



# Keith Community Council

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

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Coull, Councillor Gatt, Jamie McIntosh (Minute Secretary), 2 members of the public, Shaun Christie BEAR Scotland, George McLean Interim Infrastructure Programme Manager (NHS Grampian), Allan Robertson Property Planning Manager (Health and Social Care Moray), Keith Patient Participation Group - Jane Sharp and Leon Stelmach

**Welcome and Apologies:** Welcome by Neil to last meeting of the year and apologies from Pam Gowans re health centre, Councillor Shepherd, Fiona Addison and Dave Carson.

- 2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

Minutes were approved as accurate by Steven Hickin and seconded by Sandy Dickson

- 3. Police Matters:**

No police were in attendance so Neil ran through 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 6 November 2018, a drug search warrant was executed at an address in Den Crescent, Keith resulting in a 41 year old female being reported for possessing cannabis.

On 8 November 2018, a vehicle was stopped and searched on the A96 outside Keith, three knives and a personal amount of cannabis was recovered and a 38 year old male was reported for offensive weapons and possession of cannabis.

Anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder:

On 5 November 2018, a bin was deliberately set on fire at Seafeld Park, Keith, enquiries are ongoing.

On 6 November 2018, a female was assaulted in Viewfield, Keith, enquiries are ongoing.

On 7 November 2018, a car was vandalised by scratching the body work at Gulf Service Station, Regent Street, Keith.

On 16 November 2018, a group of children aged 10, 11 and 12 were involved in a disturbance at the Keith Swimming Pool where they acted in a racial manner towards another child and two of them assaulted the same male. A report will be submitted to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

On 16 November 2018, a group of children and teenagers carried out a Theft and caused a disturbance and assaulted an adult male at Tesco's, Keith. Three male children aged 10, 11 and 15 have been charged and a report is being submitted to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

On 23 November 2018, a car was vandalised by scratching the body work at Braeside, Keith. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 25 November 2018, a female was the victim in a serious assault on Mid Street, Keith. A 21 year old male was arrested and kept in custody to appear at court.

#### Acquisitive Crime:

On 16 November 2018, the theft of three Motability vehicles were stolen in Alexandra Road, Keith two male children ages 10 and 11 have been charged and a report is going to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

On 23 November 2018, a house breaking with intent was reported at Land Street, Keith where entry to the property was gained by forcing a window with nothing having been stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 26 November 2018, a Theft by shoplifting occurred at Tesco's Keith, Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

#### Road Safety:

On 8 November 2018 a 61 year old male was dealt with for no insurance or MOT and his vehicle seized on Nelson Terrace, Keith.

On 11 November 2018, a 61 year old male was reported for driving with no insurance at Nelson Street, Keith.

On 16 November 2018, a 19 year old female was seen on Regent Square, Keith, to be driving in a careless manner and is to be issued with an ASBO warning.

On 21 November 2018, a male failed to comply with a red light on Church Road and is to be dealt with for this matter.

On 25 November 2018, a 26 year old male was dealt with for driving with no insurance on Edindiach Road, Keith.

On 27 November 2018, a 16 year old male was dealt with for careless driving on his scooter in Reidhaven Square and Mid Street Keith.

On 28 November 2018, an 18 year old male was dealt with for failing to stop after an accident on Station Road, Keith.

Steve asked what happens when children are referred to the Youth Justice Management Unit. Need to ask police

Two members of public brought up the following issues: Retired Westerton Road residents have seen fast cars going up to power station. These are noisy, intimidating and dangerous. Cars also racing around Tesco on Friday nights after shop closes. Police have been informed. On 11.11.18 101 call placed regarding youths setting off fireworks near property walls in St Rufus Park. Youths were drinking for hours.

Neil reported break in to squash court to Police and phoned Moray Council who sent a joiner out to secure site.

Still ongoing issues with St Rufus Park – residents feel they are struggling to get police to see how big an

issue it is.

#### **4. Presentation from BEAR Scotland and Health Centre Update**

##### **Shaun Christie, Bear Scotland, Route Engineer**

Upcoming works and planned works. Phase 1 of Bridge works should be finished next week and phase 2 will start in the new year.

Planned works: drainage investigations throughout Keith to see what condition they are in as some complaints of flooding. Instead of targeting complaints going to investigate everything that belongs to BEAR, but obviously not council. Councillor Gatt suggested working with Moray Council to carry out works together. Shaun advised that if this was necessary then they would do so. These works won't start until the bridge is finished.

Road markings through Keith - scheme to replace them. Don't know if this will be done before the end of the financial year. It's also better to do in April/May as the lines will stay longer. Hazard areas will be done before then if needed.

Surfacing - not much budget left but multiple surfacing schemes planned for Keith next financial year. Investigations to be carried out potentially before April. Main areas from petrol station towards bridge/road to Mulben, also Banff junction to bridge work area - looking to investigating these. Resurfacing can last up to 16 years.

Sandy asked about the bad road surface between Buckie and Newmill road. Skid resistance might be something that could be used here. Yellow high friction only lasts 6-8 years and pulls up the rest of the surface.

Neil asked about ponding at Mid St – this is to be included in the flooding investigations. Will need to liaise with Moray Council as this involves Mid St. Neil also asked about the Keep Clear road marking at the bottom of Drum Road – can a temporary sign be put in place to keep junction clear as Keep Clear has come off. Shaun advised this could be remarked over Christmas as road markings will be put on bridge at that time.

Councillor Gatt said a couple of drains/covers have sunk. BEAR are in discussion with Scottish Water regarding this but things are not moving very fast on Scottish Waters part. Will keep pushing. Near Ugie bad.

Neil raised the flooding issue at Mulben/bridge junction. Drainage should be looked into as part of resurfacing. Also drain constantly blocked.

Also looking at some footpaths - worst bits to be targeted after bridge works complete.

Sandy asked if drains are to be cleaned. Shaun advised they are already cleaned twice a year, he will provide dates for this.

##### **Health Centre Update from George McLean and Allan Robertson**

George McLean, Premises: NHS Grampian dealing with premises. Recruitment of project manager for extensive work to be done over next year. Lengthy process to recruit someone, advert out and closes on Wednesday. Interest shown in post. Person will primarily work on KHC and will build a case to get the new

health centre. Keith remains a top priority for Moray and top 3 or 4 for Grampian. Hoping to get something like Forres Health Centre - much more involved with the community, maybe community area, a bit for police etc. Hope to have someone recruited by Christmas and able to take them along to Feb meeting. Make sure community gets what they need for Keith. In addition to working on the new health centre improvements are to be made to the current health centre, but their primary concern is the new health centre. Moray Council are pushing community hubs, this could be brought into the health centre, as well as virtual access, broadband, communication with Aberdeen, Glasgow etc. Try and tie in everything and get Moray Council and NHS to work together. This would increase the chance of getting the health centre done quicker and maybe better.

Allan Robertson: some works to be done to current hospital in order for it to become a teaching practice. Working with Moray Council, new site has been identified and working with council to get area identified as health care use- ongoing. New site looks set to be on outskirts of Keith on Banff Road just up from community centre - off main road, close to community centre, good location. £70,000 + work being done at hospital just now. A lot of work to be done with council and other partners to get what Keith needs and project manager is essential to that. Neil said works seem to have moved on quite a bit.

Susan asked about The Original Factory Shop as location but too small an area as needs parking, building and space for expansion. Need to accommodate visiting clinicians etc. Bus service for Forres was rerouted so stops there, maybe a possibility here. Hoping people will understand why having to move to outskirts, need space and parking. Not a like for like replacement, will accommodate so much more. Getting more agencies on board will help funding, working hard to try and achieve.

Leon Stelmach: anxious to get going with new health centre but not to expect it tomorrow. Intending to put out press release but no one from paper here so just add that progress is being made.

Neil asked if they could attend Feb or March meeting.

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

KCC - £973.29

Christmas Lights - £5325.82 plus proceeds from extravaganza

Scots Toun - £3066.53

Council funding - to be used. Neil would rather take the money and do something with it. Catherine to speak to Jane and see what is to happen. £420 available.

Town clock broken - could KCC put money towards helping to fix it? Councillor Coull advised that the sale is still proceeding and as part of the sale the clock has to be kept in working condition. There is still concern that it will get damaged further. Still no name of buyer. Disappointed that clock hasn't been repaired. Councillor Coull said council aren't going to pay to get fixed if being sold.

Longmore doing up rooms at back for meeting rooms - can KCC donate money towards this? Groups could use these rooms. KCC could sponsor it and have advert - come and join your local council. Needs paint, carpet, ripping out mirrors. KCC could have a plaque or on noticeboard. Donate £400. Neil could ask Ricky Scott if he could do a plaque. He's already doing one for the defibrillator. Neil will speak to Rhona Paterson regarding donating to the Longmore Hall.

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

Councillor Coull - Heritage signs: reply from council, don't belong to them, don't know whose they are. Heritage group don't own either. Neil to ask Stuart Cree.

CCTV: any progress? No progress. Waiting for electrical company and contractors to sort stuff out.

Harry Gow lane: council would have to monitor it, don't have the staff to do this.

Cutting down of trees: Councillor Coull still waiting for reply.

Defibrillator: needs to be checked every month - Steven agreed to do this. Ambulance service knows it's there.

Community meeting about young people in Keith did not happen. Some people weren't even told and there were mistakes in email addresses. The Loft didn't know it was on.

Remembrance Service: excellent turnout, best Neil has seen, very well supported and very nice parade. Well done to Keith people for turnout. Bridge work didn't seem to cause a problem.

Comfort Scheme: council hoping to get up and running in May. Will it increase footfall? There will be signs on closed toilets to direct people to places included in the scheme.

Toilets: Mr Tanden from Premier Convenience Store wants Keith Square toilets re-open, rather than Fife Keith's being open. Mr Tanden wanted to get money to re-open, not sure where from. Councillor Coull advised it costs money to re-open toilets - flushing system, electricity etc. Would probably need KCC permission – KCC don't want to get involved with the toilet issue, it's up to Moray Council. Neil led to believe that Fife Keith kept open due to higher footfall.

## **7. Correspondence:**

Clash Gour memorandum of understanding - a few councils signed. Does KCC want to know about it/sign it?

A96 forum meeting: exhibition Thursday afternoon in Mosstodloch then next meeting January 2019.

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

Planning & Licensing: Milton Lodge, planning permission for a bungalow and Mar Court fence.

Signs, street furniture and marketing: No report

Roads and rights of way: 21st December - first phase of bridge should be completed then all traffic lights will be removed. Work will restart 14th January on other side of bridge until 22nd March. Appear to be slightly ahead of schedule. Traffic light contractor present from 7am to approximately 8-9pm. If traffic lights break outwith these hours there is an out of hours response team. Steve has the number for this. There is also a 24 hour recovery service available.

Joint community councils - meet once every quarter. Presentation on Clash Gour funding scheme - would be happy to come along and do a presentation. Leave at moment.

Environment and General Issues: No report. Beatrice – wondered why previous Keith applications hadn't showed up on list – they had applied for a different fund.

Councillor Coull: Bank of Scotland closure - petition around town. Can as many people sign as possible to tell Bank of Scotland that we are not happy. There was also a meeting about it. Council budget work ongoing. Food bank - rumours about closing. Store room closing not food bank.

Councillor Gatt: Bank of Scotland meeting attended by 38-40 people, not as well attended as Lossiemouth meeting. Lots of good info from Sub post master regarding services that the post office can offer. Bank didn't attend meeting (or Lossiemouth's). Percentages were given, but no numbers, so not very useful. Document re footfall showed that customer has to attend bank twice a week to be counted once. Between MSP and MP something might come of it, but at least it highlights people's unhappiness about this. Councillor Gatt also working on Council budget proposals.

## **9. External Group Updates:**

- **KSRP:** Website ongoing
- **Christmas Lights:** Christmas Fayre - excellent, £639 took. Santa organised by the Sunshine Playgroup. Well done to all involved.
- **Scots Toun :** No update

## **10. AOCB:**

Residents still looking for answers regarding St Rufus Park. They have sent a couple of emails to Moray Council requesting information regarding drainage and details regarding gym equipment pre assessment. They asked Fiona Morrison at Beatrice if equipment needs approval before funding – yes it does. Residents not consulted at all. Same issues with upcoming trim trails. Everyone should be consulted before new equipment is actually installed. New equipment shouldn't be going ahead until current situation sorted out. The swing and diggers are being moved on 21st December, as well as an additional roundabout being installed. Residents looking for a short, medium and long term plan. Residents not had to deal with these problems prior to new equipment being installed. Council haven't made any attempt to rein in St Rufus Park Regeneration group. Also publically splashed everywhere, not done behind closed door. Residents have been dealt an extremely bad deal. Residents requesting information and answers due to no clarity and no transparency even though they have tried their hardest to get it. Asked under Freedom of Information Act regarding siting of equipment. Not ideal to deal directly with group at it's become personal. Neil advised them to speak to Colin Bell if not getting anywhere.

**Date of next meeting:** 4th February at 7pm, Keith Community Centre