



Keith Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 15th May at Keith Community Centre

1. Members in attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Sandy Dickson, Marguerite Cruickshank,

Also in attendance: Councillor Coull, Councillor Gatt and 4 members of the public. Also in attendance for part of the meeting were Susan Pellegrom and Alan Robertson

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Steve Hickin, Catherine Sinclair, Sandra Clark and Cllr Shepherd.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank.

3. Police Matters:

No police in attendance at tonight's meeting

The Community Safety Report was circulated by email and discussed at the meeting and included the following:

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

On 1st April, two air weapons were seized from an address at Auchindoun, Keith, on 24 April a 31 year old male was found in possession of cannabis resin at Colvin Court, Keith.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

On 5th April a 17 year old youth was arrested for breaching his curfew conditions

Between 8th and 9th April, a garage window was vandalised and smashed at 27 Regent Street, Keith. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 13th April, two vandalisms occurred at the Ugie House Hotel where two males snapped pool cues. Enquiries are ongoing.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

On April 8th reports of a theft by house breaking, a vandalism and a theft were received in Fraser Place and Nelson Terrace, where following enquiries one youth has been charged and other enquiries are ongoing concerning another youth and a report will be sent to the Youth Justice Unit.

Power tools were stolen from a locked shipping container at Aultmore overnight on 16th March.

ROAD SAFETY

On the 9th of April on the A96 outside of Keith a trailer was found with faulty brakes, a 51 year old male was charged.

On 12th April, a report of a fail to stop fail to report accident occurred at Quarryhill. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 18th April, on the A96 at Keith a 26 year old male was charged with dangerous driving.

On 23rd April following a two vehicle collision on the A96 at Keith a 27 year old male was subsequently traced and charged with dangerous driving and failing to stop or report an accident.

Keith Health Centre – Alan Robertson and Susan Pelegrom (project manager appointed) attended tonight's meeting to give an update. Fact finding and engaging with services have been completed. A project board has been set up and meetings are to be arranged for later in the year. Events are to be organised for the public to attend. Leaflets were available tonight to distribute to the community. They are looking for community engagement from the public. An initial agreement is to last for a year and then funding will be applied for from Scottish Government. Pathfinder work has to be completed first. SD asked if there has been communication with police and fire service. No there

has not been yet. Discussions have been made with Health transport. They are working with local authority as a large piece of land will have to be purchased. These plans should be out soon. The money comes from Health and social care partnership Keith is Morays number one priority for a new health centre.

4. Treasurer's Report:

KCC - £967.70

Christmas Lights - £3,848.01

Scots Toun - £2891.58

5. Matters arising from the last minutes

Business wheelie bins – Owners of some business wheelie bins have had notes advising them to move the bins of the end of lanes as causing obstruction.

Auld Brig – Title deeds have been found that show the owner of the Auld brig is Diageo. They own part of the river including the bridge.

Keith Library – Youths are still congregating outside library to receive free WI – Fi. Action – Councillor Coull will speak to someone from library.

Litter pick – the provisional date of the litter pick for Sunday 28th April 10am had to be postponed as there was no equipment available from Moray Council to do a litter pick. They have been busy with requests from groups for the equipment. A date later in year will be arranged or into next year. SD and a few others from Men's Shed did a pick one Sunday morning. They did not think there was so much rubbish but thinks there are people who pick up rubbish when out walks. Staff at Tesco have done around Tesco and the cubs will also do Fife Keith area

St Rufus Park Equipment – NK received an email from Colin Bell. Consultation went out on 8th May. The tree trail will be erected along the bottom of the park. The path is getting really bumpy with tree roots Are there any plans for the path to be up graded Suggest that Pathways funding could be contacted about this. There are early discussions about getting zip wire replaced as it is at the end of its life but no plans to add additional equipment. Police to be spoken to about anti social behaviour which has started up again.

Crossing Patrollers – A questionnaire was issued to Keith Primary School pupils. 139 replied. 90 would like to pay for a crossing patroller. Rest said they pay enough to Moray Council in Community charge. How much would it cost to employ a crossing patroller and who would be responsible for the liability insurance? JCC have been discussing this.

Site Visit to A96 - Steve to update us at the next meeting

Grass cutting – The Cuthil Park grass is to be cut as soon as possible. Moray Council Housing are to pay for grass to be cut around council houses. Fife Park was all cut today but Seafield Park had only a football pitch size cut again. Reported that last time grass was cut it took the council employee to cut grass an hour but he was on site for another two hours. If he was being paid to be there for three hours why was the whole of Seafield park not cut? A meeting is to be held with Grant Speed and the Keith Show committee. A member of the public at tonights meeting has offered to cut Seafield Park but he has to have grass cutting tyres and there are so many rules to comply with it is not worth doing. Lots of people have been complaining about the lack of grass cutting ,the metre that is cut around some parks, Play parks been cut and bits left in middle of areas which looks unsightly. **ACTION: Cllr Coull will find out why this is**
Keith Bandstand grass has been cut by a strimmer, where was the mower NK asked. The cut grass was left which is an eyesore.

Joint Community Councils Subgroup – no update

Edintore Community Benefit Fund – Neil, Steve and Sandy attended the meeting and most people who applied were awarded funding

Longmore Hall – there is a meeting in the hall on 15th May 2019. Rhona Paterson entered the meeting to ask if Keith Community Council wanted to have a say on what was to happen with items removed from Institute. A meeting to discuss this will be arranged. The items are currently being stored in the Longmore hall

Moray Town Centre Funds – Public meetings have been ranged for later in May. The one in Keith is on Wednesday 29th from four until seven in the Resource centre. Groups are being asked to meet up together and put forward good ideas which would benefit Keith Town centre. Would a school crossing come under the criteria? Councillor Coull said it would. Could toilets be knocked down and make way for a superloo was another suggestion. £150,000 is the maximum for any application. If Community Council applied for funding the work would have to be done first then submit the invoices. SD asked who would be on the panel. Jim Grant and Graham Leadbetter amongst others will be on the panel.

Keith Swimming Pool – There is a meeting arranged for this week for supporters of Keith Swimming pool.

6. Correspondence

Electric Voices Theatre is looking for funding to put on a play about Isabella Gordon from Keith. No money is available from the Community Council.

We have shared information on fundraising and training etc. to Facebook

7. Community Councillors' Update:

Planning & Licensing – no updates

Roads and rights of way – ponding issue still on Church Road. Query regarding a disabled space if it is used for a disabled person. Can check on Moray Council website. More roadworks to happen as a gas pipe is to be fitted from Clarks in Fife Keith down and up Union Street then down Ugie Brae and across road to Seafield Avenue This is due to commence summer 2019.

Signs, Street Furniture and Marketing – Finger sign at Keith Town station pointing the wrong way for Strathisla Distillery. It's pointing to Fife Keith. Still don't know who's responsible for the signs to be repainted. Signs for toilets in Mid Street were asked to be taken down but Theresa advised they have a sign to say where the nearest toilet is. The list has not been issued yet as to who is on the comfort scheme.

Environment and General Issues – no report

Councillor Coull – Theresa attended a meeting with TSB who are not going to back down on the Mid Street closure. Cllr Gatt asked if all banks could get together and get into a building and have a representative from each bank on the street. Theresa advised that they have said it will cost too much to put in IT and computer systems and that if customers from different banks are in the same building banks could be touting business from customers waiting to be seen. Moray Leisure Center is doing well. A complaints officer may be employed in the council. Essential skills funding to be stopped. There are currently 256 users. Complaints about vehicles parking on the road at entrance to L & I Eaton causing an obstruction. .ACTION - Councillor Coull to look into this.

Councillor Gatt – Donald has been nominated onto the audit/ scrutiny committee.

8. External Group Updates:

Keith & Strathisla Regeneration Partnership – There has been progress with web-site and a meeting is to be arranged

Christmas Lights Committee – Jane Martin has replied to say that Keith Christmas Lights is a sub - committee of Keith Community Council on the face book page. Lights have been taken down and stripped from their frames. Work to put n new lights replaced on the frames will start 15th May.

9. AOCB:

Coffee Mornings – At the next meeting we will discuss if anyone would be willing to keep a note of Coffee mornings. A member of the public said that a lady on Mid Street used to keep a diary so that anyone could add their coffee morning or check there were no others on that same day. One week there has been no coffee mornings then there are three the following one.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd June at 7pm, Keith Community Centre