



The Keith Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 02nd September 2019 in Keith Community Centre

Members in attendance

Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin, Marguerite Cruickshank, Sandy Dickson, Susan, Callum Stuart.

Also in attendance: Councillor D. Gatt, Councillor T. Coull, Police Sgt Robert Williams (Buckie Stn) and two members of the public.

Welcome and Apologies

Attendees welcomed by Neil, apologies were received from Sandra.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Marguerite advised that the figure for the Scots Toun under 'minute 3 Treasurer's Report' should be £2603.59, not £2630.59 as shown. The minute was amended accordingly.

Following amendment the Minutes were approved as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Susan.

2. Police Matters:

Police Sgt Robert Williams from Buckie Station gave the Community Safety Partnership Report for local incidents between the 01st and 31st of August 2019. Following his report Sgt Williams gave a brief overview of the new mobile Technology which is coming into use by the Police. This Technology uses a palm held unit which allows officers to make reports and request information directly without having to go back to the station which allows more officers to be out and about.

The following matters were brought to Sgt Williams attention;

- A vehicle is parking outside the Regent Street branch of Strathisla Bakery and causes an obstruction of the access to the properties behind the shop.
- A car is parking across the Fire Gate that opens from the Show Ground onto Seafield Walk.
- Cars are speeding when going up to the Football Park at all times of the day
- There have been reports that a section of fence has been removed in the Skate Park to allow a car to drive through the Skate Park and into a back garden. The concern is the hazard created when the car crosses the land adjacent to the Skate Park when it is used. Cllr Coull advised that a resident had applied to Moray Council for permission to remove part of a fence to allow a car to be driven into a back garden for maintenance. It is not clear if this application was granted, or if so, for how long? The Police will contact Ken Kennedy at Moray Council for clarification.

Sgt Williams left the meeting at 19.22hrs.

3. Treasurer's Report:

KCC = £857.70

Christmas Lights = £1784.87

Scots Toun = £2603.59

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Finger Signs – Cllr Gatt reported that after his enquiries at the Council it appears the Finger signs were part of a scheme from Development plans a number of years ago and as such there is no budget for their maintenance. He suggested that the Community Council could apply to future Town centre regeneration funds when they become available.

Laura Cameron from TSI had suggested that there may be some funds available to renovate the signs as a 'one off' project but a local community group or organisation would have to 'adopt' the Finger signs to secure ongoing funding.

The current condition of the signs was discussed and Callum pointed out that some 'Fingers' were obsolete and needed removing. It was decided that removal of the obsolete 'Fingers' be looked into and to seek a sign writer/painter to refurbish the 'Fingers'.

Action: Callum to arrange removal of obsolete Fingers

Action: Steve to post on KCC FB page a request for a Painter to refurbish the signs.

Ponding at corner of Mid Street, Resurfacing of A96 in Keith and Cleaning of 'Welcome to Keith' Signs: To date, Steve has received no reply to his emails to BEAR and has been unable to make contact by phone.

Callum provided a phone number for BEAR's office in Perth.

Action: Steve to contact BEAR office in Perth for information.

Cllr Coull reported that the 'Welcome to Keith' signs had been cleaned by BEAR that morning, (Monday 02/09/19).

KCC Furniture stored in the Longmore Hall – Neil reported that he was awaiting a Valuer to contact him.

Action: Neil to report back at next month's meeting.

Defibrillator – Steve has spoken to Dave Chapman of Defibs for Moray who has a Defibrillator awaiting a suitable location for installation in Keith. He also asked if KCC could suggest some other suitable sites for Defibrillators in and around Keith.

A discussion took place and Callum offered the Keith Show Office as a site for the Defibrillator currently stored by Dave Chapman and this was accepted.

Steve reported that the Scottish Ambulance Service was collaborating with the British Heart Foundation on a new registration Database for the Public Access Defibrillators, (PADS). The KCC PAD is now registered with the new Database.

A question was raised about the Defibrillator offered by Chivas which had been allocated to the Longmore Hall; there is no information on the progress of this matter.

Action: Steve to pass Callum's contact number to Defibs for Moray.

Action: Steve to speak to Chivas regarding the progress of their Defibrillator offer.

Scottish Water Sewer works: The renewal work on the sewer pipe that crosses the river Isla just below the cemetery is now under way there is some minor disruption to use of the footpath alongside the river while the work takes place.

Adopt a phone Kiosk: None of the Kiosks listed for removal by BT are in Keith.

Empty shops in Mid Street: Steve has spoken to CLO Jane Martin who advised that the Admin funds cannot be used to pay for the cleaning of windows and that property maintenance was the responsibility of the owners.

Grass Cutting: This is still an issue; Neil has been approached by several people who have asked why volunteers in other Towns are getting organised to cut the grass.

Dog Waste Bins Seafield Park: Callum had reported the overflowing bins via the Moray Council website and they were emptied shortly afterwards.

Keith Builders Merchants Sponsored Planters: The planters are the responsibility of Keith in Flower and it will be left to them to resolve this matter.

5. Correspondence:

The following emails were received:

- from Rhona Patterson regarding KCC's offer to donate a Notice Board to the Longmore Hall.
Action: Neil will price the cost of a Notice Board which will be discussed at the next meeting.
Callum advised that a Notice Board could cost between £200 and £400.
- From Fife Keith Action Group enquiring about the Beatrice Micro grants.

From this a discussion took place regarding the Beatrice Micro grants, it was agreed that KCC would use the same allocation method as last year and distribute ten grants of up to £250. Applications would be taken on a 'First come, first served' basis. The funds would be advertised via Facebook after the grant money was received. Steve advised that the Beatrice Fund had some admin difficulties and were asking us to send them a Bank statement. Marguerite queried as to why the Beatrice Fund would need to see a Bank Statement and not just need our Bank account details? Steve will contact the Beatrice Fund to clarify the matter.

6. Community Councillors' Updates:

Planning & Licensing: No Updates.

Roads & Rights of Way:

There is a large hole in Union Street by the junction with Old Town which is coned off; this is causing a hazard because traffic has to use the wrong side of the road on a blind bend.

No action required as the hole has been repaired and cones removed on Wednesday 04/09/19

The ponding at the corner of Mid Street with the A96 and proposed resurfacing of the A96 is still outstanding. (See entry under Matters Arising)

Action: Steve to contact BEAR Office in Perth for an update on the situation.

Pedestrian Crossing on Mid Street – no update so far.

Action: Steve to contact Transport Scotland for update.

Cllr Coull advised that the Pelican crossing at the junction of Moss Street and TESCO has an issue where the wrong Green man crossing signal can be sighted when crossing Moss Street onto the island, she has reported this to BEAR.

Neil advised of a pot hole that had caused him to come off his bike

Action: Steve to report to BEAR

Signs, Street Furniture & Marketing:

Finger signs – See entry under Matters Arising.

Cllr Coull advised that the flashing lights on the 20mph warning sign on Moss Street are not working; she has reported this to Moray Council.

Defunct Toilet signs etc; Neil will have a list of defunct signs for the next meeting.

Environment & General Issues:

It was noted that any issues regarding trees, Bushes and foliage that overhang footpaths and cause an obstruction should be reported via the Moray Council website.

Cllr Gatt:

Cllr Gatt has visited HMS Spey which is an offshore Patrol Vessel, when commissioned HMS Spey will be affiliated to Moray, the naming ceremony will be on 03rd October 2019.

Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Gatt and Moray Council Chief Executive are currently part of a review of Moray Council administration.

Cllr Coull:

Cllr Coull recently attended a demonstration of the new Communications system which is being introduced by Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

Cllr Coull advised that following the meeting regarding the new Keith Health Centre there is an online Form that can be filled in for people to give their opinion on what they want from the new Health Centre.

7. External Group Updates:

KSRP – The application to the Capital Fund for funding the statue was unsuccessful but an application has now been made to the Town Centre Fund.

Christmas Lights: One light is still in need of repair.

The Christmas Extravaganza will be on the 30th of November and is still looking for some funding.

Scots Toun: The arrangements for a window display in Crammonds on Mid Street will be postponed until April 2019.

8. AOCB:

Trish Williamson stated that the footpaths and area outside the Pavilion in St. Rufus Park are to be refreshed and games such as Hopscotch will be painted onto the surface.

Steve gave a report on his visit to Huntley Community Development Trust, (HCDT), with the Energising Communities Group of the JCC. This included visiting Greenmyers Farm and the Wind Turbine which is owned by HCDT. The revenue from the Wind Turbine has allowed HCDT to lease two Hybrid cars for hire in the community and buy 17 electric assisted bikes for community use. As a parallel project to the bikes they are developing the cross country footpaths to a standard fit for the electric bikes use. They are also looking into developing a community owned electric vehicle charging network to increase the opportunity of electric powered vehicle in the community.

The meeting closed at 21.10hrs

The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on:

Monday 07th October 2019 at 1900hrs in the Round Room of Keith Community Centre