



# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 01<sup>st</sup> July 2019 in Keith Community Centre

### Members in attendance

Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Sandra Clark, Davey Carson, Callum Stuart.

Also in attendance: Councillor D. Gatt, PC Toby Lewin and 1 member of the public.

### Welcome and Apologies

Welcome by Neil and apologies from Susan.

The Community Council members welcomed Callum Stuart as a member of KCC following confirmation of his co-opting.

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

Minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Callum Stuart

### 2. Police Matters:

PC Toby Lewin from Keith Police station attended and gave a report on local incidents.

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

KCC - £917.70

Christmas Lights - £1784.87

Scots Toun - £2630.59

### 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

**Grass Cutting** – The ongoing issues were discussed and an email from Ken Kennedy was referred to. The JCC sub group is currently taking no further action on the Grass cutting issues across Moray.

**Town centre Funding from Moray council** - Neil has spoken to KSRP about this. Macpherson's and the Institute intend to make applications for funding.

**KCC Furniture stored in the Longmore Hall** – A discussion took place on having the furniture valued with a view to selling it.

**Action: Neil to contact the Antique Dealer in Fochabers for a valuation.**

**Finger signs** – A discussion was held concerning the Black Finger signs located around the Town which give direction to local places of interest and amenities. It is believed that Moray Council was involved with the installation of these signs.

**Action: Steve will take photos of the signs and email to Cllr Gatt to raise at Council.**

**Defibrillator** – The proposed donation of a Defibrillator to Keith by Difibs for Moray was discussed .

**Action: Steve to contact Defibs for Moray for more information.**

**Scottish Water Sewer works:** The renewal work on the sewer pipe that crosses the river Isla just below the cemetery has been delayed.

**Beatrice Wind Farm Fund:** £36072 for grants under £10,000 is still waiting to be claimed.

## **Resignations:**

Previously Fiona Addison had resigned as a Community Councillor and Catherine Sinclair had resigned as Secretary to Keith Community Council.

Fiona's resignation as a Community Councillor has been reluctantly accepted and recorded accordingly, the community councillors recorded their thanks for her service to the community and wished her well for the future, a letter of thanks has been sent.

Catherine's resignation from the post of Secretary to KCC has been accepted reluctantly. The Community Councillors recorded their thanks to Catherine for her service to the council and wished her well for the future. A letter of thanks will be sent to Catherine accordingly.

Steve Hickin has taken the post of secretary.

**Action:** Steve to send a letter to Catherine thanking her for her service to Keith Community Council.

**Co-opting of new Community Council member :** Community Council Liaison Officer Jane Martin has confirmed that Callum Stuart has been co-opted as a member of Keith Community Council.

## **5. Correspondence:**

**Community Council Meeting Venue** – Confirmation has been received that the Community Centre meeting room has been Booked for 2020.

**BT Adopt a Telephone Kiosk Scheme** – The BT scheme to 'Adopt a Telephone Kiosk in your community' is still open.

**Action:** Steve to enquire about the possibility of a Telephone Kiosk being available as the site for a Defibrillator.

**Scottish Ambulance Service** – The Scottish Ambulance Service has announced the introduction of a new Clinical response model.

**Action:** Steve to contact Scottish Ambulance Service to arrange for a speaker to attend a Community Council meeting.

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

**Planning & Licensing: No Updates.**

### **Roads & Rights of Way:**

Sandy and Steve inspected the proposed location for a decorative planter in front of the old Bus shelter on the edge of Reidhaven Square and found it a suitable location for the planter. The planter is now in position.

The ponding at the corner of Mid Street with the A96 and proposed resurfacing of the A96 is still outstanding.

**Action: Sandy and Steve to contact BEAR for an update on the situation.**

**Signs, Street Furniture & Marketing:** (Finger signs are being followed up by Steve).

## **Environment & General Issues: No updates.**

### **Councillor Gatt:**

Councillor Gatt reported that he recently held Surgeries in Portknockie, Keith and Rothiemay and had been disappointed that no one had attended the Keith surgery. He also reported that, as part of his role on the Audit & Scrutiny committee he is participating in work to improve scrutiny and transparency at Moray Council.

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

### **KSRP – No Updates**

#### **Christmas Lights:**

The fitting of the new rope lights to the Mid Street frames is ongoing. Funding is OK at the moment.

**Scots Toun:** No updates.

## **8. AOCB:**

Concerns have been raised about the size of the Keith Builder's Merchants signs on the planters at the A96 Eastern and Western approaches to Keith.

#### **Keith in Flower:**

A new fence is to be installed at the Band Stand and Keith Builder's Merchants have provided the wood and posts for the fence. Plans are also in place for planters in the square next year.

The Community Council expressed its thanks and appreciation for the hard work Keith in Flower had carried out with the colourful and attractive planting at the Band Stand.

#### **Community Bus Group:**

The Bus is well used by the community but more volunteer drivers are still needed. One user group has been given a 'Yellow card' warning for the condition the bus was in after they used it.

#### **Recruitment of Community Councillors:**

A discussion took place concerning the need to recruit more community Councillors in Keith, the Community Council has Ten seats, there are currently eight Community Councillors two of whom are co-opted. Members feel that the Community Council would benefit if we could attract members from younger age groups. The idea of posting a recruitment notice on Face Book was discussed.

**Action: Steve to draft a notice for FB.**

#### **Welcome to Keith signs:**

Callum reported that the 'Welcome to Keith' signs on the A96 Eastern and Western approaches to the town are very dirty and asked if the KCC knew who was responsible for cleaning or maintenance. (BEAR or Transport for Scotland)?

**Action: Steve to ask BEAR who is responsible for these signs.**

#### **Seafield Park:**

Dog waste bins are overflowing.

**This should be reported to Moray Council using the online complaints form.**

**Empty shops in Mid Street:**

Marguerite raised the issue of the empty shops in Mid Street and how the lack of window cleaning and tidying was making Mid Street look very untidy. She wondered if it were possible for KCC to pay for the windows to be cleaned and some basic tidying up.

**Actions:**

**Steve to ask the Community Council Liaison Officer if KCC can pay for the window cleaning & tidying up.**

**Marguerite to obtain quotes for tidying up.**

**9. There is no meeting in August, the Date, time and venue of the next meeting is:**

**02<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7pm, Keith Community Centre.**