



# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 07th October 2019 in Keith Community Centre

### Members in attendance

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

Also in attendance: Councillor D. Gatt, Councillor T. Coull, Amy Inglis (MoP) Police Inspector Neil Campbell  
(arr 19.22hrs, dep 19.31hrs).

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting opened at 19.05hrs, Neil welcomed the attendees, there were no apologies for absence.

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

Cllr Gatt, pointed out that the minute of his report to the last meeting implied he and the Chief Executive were researching how to change the Law and that this was not the case. The Secretary apologised and stated that it was a 'Typo' on his part and would be amended accordingly.

With the amendment in place the minutes were proposed as accurate by Sandy Dickson and seconded by Marguerite Cruickshank.

### 3. Police Matters:

There was no representative from Police Scotland in attendance at this time and this Agenda Item was deferred.

### 19.22hrs – Police Inspector Neil Campbell entered the meeting and apologised for his late arrival.

Inspector Campbell gave the Community Safety report and then gave response to the following items raised at the September meeting;

**Fire Gate at the Show Ground and Seafield Walk** – officers have been monitoring the gate and to date had not seen any obstruction but they would continue to monitor the matter.

**Car driving across the Skate Park** – per Ken Kennedy, Lands & Parks Officer at Moray Council, permission had been given to a resident to occasionally drive across the Skate Park to access their back garden for car maintenance purposes. Inspector Campbell stated that the car appeared to be using an established track to do so. Cllr Coull advised that the track in question did not go all the way across the Skate Park to the garden fence. Insp Campbell stated that he had been advised that the access should only be occasional for car maintenance purposes and if it became a regular thing the permission could be reviewed and withdrawn if necessary.

**Cars speeding up to the Football Park** – Speeding not seen at this time.

**Vehicle causing obstruction outside Strathisla Bakery on Regent Street** – Officers had not witnessed this so far.

The Chair raised the following matter for Insp. Campbell's attention – there was an issue of night time noise at Harmora Flats on Banff Road, there had also been Police and Ambulance attendance and residents nearby had raised concerns.

Inspector Campbell stated he would look into the matter.  
There being no other matters for Inspector Campbell's attention he left the meeting at 19.31hrs.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

**KCC = £757.70**

**Christmas Lights = £1345.57**

**Scots Toun = £2603.59**

**5. Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

**Finger Signs** – No action since last meeting, Callum reported that he has been unable to arrange the removal of the obsolete fingers at the moment.

Steve has not yet posted a notice on the KCC Facebook page looking for a painter/sign writer.

**Action: (Continuing) Callum to arrange removal of obsolete Fingers**

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

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

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

**Ponding at corner of Mid Street, Resurfacing of A96 in Keith**

Steve reported that Cllr Gatt had forwarded a series of emails between himself and BEAR, the BEAR emails advised that they are currently preparing various minor maintenance works in Keith for the current financial year which includes work on the ponding at the corner of Mid Street and the A96.

**Action: Steve to contact BEAR for further information.**

**Defibrillator** – Callum reported that he had met with representatives of Defibs for Moray and they had installed the Defibrillator they had in storage on the outside of the Keith Show office and it was now up and running.

Defibs for Moray will also have two more Defibrillators to install in Keith which are funded by the TESCO collection they held. A discussion took place on suggested locations for these Defibrillators, it was suggested that one be sited at Keith Railway station, (if this was not possible then a site at Isla Bank Mills would be looked into) and the other at Keith Fire station.

**Action: Steve to contact Scot rail and enquire if they would permit a Defibrillator to be sited at Keith station.**

**Action: Callum to contact Keith Fire Station to see if a Defibrillator could be sited there.**

**19.22hrs: The Chair suspended the Agenda Item 'Matters Arising from the previous minutes' to allow the Police Matters report to be taken.**

**19.31hrs: Having completed his report Police Inspector Campbell left the meeting and the Chair resumed with 'Matters Arising from the Previous minutes'.**

**Matters Arising continued:**

**KBM Planter on A96 east bound approach to Keith** – Neil has again been approached by a resident concerning the advertisement for Kitchen Installation on this planter.

**Action: Neil will contact the Keith in Flower committee about this matter.**

**Notice Board for Longmore Hall** - KCC will honour the pledge to sponsor a Notice Board at Longmore Hall but it will have to be costed.

**Action – Callum and Sandra to look into the costs of a Notice Board.**

**Beatrice Microgrants** - Following the Admin breakdown at Beatrice Steve has sent the KC account details again and is awaiting reply. Marguerite stated she would check the KCC account to confirm when the funds have arrived.

Steve reported that two micro grant applications had been received via the KCC email; Amy Inglis advised that she intended to submit a grant application.

The Chair pointed out that KCC had not yet advertised that the micro grants were available and wouldn't do so until the funds were in the account.

**Action – Steve to chase up Beatrice re funds and to write to applicants advising they must wait until the fund opens before they apply.**

**Pedestrian Crossing on the A96** – There doesn't seem to be anything happening since the initial enquiry was made in May. Cllrs Coull and Gatt reported that they had met with Moray Police Commander Chief Inspector Stevenson to discuss the issues of A96 traffic through Keith. Ch Inspector Stevenson had advised that the Police were unable to lobby for a crossing in Keith but they will continue to monitor the situation.

Sandy raised the idea of requesting Traffic Lights at the junction of the A96, Mid Street and Banff Road and suggested that KCC could arrange for a Risk assessment to be carried out.

Cllr Coull suggested that could as Moray Council Traffic Engineer Elaine Penny if she was available to come and speak to the next KCC meeting in November, the meeting agreed that Cllr Coull should ask Elaine Penny if she would attend.

**Action – Steve to contact Transport Scotland for an update on the process for a Pedestrian Crossing.**

**20mph Warning signs** – Cllr Coull advised that the lights on these signs were now working.

## **6. Moray Community Councils Unacceptable Actions Policy:**

This policy was previously distributed to Community Councils by the Moray CCLO and the KCC Secretary had circulated it to members for their attention prior to the October meeting.

The Policy was discussed and Members felt it was cumbersome and hard to understand because of the corporate language used. Clause 9.2 refers to 'customers' which was believed to be a typo. Members decided to defer the matter to the next meeting so they could further read and consider the policy.

**Decision: Deferred to the November meeting.**

## **7. Correspondence:**

Email received from Cllr Coull regarding the Christmas lights Cttee application for Road Closure on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 when the Christmas Lights are switched on. Application granted for parking restrictions and the closure of Mid Street between Union Street and Church Street.

**Email from Moray Council Democratic Services regarding the statutory review of Polling Places and Districts.**

**Action: Steve to reply on behalf of KCC – Status Quo to remain.**

**Invitation to Moray Citizens Advice Bureau AGM**

Noted

**Email received from Draft Moray food growing strategy Consultation giving dates of events:**

01<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019 Fisherman's Hall Buckie,

16 Nov 2019 Forres Town Hall

2 Nov 2019 The Inkwell Elgin

Noted

## **Moray Council Direct Services Customer Satisfaction Survey**

Noted.

### **8. Community Councillors Updates**

#### **Planning & Licensing:**

The following Planning applications from the Weekly Wards lists were discussed;

25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Nelson Terrace, Keith and Town Hall, the Square, Cullen

02<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

Construction of a Bungalow at Strathisla Park, Keith

KCC has no issues with these at this time

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

Neil raised the matter that the white Lines on Moss Street had been renewed but the Keep Clear Boxes and Yellow Box at Banff Road have not.

**Action; Steve to ask BEAR about this**

#### **Signs, Street Furniture & Marketing:**

Nothing to report

#### **Environment & General Issues:**

Nothing to report

#### **Cllr Gatt:**

Cllr Gatt attended the official naming ceremony HMS Spey on 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

Scrutiny Committee, No Business this month

Cllr Gatt and Cllr Coull attended a conference in Aberdeen with Police Scotland regarding Cyber Crime

#### **Cllr Coull:**

Cllr Coull advised that Cllr Ron Shepherd is standing down due to ill health and the Bye Election for the seat will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

The Chair suggested a Thank you letter be sent to Cllr Shepherd thanking him for his years of service to the Community, this was agreed.

**Action – Steve to compose letter and forward to Neil for signature.**

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

**KSRP** – The application to the Town Centre Fund for funding the statue has been unsuccessful.

Cllr Coull advised that; unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter accordingly also, there are circumstances when some money will be returned to the Pot and then be available to award to previously unsuccessful applicants, KSRP is 25<sup>th</sup> on the list.

#### **Christmas Lights:**

There is a meeting tomorrow, (Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2019), to discuss funding appeal to the Hill of Towie Community Fund.

Refurbishing of the lights is ongoing.

The committee will cater the Tea and Coffee at the Christmas Extravaganza,  
Tables at the extravaganza will cost £10 each.

**Scots Toun:**

Nothing to report

**10. AOCB:**

The 'Comfort Scheme' where Businesses allow the general public to use their toilets in the absence of Public Toilets is set to be rolled out across Moray.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05hrs

**The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on:**

**Monday 04<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 1900hrs in the Round Room of Keith Community Centre**