



Keith Community Council

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

Members in attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Susan Hutcheon, Sandy Dickson, Steve Hickin, Sandra Clark and Catherine Sinclair (minutes)

Also in attendance: Cllr Gatt, Callum Stuart and Rhona Patterson (from 8pm)

Welcome and Apologies: Neil welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Marguerite Cruickshank, Cllr Coull and Cllr Shepherd

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Steve also attended Edintore Community Benefit Fund meeting. Subject to this change the minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Neil Kidd.

2. Police Matters:

No police in attendance at tonight's meeting. This month's Community Safety Report has not yet been received.

3. Treasurer's Report:

KCC - £967.70

Christmas Lights - £3,848.01

Scots Toun - £2891.58

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

Keith Library – no update

Crossing Patrollers / Joint Community Council subgroup – there is just a few weeks left until crossing patrollers finish. The Joint Community Council subcommittee has worked hard on this and met with Moray Council, but proposed Moray-wide solutions were not felt to be workable. The last subgroup meeting was cancelled and some areas continue to work locally on solutions and fundraising. We are waiting to hear back from BEAR about a vehicle transport assessment to be carried out by Transport Scotland.

Moray Town Centre Funds – Neil attended the roadshow last week. Attendance was low in Keith. Neil was advised that applications for shop front improvements in Mid Street would be a priority for Keith. The timeline is quite tight, 3 quotes are required and match funding needs to be secured. A few businesses in Keith have expressed interest. Keith Community Council has no plans to apply.

ACTION: Catherine - Email United Keith & KSRP to ask if interested in meeting with Keith Community Councillors to discuss this.

Grass cutting – our thanks to Ken Kennedy for the prompt and open reply to the queries about grass cutting. According to the Joint Community Council subgroup, it may be possible for volunteers to be insured to cut grass if they are formal volunteers of Moray Council, or if responsibilities for an area are formally passed to an organisation such as a Community Council. Formal arrangements would have to be in writing.

Longmore Hall / Items from Keith Institute – it was agreed Keith Community Councillors should go to Longmore Hall to look at the Community Council items and plan what to do with them.

ACTION: Anyone available to go to Longmore Hall Wednesday 12th at 7pm

Swimming Pool – the first meeting has been held

Finger signs – carried forward.

Toilet signage – Cllr Gatt emailed: We need to make a list of all signs and street furniture that need to be removed and send to Colin Bell. **ACTION: Compile a list – all to contribute**

Coffee Mornings diary – discussed. Events can be submitted to the IN **ACTION: Susan to make enquiries**

5. Correspondence

Defibrillator – The Sandpiper Trust and Chivas have been in touch. Chivas have kindly offered to donate a defibrillator, cabinet and a staff electrician to assist with installation. Neil has spoken with Longmore Hall Committee members and it could be fitted outside the Hall.

There was further discussion on location of defibrillators.

ACTION: Catherine Email Defibs for Moray re Keith Bags of Help application and check if the phone box scheme for defibrillators is still available

GDPR – a reminder was received to renew registration with the Information Commissioner's Office. A direct debit for £35 will be taken on 25th June

6. Community Councillors' Updates:

Planning & Licensing – no updates

Roads and rights of way

A96 Site visit – Steve visited the bridge after the work was complete, which should now last another 100 years. BEAR will carry out limited resurfacing as there is resurfacing works already scheduled to be carried out in Keith. This resurfacing has to be carried out when the budget for it is allocated so cannot be delayed until after gas works. A conduit has been put in for gas mains works so the bridge should not have to be dug up for this.

ACTION: Steve to ask BEAR if a large planter can be placed in front of the bus shelter between the road and old shelter

Signs, Street Furniture and Marketing – no update

Environment and General Issues – no report

Councillor Coull – no report

Councillor Gatt – report circulated by email

Use of the Moray Council Call Centre or Online Reporting Forms is encouraged to speed up the reporting of problems and save the council money. Web link

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_88163.html

Details of the Council policy on Grass Cutting in Public Areas can be found at this link

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_106139.html

Recent events: May– Appointed to membership of the Policy and Resources Committee, this resulted from my recent appointment as Chairman of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

28 May – Communities Committee. 30 May – Attended Rothiemay PS Parent Council. A briefing was given by Catering Officers on school lunches.

Future Events: 4 June – Policy and Resources Committee.

5 June – Ward 2 Keith & Cullen briefing on the Local Development Plan 2020 and Keith Grammar

School Awards Ceremony

6 June – RAF Lossiemouth Annual Reception. 12 Jun 19 – Licencing Committee.

28 June - Ward Surgeries being booked, details to be published online and in the media.

7. External Group Updates:

Keith & Strathisla Regeneration Partnership – KSRP has discussed Town Centre Fund and are planning to look into funding for the Keith sculpture. The InKeith website also needs longer term funding. There is a Moray Towns Partnership meeting 4th June and the fund will also be discussed there. KSRP would also like to see murals and information boards in unused spaces or empty shop fronts.

Christmas Lights Committee – some lamppost lights have been refurbished. The Mid Street lights that need refurbished have been stripped and new lights will be ordered for them. There are plans to apply for Bags of Help funding.

8. AOCB:

Keith Grammar School – We would like to wish Jamus Macpherson well with his recovery

Beatrice Community Fund Panel – a replacement Panel member is needed for the next meeting Tuesday 11th June at Rothiemay. **ACTION: Catherine to pass on Sandy's contact details to tsiMORAY for application forms**

Resignations: Fiona Addison sent a letter of resignation and we have sent a letter of thanks. Catherine has also resigned and Steve will be taking over as Secretary

Co-options - Callum agreed to be co-opted as a member. Other members are needed.

Rrrrallye – 16th June. Driver of the Year competition is open to all and entry is free by donation

Circles Drug & Alcohol Advocacy Support – emailed offering to do a presentation on the support they can offer to Keith Community Council. **ACTION: Catherine to reply to invite to July meeting**

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 1st July at 7pm, Keith Community Centre