



Keith Community Council (KCC)
Minutes of Meeting of 2nd Feb.09

Present

Jane Martin (Chair)	JM	Councillor Coull	GC
Marianne Mitchell (Secretary)	MM	Councillor Cree	SC
Margurite Cruickshank	MC	Peter Hall (Police)	PH
Ian Cattanach	IC	Charlie Lawson	CL

In Attendance

Lorna Campbell	Banffshire Herald
Esther Green	Northern Scot
Diane Halley (DH)	Minutes Secretary

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
1	<u>Apologies</u> Linda Anderson, Councillor Shepherd and Sgt. Black	
2	<u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of Keith Community Council Meeting of 1 st . December 2008 were accepted. Proposed: Marianne Mitchell Seconded: Charlie Lawson	

<p>3</p>	<p><u>Police Matters</u></p> <p>JM reported a car which is a general nuisance, this will be dealt with.</p> <p>CL brought up the problem of youths making a nuisance of themselves at Tesco, this issue is being addressed at the moment.</p> <p>CL also mentioned cars that insist on parking to near junctions, PH will report this.</p> <p>CL asked about caravan parked at Mar Place, no offence is being committed.</p> <p>'Cruisers' doing the circuit was also mentioned as some have got on blue grill lights, noisy exhausts and some have only side lights on, no offence is being committed. There does seem to be a litter problem being caused by these Cruisers however and it was decided to ask the Community Wardens to have a word.</p> <p>Several youths have been warned during patrols of Seafield Avenue and the problem seems to be getting better.</p> <p>JM mentioned a 'Happy Slapping' incident that had occurred the previous week; the police are involved in dealing with this incident. JM requested that during times when youths are going to and from clubs that a police presence be seen. PH will pass this on and also felt that it should be made known that the police can get a warrant to seize phones used in these incidents.</p> <p>CL passed on his thanks to the police for their help in getting the street lights in Fife-Keith sorted.</p> <p>On this note, JM also passed on thanks and praise for the police and wardens, working in the community.</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>SC suggested that £50 be given to Sandy Duncan for the use of his van and that sweets be given to the residents that kindly let the lights be plugged into their electricity. This was agreed.</p>	
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5	<p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>Tesco traffic lights- the Councillors have raised this issue with Bear. CL also stated that there were no New Road Layout signs in place; SC will contact Bear regarding this.</p> <p>SC spoke to Ralph Newlands regarding the lamp post that was at the old picture house site on Moss Street, this is still under discussion.</p> <p>The wall on Jessimans Brae has been removed and is currently being replaced by a wire and post fence.</p> <p>The hedge and the lamp posts on Turner Street are now fixed.</p> <p>Puddle at Linn House is being caused by a blockage and is now being worked on.</p> <p>GC advised that the Recycling Centre sign is now in place.</p> <p>Bus shelter light wiring is being dealt with.</p>	SC
6	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>JM received a phone call from a freelance reporter asking her views on the swearing ban that has been introduced in The Royal Hotel. Personally she feels that it is ridiculous, but she has expressed that this is her personal view and that she was not speaking on behalf of the community. After this opinion was printed JM received an unsigned hand written letter which she found to be very intimidating. She has asked that members find out the feeling in the community regarding this ban so as she knows what community thoughts are. SC who is fully supportive of this ban praised Mr. Milne (licensee) for making a stand against what he thinks as being unacceptable behaviour. Mr Milne has got the licensing board and the law on his side, although PH stated that jovial swearing was not an offence, but aggressive swearing is a breach of the peace. A somewhat heated discussion followed, where various views and different opinions were given.</p> <p>An invitation to JCC area meeting on 21st.March09 in the Laichmoray Hotel at 10 am. was extended. Let JM know at the next meeting if you can attend.</p> <p>MM is to request a Core Path Planning presentation.</p> <p>Gypsy travellers' awareness meeting has been scheduled for 24th. April 09, time and venue to be arranged. IC may attend.</p> <p>MM will email Mike McRitchie from the Criminal Justice Services regarding the cleaning of seats and benches around Keith.</p> <p>SC will ask Ron Shepherd to pass on concerns of litter outside pubs to the Licensing Officer.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>SC</p>

7	<p><u>Community Councillors Update</u></p> <p>MC - Toilet signs will be addressed in April when the new budget becomes available.</p> <p>IC - No environmental issues. CL had some concerns regarding new street lights on Mid Street; GC took CLs list to look into.</p> <p>LH - All issues covered.</p> <p>JM - No planning issues. Ongoing issues with caravan site, JM and MM will write to Alistair Keddie to express concerns regarding this current breach of planning.</p> <p>CL - Slabs at Duff Street/Mar Place are very uneven and need looked at. Road outside Strathisla Distillery sunken. Is it possible to put up bollards or similar to stop travellers gaining access to Old Den Road? GC to initiate. CL is to arrange a meeting regarding various issues with Ralph Newlands. MM will write to Bear requesting that they contract the council for pavement clearing/gritting.</p> <p>Cleansing - Toilets are closing at 4pm. this is winter hours, GC thought that this is probably budget related, but will contact Ian Bruce regarding this. Recycling centre not being kept tidy at weekends, GC to address. Issues were raised regarding green bin pick ups over the festive period; this will certainly be looked at before the next festivities.</p> <p>Councillors' updates - covered under section 5.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>JM/MM</p> <p>GC</p> <p>CL MM</p> <p>GC</p>
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8	<p><u>External Groups Update</u></p> <p>Regeneration Partnership: No update.</p> <p>Steering Group: No update.</p> <p>PPP: Next meeting 6/02/09 to discuss submissions.</p>	
9	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>No other committee business.</p>	

10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Keith Community Council will take place on <u>Monday 2nd. March 2009 at 7.00pm</u> in the round meeting room at the Keith Sports and Community Centre.</p>	
	<p>Signed as a correct Minute.....</p> <p>Proposed by</p> <p>Seconded by</p>	Chair
	<p>Minutes Secretary: Mrs Diane Halley</p>	