamie McIntosh, Councillor Coull

Welcome and Apologies

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new minute secretary, Jamie McIntosh. Apologies were received from Fiona Addison, Councillor Shepherd and Councillor Gatt

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

MC asked for note about KSRP extending voting to schools be changed from 'had been' to 'is to be'. CS to action.

Thereafter the minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Steve Hicken

2. Police Matters:

Sergeant Graeme Forbes introduced himself as the newly appointed Keith Sergeant as of May.

He advised that they are actively seeking Special Constables and if anyone would like information regarding this for them to look online or to attend the station.

He reported a busy month of August with various reports of disturbances around Keith Show, but not at Keith Show itself. There were the following incidents :

Serious and organise crime :

7th Aug : youths outside library found in possession of cannabis

24th Aug : a 33 year old man attended police station to complain about being ejected from the pub and on smelling of cannabis was searched and was found to be in possession of a small amount, fixed penalty given

2nd Aug overnight : 24 year old man charged with £14,000 of damage to cars

Between 4th and 6th Aug : small hole in library window, presumed vandalism, ongoing enquiry

Keith Marquee : two females fighting, 1 charged and 1 enquiry ongoing

Takeaway licencing offence of selling food outwith permitted hours

22nd Aug : female threatened and assaulted on Cameron Drive, a man and female reported.

1st Aug : 37 year old man charged for series of attempted thefts and theft

Other incidents include : one man in breach of bail who was being violent and assaulted police, two domestic incidents - one dealt with and enquiries ongoing with other, garden ornaments stole from Nelson Terrace, attempted thefts in Regent Street and in Grampian Hotel by 48 year old man, mountain bike stolen from Nelson Terrace, 17 year old man committed disorder offences during a drug search and throwing a bottle into a crowd and a 22 year old man was issued with a fixed penalty for trying to fight and assaulting an 18 year old man.

Road Safety :

5th Aug, Old Den Road : Two 17 year olds were charged with driving with no insurance or licence and had their car confiscated

7th Aug, Newmill : Road traffic incident, careless driver. Also incident on Regent Street

10th Aug : 22nd year old charged and reported for driving without insurance

Also 58 year old charged with morning after, drink driving on the A96.

Issues Raised :

One way road from Balloch Road with left only at Tesco entrance - twice in last couple of weeks cars have been turning towards Tesco and also seen one car drive up the one way street. It's unlikely this will be picked up by Tesco CCTV.

Complaints received from public about lorries and tractors still parking half on pavement on Regent Street and Moss St - 1 resident continually complaining. Serg. GF stated retrospectively nothing can be done but if seen at the time then Police could do something. SH reinforced this issue.

High loads on trailers have been noted. Serg. GF to ask re legislation/height of loads allowed.

Late Licence Application :

Sunset are applying for a late licence - 2am on Friday, 2.30am on Saturday and 2am on Sunday. Application previously refused due to a breach of licensing conditions. KCC agreed all takeaways should close at 11.30pm. 3 people complained about Sunset application regarding people congregating around takeaways once pubs close (Commercial last to close at 1.30am). Cllr Coull advised needs to have legal weight to be refused. Police have objected to Sunset application. KCC feel 11.30pm is late enough and letter is to be submitted - CS to action by end of week. Cllr Coull advised points will be taken into consideration but being able to make representation in person can be more effective. Licencing committee meeting - 10th Oct.

CCTV in Keith : Discussed again. Cllr Coull provided an update and will ask for update 4.9.18. Social media mentioning KCC not doing anything re CCTV but have actually brought up numerous times,

Discussion regarding temporary CCTV in church spire across from St Rufus park. KCC would appreciate to be informed in future if possible.

St Rufus Park anti-social behaviour has quietened down since the schools have gone back. 5-6 weeks ago 3 youths were apprehended at park where 2 males were in possession of drugs.

Community meeting Thurs 20th September at 7pm with St Rufus Regeneration Group - KCC Chair will attend, as can any other members. No new neighbour complaints. First 3-4 weeks of school holidays saw joint patrols in park with wardens to monitor and crack down on anti social behaviour. Plain clothes operation regarding anti social driving behaviour and youth behaviour took place at end of July and got some good results. Moray Council are trying to resolve the dispute between neighbours and the Regeneration Group amicably, and arrange to relocate the swing and sandpit. Speed checks to be done all over Keith. KCC asked if near the Grammar could be speed checked.

3. Treasurer's Report:

KCC - £1340.29

Christmas Lights - £5339.97

Scots Toun - £3066.53

4. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Auld Brig – no update.

CCTV – as discussed with Police

Crossing patrollers – white line has been moved back and made thicker and keep clear box is now bigger.

Mid St junction/A96 : Moray Council was asked if arrows could be used instead of give way triangles. They were not aware of a problem and asked if it was regular as a survey would need to be carried out. Cllr Coull to reply it is regular and we would like survey to go ahead. Could Bank of Scotland parking bay be removed to use junction better? Could the no entry signs be better angled. People are still going up Union St wrong way. Bottom of Land St also an issue. Yellow lines gone from Union St but will be refreshed by end of September. The box junctions on A96 need repainted. Action: Sandy and Steve to contact BEAR.

Laurie Piper - very impressed with him, he was excellent. Threat of closing Moray Speyside Tourism if more funding cannot be found.

Public Toilets – Cllr Coull enquired whether toilets were open for Keith Show. Not sure but The Crown were asking for donation to use theirs. It was noted that KCC had nothing to do with making the decision for which toilets were be closed. This was entirely the decision of Moray Council. Some people have been saying that KCC wanted Regent Street to be kept open for the defibrillator but this is not true. KCC did ask if St Rufus could be kept open for the rest of the summer - this was declined.

Defibrillator –Needs to be set up and registered with ambulance service. Located on wall of Grampian Hotel which will be covered by their CCTV. There are currently defibrillators at each dentist, at Tesco, (possibly) at Kynoch Park and at Simpson Park, but this one will be the only one that will be available 24 hours a day. A plaque will be installed with the defibrillator stating that the

defibrillator was donated by contractors from Blackhillock and the box was bought and supplied by KCC.

Longmore Hall : up and running with new sign

Bandstand gardens looking good. Special thanks to Peter Watt and Linda Harper for all their hard work.

KSRP sculpture votes from shop were 10 for desk, 28 for monolith, 111 for bairns and from library were 3 for desk, 12 for monolith and 38 for bairns. Votes still to be obtained from schoolchildren. Response awaited from Beatrice regarding application for £50,000. Also planning to contact LEADER and thinking about applying to Heritage Lottery Fund to enable sculpture to be produced.

Environmental Health : resident complaint about flag making a noise - seems to have been dealt with.

5. Correspondence:

Possible event for female community councillors as part of suffragette celebration

Proposed trip to Orkney re Community Renewables

Several consultations

6. Community Councillors' Update:

Planning & Licensing. No updates

Signs, street furniture and marketing. As per matters arising re sculpture

Roads and rights of way : SD attended the A96 dualling meeting, final route to be decided by end of year for Hardmuir to Fochabers.

It is now 3 years since the ponding on Mid Street was first raised, could Bear be asked again - SD to action. Some sunken manholes have been fixed. KCC would like to ask a Bear representative to attend either October or November meeting to discuss issues - SD to action

Environment and General Issues - FA not in attendance

Cllr Coull : issues with rabbits digging holes at Broomhill Cemetery - complaints received. Holes have been filled in and rabbit controller is trying to resolve issue. There are complaints re state of cemetery grass on Once fae Keith... Facebook page.

Budget discussions are currently taking place.

Cllr Coull to report that the Fife St to Fife Park path is very uneven, a couple of people have fallen and one person has broken their arm.

The bin outside of Patersons has been moved as it was restricting pavement use. It was also raised that there is the same issue with the one outside of Crafty Chaos, and wheelie bins are being left in lanes causing driving difficulties. No complaints regarding 3 weekly recycling, so far.

Cllr Gatt not in attendance

7. External Group Updates:

KSRP A meeting was held last Wednesday and the main focus at the moment is the new website. This is currently being developed.

Christmas Lights 29 sets of lights have been refurbished and re-plugged will be reinstalled on Sunday 16th September. A fault is also being investigated. Trees will be installed again and the Silver band will play at the Extravaganza on 24th November at which lights will be turned on. Sunshine Playgroup are organising Santa and the Longmore Hall committee are doing teas.

Scots Toun As per matters arising re sculpture

8. AOCB:

Flower Show - worked out well

Litter pick to be discussed at next meeting but mid November may be good for this

Secretary post - CS said she would advertise on Facebook and also asked if funds would allow advertising in the Banffshire Herald - KCC happy for this to be done. CS to action.

NK raised the question, can KCC donate funds towards the Longmore Hall group. Members agreed a good idea but will check handbook for guidance.

Fundraising meeting tomorrow night 7pm at Longmore

Weightwatchers no longer at Longmore - now at Legion

Date of next meeting: 1st October at 7pm, Keith Community Centre