



# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Keith Community Centre

### Members in attendance

Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Steve Hicken, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Sandra Clark, Fiona Addison,

Also in attendance: Councilor Coull, Councilor Gatt, Jamie McIntosh (minute secretary) and 2 members of the public, Sergeant Theresa Clark, Alistair Wakefield (Northern Scot) and Samantha Scowen

### Welcome and Apologies

Welcome by Neil and apologies from Catherine Sinclair, Cllr Ron Shepherd and Dave Carson.

Neil opened the meeting by a short silence in remembrance of former community Councilor Charlie Lawson who sadly passed away in October. Charlie will be sadly missed in the Community. He was fondly known in the community council for having a list of items that needed attending to in Keith which he had to bring up several times before they were dealt with.

#### 1. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Steve Hicken.

#### 2. Police Matters:

Sergeant Clark 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 Organized Crime: On 3<sup>rd</sup> October a search warrant was executed to an address in Green Court where items related to the supply of drugs were recovered. On 4<sup>th</sup> October a 37 year old male on Mid Street was searched and was found to be in possession of Cannabis resin

Anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder: On 3<sup>rd</sup> October a noxious liquid was thrown over the roof of a car on Land Street damaging the paintwork. Enquiries ongoing. On 4<sup>th</sup> October a window was broken on Balloch Road. A 28 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. On the 5<sup>th</sup> October a male has bought alcohol in the Tesco store, went outside and passed it to children outside the store. Police attended a report of a disturbance at Ugie House Hotel on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Two 22 year olds, a 23 and a 49 year old were traced and were taken into custody and variously charged and reported to the court in relation to six assaults and resisting arrest

Acquisitive Crime: On 11<sup>th</sup> October a golf buggy was stolen from Keith Golf club and then found on Drum Road. Two juveniles have been reported to the Youth Justice Management Team

Road Safety: On 23<sup>rd</sup> October a 62 year old was dealt with for having no insurance or MOT on his car. Similarly on 26<sup>th</sup> October a 26 year old male has been dealt with for having no MOT on Moss Street

Bridge roadworks – The bridge works have started and will continue over a ten week period of two phases.

Nearer Christmas work will stop over the holiday period and then continue in to March.

Late license: Bengal, Mid St premises have been awarded the late license. Neil felt it was a waste of time that we are consulted as what we suggest to keep in line with other fast food retailers is not being done. Cllr Coull said it could help the case if someone attends the licensing meeting from the community council As everyone is volunteers and have work commitments it is not possible for anyone to attend

Neil asked if any of the police would be attending the meeting (ASB) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. It was unknown if there would be a police presence.

Neil asked about the disabled parking space on Mid Street. Can someone on this space park for longer than the allocated time? Sergeant thought they could but will find out as it is a space made out for a resident.

Could the police speak to BEAR to see if they can get lines redone on Church Road? The Keep Clear sign needs done to Drum Road as does the box junction at Banff Road.

Cars have started road racing in Tesco carpark again.

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

KCC - £1055

Christmas Lights - £5736

Scots Toun - £3066.53

The wreath for Remembrance Sunday service will have to be paid.

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

CCTV - update: Councilors were asked for an update on the CCTV but no update available. It's in the hands of the contractor to progress.

Mid St/A96 junction – Councilors have not heard back yet.

Mid St. Bins – Bin has been relocated to across the road

Trees that have been cut down – The hedge was rotten apparently near the Monument (but still green) Trees were causing an obstruction to drivers. Apparently picnic areas is to be installed on area next to the monument at foot of Land Street. NK would like to hear what the plan is for other trees in Keith. Are more trees going to be cut down?

Defibrillator – Now registered to Ambulance service. Sign is in process of being made. Once it is up and running it has to be checked once a month the battery/power is in working order.

Mid Street Clock – The clock will not be repaired by Moray Council as the Institute is under offer. Offer is to include the take on of the clock with new owner maintaining it. Ian Grant meantime has asked for a quote for it to be repaired

Ponding at bottom of Mid Street. Cllr Gatt said that Bear will be doing something about this after three years of chasing them upgrade this area.

Harry Gow's - Cllr Coull said there was no progress on possibly getting a sign up to stop motorists going up the lane onto Union Street.

## **5. Correspondence:**

Pam Gowans from Moray Council is attending the December meeting to speak about the progress on a proposed new hospital in Keith.

A letter from Lord Lovat has been received to say that people living near the power station at Beaulay have had to attend Raigmore hospital to be treated for tinnitus. He seemed to think this was a problem with people who lived near the Blackhillock substation but we have not heard of any one suffering from this condition. CS replied to him to say we will let him know if we hear otherwise.

Email received from a lady looking for funding to educate people about abuse. CS will reply to her to say that Micro Grants will be available next year if she wishes to apply then. - **ACTION – CS to send reply**

Auld Brig – Nobody has got back to Catherine regarding the Auld Brig. Laurie Piper has been asked about it and we will look to ask Historic Scotland for advice.

A new bus timetable will be available from 19<sup>th</sup> November.

SSE public Consultation on 20<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm until 7pm in the Keith Sports Centre. This is about connecting two substations one being Black hillock which is looking to be upgraded further.

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

Planning & Licensing: No report

Signs, street furniture and marketing: Bear have contacted us to say they would like to know who owns the planter near to the Stove Shop as they would not like to see it damaged whilst works are ongoing at the bridge. CS has responded to them saying it's the Keith in flower group. Moray Council have been asked to move the planter to save it being damaged. Bear are still assessing potholes on the A96.

Roads and rights of way: BEAR will come to December meeting to do a presentation.

Environment and General Issues: Black direction signs – Cllr Coull said that she had spoken to someone in Heritage Group who don't own the signs. SH said that Gary Coull had previously looked into this and thought Moray Council owned them but at the time there was no money available for them to be repainted. -

**ACTION** - Cllr Coull to investigate further

Cllr Coull: Moray Council currently working on budget and making progress.

Cllr Gatt: No update on the progress of works for the land and parks in Keith.

## **7. External Group Updates:**

KSRP: MC said there had been an AGM recently. KSRP have been invited to put in a detailed application for the bronzes sculptures. The new website is well advanced.

**JCC meeting** – Steve will attend the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Christmas Lights** – A meeting was held recently. Tins were collected from shops and a total of £400 was counted. Posters been put out for the Christmas Fayre on 24<sup>th</sup> November in Longmore Hall. Trees have been ordered and should arrive on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Hope to start dressing them on 19<sup>th</sup> too. Light frames have been acquired from Elgin which they don't require any more but we can put on new lighting and display in Keith and Fife Keith. Lights have been put up in Fife Keith Square. The lights on Mid Street will be going up on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. SSE have been asked to help put up the remaining lights on to the lamp posts which had new lights fitted to the existing frames. They are intending coming to Keith on Monday. Sandy will be there to assist them. SSE have volunteer days that their staff can help out in a local community. Money from account can be used to pay for administration costs.

**Scots Toun** – no update

#### **8. AOCB:**

**Local Community Meeting:** Thursday 8th Nov - all KCC members invited too, please attend if you can. Neil asked if anyone had any thoughts about the upcoming meeting on Thursday. The play equipment that was removed by Moray Council is to be reinstated at the bottom of the park soon Neil hoped that some of the local youngsters would be able to attend the meeting. It was decided to see how the meeting went and possibly ask members of the St Rufus Group to attend a meeting to discuss the future plans they have. Residents from Broomhill Road gave an update on the park. They said that nothing has come of the last meeting. Nothing has been done about a three month mini plan either that was proposed to happen. There has not been so much activity in the park recently possibly due to the dark nights.

**Edintore Windfarm** – At the AGM in March 2019 three people will be obliged to step down from the panel decision making committee. They can retire or go back onto the group. Steve has offered to attend the meeting if either Neil, Fiona or Sandy wish to step down. We will discuss at the February meeting.

**Remembrance Sunday** - Neil will lay the poppy wreath at Sunday's service at Keith War Memorial.

**Comfort Scheme** – Moray Council have asked for businesses to open up their toilet facilities to the public now that there are hardly any public toilets open. The Hub is one of the places in Keith that will be available, Keith Library, Boogie Woogie and Keith Sports Centre are among properties that the public can use.

**Date of next meeting 2nd December** at 7pm, Keith Community Centre