



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018 at Keith Community Centre

Members in attendance

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

Also in attendance: Stewart Black (Cullen Community Council), Colin Burch (Cullen Community Council), Councilor Coull, Councilor Gatt, Jamie McIntosh (minute secretary) and 2 members of the public, PC McGillveray for part of meeting.

Welcome and Apologies

Welcome by Neil and apologies received from Cllr Shepherd.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Minutes were approved as accurate by Susan Hutcheon and seconded by Catherine Sinclair

2. Police Matters:

PC McGillveray attended and discussed the Community Safety Partnership Report which can be read in full at <http://yourmoray.org.uk/downloads/file121857.pdf>. The main points in the report relating to Keith are :

Serious and Organised Crime : On 10 September 2018, a 38 year old female was dealt with for possession of cannabis resin in Chapel Street, Keith and on 18 September 2018, a drug search warrant was executed in the Drummur area where a Cannabis cultivation was uncovered a 40 year old male is to be reported.

Anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder : On 2 September 2018, a 27 year old male was arrested for an assault at the Grampian Hotel in Keith. 6 On 5 September 2018 a vandalism occurred to a combine harvester where two pipe lines were cut at Burnside, Newmill. Enquiries are ongoing. On 2 September 2018, a 27 year old male was arrested for an assault at the Grampian Hotel in Keith. On 8 September 2018 two males aged 45 and 39 were arrested and dealt with for assault and a disturbance at Knock. Between the 11 and 12 September 2018, a planter was set on fire at Keith Golf club. Enquiries are ongoing. On 15 September 2018, a 23 year old male was arrested for a Breach of the peace on Mid Street, Keith On 8 September 2018 two males aged 45 and 39 were arrested and dealt with for assault and a disturbance at Knock.

Acquisitive Crime : nil

Road Safety : On 9 September 2018 a report of failing to stop after a road accident was received on Union Street, Keith. A 77 year old male is to be reported. On 15 September 2018 a report of failing to stop after a road accident was received on Land Street, Keith. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

St Rufus anti social behavior (ASB) : 101 call placed re motorbike incident on 24th July - police never mentioned this and not in their report, youths drinking from 5pm, car chasing and arrests. Neil attended The Local Community Meeting regarding St Rufus Park and he wasn't aware of how serious things have been. Same people return to park with ASB, drinking etc continually ongoing. At a Local Community Meeting

regarding the park a few weeks ago residents stood up and explained what has been happening - 20 youths, still drinking, broken glass. Large problem still ongoing, calls not being placed as don't want hassle again. Police advised calls can be made and complainant can ask to not be interviewed but police advised they should definitely phone so they are aware of how big the problem is.

When council removed swing and diggers the ASB moved away from houses walls and moved to the gym equipment area. Residents don't want equipment removed altogether but to be consulted and for it to be located away from homes so as not to attract problem behavior near homes. Neil approached a number of times regarding this by users of the equipment and they have been quite abusive. Neil disappointed by the lack of input from the police. Councilor Gatt suggested contacting Crimestoppers as well. KCC not advised about temporary CCTV at holy trinity church CCTV, attending PC wasn't aware of the camera. The camera was there for a 4 week period in July and would have caught the bench being set on fire. Factual comprehensive information given to Moray Council. Residents, Moray Council and St Rufus Regeneration Group all trying to solve the problem but residents are being subjected to abuse and not being listened too. Residents think the St Rufus Park Regeneration Group is doing great work at the park but a group of youths is causing a huge problem, and not just at the park, also in Fife Keith, Tesco and the golf club - these people need to be engaged to get them on the right track. 3 groups of 7-9 people are causing the problem. More equipment means they are coming out of pavilion and congregating at equipment - some houses are getting full impact of this. Police Sergeant hadn't prepared for park meeting as he said not given enough time, but he knew about this at the last KCC meeting. Community Warden not had any input, residents waited 4/5 months but nothing. Police said ASB was low level, it's not - to be raised. Next Local Community Meeting 8th Nov, Longmore 7pm.

Bridge roadworks - plan in place for turbines to come through.

Speed traps - talked about getting done. Retraining every single police officer in East Moray in speed gun equipment. Done locally - 4 hours training. Need to do this to have concrete evidence. Sandy - can members of public operate hand guns? Places in England do. Jamie asked if Aultmore could be speed checked. Also Isla Road/Keith entrance raised again.

Late licence : Bengal, Mid St premises. KCC still want Bengal to close at 11pm and keep all takeaways the same. Different name on this application - police advised. Sunset still to go through. C Sinclair to write letter.

Neil asked if Policeman Billy Vas could be thanked for providing an update re golf club fire.

3. Treasurer's Report:

KCC - £1340.29

Christmas Lights - £5339.97

Scots Toun - £3066.53

Query regarding accepting a grant from council was raised again, any ideas? Can KCC give to Longmore - no one checked. Before next meeting (5th Nov) KCC need to decide if £420 grant is to be used or returned to the council. Some money to be used for defibrillator sign - think about for next meeting.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes:

Auld Brig - Catherine to contact Laurie Piper to see if can find out who owns it. Doesn't appear to belong to anyone so must belong to Keith people.

CCTV - update : got premises on Mid St for CCTV (don't know where), lease signed and next stage is getting it connected. Looking into Fife Keith CCTV too. Councillor Coull - when new ones are being fitted the rest will be checked to make sure they are working. The CCTV recordings are checked in Elgin now and again or are used to investigate a certain time e.g. fight on Mid St. Problems with street lights and CCTV. Moray Council Community Services fund CCTV, Tim Bett (Community Warden). Server was in institute and was removed as institute had an offer (offer still standing) on it so needed new place - everything should be up and running again soon.

Mid St/A96 junction - James Smith, Roads has been out to see bottom of Banff Rd regarding concerns about cars mounting the pavement to go left rather than waiting. This section is immediately opposite a grey control pillar so not in favour of narrowing pavement, problem seems to be due to having left and right. James Smith thought might be best to let triangles wear off so to not encourage cars to go left and right and have one car at a time using the junction. No entry signs - to be checked out. 53/55 Fife St lane - not part of public road network, title deed shows Fraser Place so comes under housing - copied to John Macdonald asset manager - not heard back yet.

Mid St. bins - not relocated yet, lost key for padlocks/chains on bins, now need cutting off so can relocate bins with new padlocks.

Secretary post : 3 people interested, Catherine spoke to one person but not others yet. Thinking interviews to see who best. Fairly new role for any of them but would be given support.

5. Correspondence:

Pam Gowans from Moray Council is planning to come to December meeting to speak about the possibility of new hospital/health centre, currently recruiting a project manager now so should have more info by then. Bear Scotland representative also looking to attend in December.

Neil asked if people could check gmail

6. Community Councillors' Update:

Planning & Licensing : No report

Signs, street furniture and marketing : sculpture funding - meeting to take place regarding best approach. Beatrice said no to £50k grant, to try again in New Year.

Roads and rights of way : BEAR can come to December meeting to do a presentation about what needs to be done and when. Pondering : to be looked at on Wednesday. Another lady fell. Needs sorting now. White lining : programme of lining happened, BEAR to advise when attend meeting. Banff Road box - aware of. People driving up lane to Union St from Harry Gow's and entering one way street, no sign at that point to advise one way and to turn right, either need sign or barrier to stop using lane - Councillor Coull to pass on ASAP.

Environment and General Issues : Black direction signs with Strathisla etc on them are looking a bit worn,

need updating. Who do they belong to? Council? Heritage? Trees being removed at Ugie and elsewhere - Councillors to find out why? Is it due to broadband signal to Knockmore being blocked in some areas of Keith, query trees a problem. Sandy asked if a plan for next year regarding parks etc could be provided.

Clr Coull : Moray Council currently working on budget solving. Dr Gray's Hospital update :

Please see below information to update you on where we have come to in trying to move forward with our plans for Dr Grays.

Key actions to be taken forward in the short/medium term as we work to re-establish services at Dr Grays. This does not detract from the commitment to the longer term ambition.

1. Restoring elective caesarean sections at Dr Gray's Hospital, date will be confirmed over the next 2 weeks.
2. Maximising the local provision of antenatal care and reducing the need for travel or transfer, we are currently tracking activity and seeking to improve and increase this action.
3. Increasing the number of women receiving intrapartum care in Dr Gray's
4. Working in collaboration with NHS Highland exploring any additional actions that can support both sites to be able to deliver the right care for the respective populations.

The Scottish Ambulance Service have agreed that the 'test of change' model in Moray (regarding the tasking of homebound ambulances with a view to maintain robust local cover) is expected to start mid-October. There is also an ongoing requirement to jointly analyse activity in relation to transfers and to ensure that everything is being done to minimise this safety.

Two Paediatric Consultant Locums are now in place in Dr Grays and there has been interest in the other posts advertised.

We are in discussion with the transport lead in Moray Council to see if there are any alternative ways in which we can support transport and transfers to Aberdeen during the winter months. We hope to be able to communicate a position on this in the next 2 weeks.

We are gathering the experiences of people attending both sites relating to both maternity and paediatrics so that we can on an ongoing basis ensure we are picking up on what works and what is not satisfactory so that we can address these issue in as real time as possible.

We will seek to deliver further public involvement mid-October to report on our performance and how the plan for the above is progressing.

Clr Gatt : Moray Council budget - more information to come out in December. Advised to read document and have your say, should you wish.

7. External Group Updates:

KSRP : AGM 29th Oct, 7.30pm, Ugie House Hotel. New website currently being worked on.

Christmas lights : Sunshine Playgroup organising Santa, Tesco have provided some of the toys for it, 24th

Nov. Fife Keith lamppost lights back up a few weeks ago. Tables to be advertised again. 2-4pm and at night. SSE - contact, need to put up on Moss St, query community day again. Query KCC pay towards extravaganza. Rhona Paterson asking if would like to advertise in Lifestyle - yes. Longmore doing teas.

Scots Toun – nothing

8. AOCB:

Give Jane public access defibrillator information - get from ambulance service. Registered and have account but not active yet. 4 digit code finalised.

Beatrice Moray Community Fund : 27th Sept meeting. Beatrice screening applications and putting select few through. No Keith ones were there even though they applied. 29th Nov : meeting/review of year - what worked well, what we should change, what would make fund more accessible, what changes can SSE make e.g. changes to application form, changes to guidelines.

KCC would like it to be more transparent and want to know why applicants were screened out - to be discussed at next meeting for Fiona to go to November meeting with. KSRP weren't on applicant list. Try and find out if other Keith groups applied. £27,059 total awarded to Keith.

Mid St clock broken - bent shaft, wind blew in. Moray Council not planning on fixing it due to potential buyer but made safe. Neil to speak to Iain Grant.

Next Local Community Meeting : Thursday 8th Nov - all KCC members invited too, please attend if you can.

Date of next meeting: 5th November at 7pm, Keith Community Centre