

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 MONDAY 6th APRIL 2009
 MINUTES OF MEETING



PRESENT

Jane Martin (JM) – Chairperson
 Charlie Lawson (CL) - Vice Chair
 Marianne Mitchell (MC) - Secretary
 Iain Cattanach (IC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Clr Ron Shepherd
 Clr Gary Coull
 Clr Stewart Cree
 Esther Green (Northern Scott)
 Allan Campbell (Forestry Commission)

ITEM		ACTION BY
1	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Marguerite Cruickshank (MC), Linda Howitt (LH), Diane Halley (Minutes Secretary), Lorna Campbell (Banffshire Herald), Ralph Newlands (Bear Scotland)</p> <p>..</p>	
2	<p><u>Proposal of minutes from 3rd March 2009</u></p> <p>Proposed by Charlie Lawson Seconded by Ian Cattanach</p>	
3	<p><u>Police Matters</u></p> <p>There was no police presence and there was nothing to report but IC enquired if the cameras are actually recording, SC replied that they were but can only record in the direction that they are pointing at, and SC will enquire.</p>	SC

4	<p><u>Presentation by Allan Campbell, Forestry Commission</u></p> <p>Mr Allan Campbell is the Planning Forester for the Forestry Commission for Moray and Aberdeenshire. He was located in Mosstodloch but have merged with Huntly and is now located in Huntly. Every 10 years there is a forestry plan and all woods in the Keith area have been imalgated and re-named The Keith Woods for the purpose of the Forestry Commission, locally they will still be known as their individual names.</p> <p>The Forestry would like to consult with the local community about what the local woods are used for and what they would like to see in them. Various ideas were given from the Community Council, maps will be displayed in Reap for community members to go and view and give any suggestions.</p> <p>AC also informed us of felling and replanting in the 10 year plan and that Riven side of Balloch and part of Sillyearn would have to be felled because of an infection called Red Band Needle Blight.</p> <p>AC agreed to come back to the June meeting and give an update on Community response.</p>	JM
5	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>National Spring Clean – it was agreed that a spring clean of the Auld Brigg area would take place on Sunday 19th April between 1pm and 4pm. Advertising in the local press and JM will inform schools. This will be in preparation for the Whisky Walk Aboot in May and the Re-enactment in October. If there is time the Old Town Station area will be included.</p> <p>JM, CL and IC attended the ASCC regional meeting which was well attended there was a question and answer session in the morning with most of the discussions involving planning issues and the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The afternoon sessions discussed more about the Community Council there was a discussion on Common Good Land JM informed CC that KSRP are investigating this under the freedom of information act, JM will be informed when KSRP get further information</p>	JM JM

<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Alison Johnston – The Community Council elections will be in October. Tracey Rae – Changes to the Scottish Planning System view on the Scottish Government web site. Tracey Thorrowgood – Licensing for Keith Railway Club and Key Store Mid Street. Alan Macbeth – Keith Cars Scheme. Mark Cross – Moray Local Plan 20008 ASCC – Membership Renewal</p> <p>The following is in reply to our previous correspondence to Moray Council Keith Primary School Junior Building – Moray Council or its public sector partners i.e. Grampian Health Board and the Police and Fire authorities have not made any decisions about the building, however if it was to transpire the building was not required by the Council or partners it would normally be marketed for sale to give all interested parties an opportunity to submit proposals for the future use of the property. This process would of course not preclude the Council from considering proposals from community organisations for acquiring the property. Refuse Collection – It was noted the problems with festive time collections of household waste and Moray Council have decided to have extra household waste pick up in place garden waste at this time. Caravan Site – Moray council has advised us that the owners have had an open Enforcement case for some time and meetings and correspondence has taken place. The negotiations were unsuccessful and as a result a Planning Enforcement Notice was served on 25th February. The owner has 28 days to appeal, if no appeal is forthcoming the owner has 3 months from the date of issue of the notice (25th May 2009) to comply with the terms of the notice.</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p><u>7</u></p>	<p><u>Community Councillors Updates</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Lights</u> – MC will write to local electricians inviting them to quote for the cost of installing the electric sockets for tree lights, this has to be immediate. Extravaganza has to be organized earlier for sponsors etc as we are all busy with work. Clrs Coull, Cree and Shepherd to sponsor the trophy for the best dressed shop assistant this year. JM will contact Tesco for the best dressed window display trophy.</p>	

	<p>The Quiz night raised £189 each for the lights and pipe band, 17 teams were entered a good night was had by all.</p> <p><u>Environmental and Cleansing</u> –(IC) had concerns of the facia board at the old Coop building JM will inform KSRP. JM asked IC to contact Moray Council regards Cuthil Park, mess of dog fouling, various members of the community have raised concerns JM has already spoken to Community Warden.</p> <p><u>Licensing and Police Matters</u> – (LH) There was nothing to report</p> <p><u>Planning</u> - (JM) Letter received with regards to Caravan site as discussed in correspondence. Planning has been approved for 55 houses in Edindiach Road.</p> <p><u>Roads and Rights of Way</u> – (CL) There had been no response from Bear with regards to the pavements on Regent Street, which were to be resurfaced in March SC and GC will contact RN at Bear to discuss also the winter maintenance of the A96 in Keith.</p> <p><u>Signs and Street Furniture</u> - (MC) There was nothing to report</p> <p><u>Clr Gary Coull</u> – There is to be a Keith Whisky Walk on 8th May 2009 which will incorporate Keith and Dufftown Railway. Money has been granted from the Young Roots section of Heritage Lottery fund to KTAG for an enactment to take place at the Auld Brig in October as the Brigg is 400 years old and the year of the homecoming, other groups involved will be Moray Council, KSRP, Heritage Group and the Grammar School. An advert will be in the papers shortly for a tender to deliver the package. Learn to Caledgh Dance at the Longmore Hall on Saturday 25th April.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>IC</p> <p>GC/SC</p>
8	<p><u>External Groups Update</u></p> <p><u>Regeneration Partnership:</u> Moray Towns Partnership (Keith, Buckie, Lossiemouth and Forres) have received £100,000 grant</p> <p><u>PPP:</u> Next meeting with the two final bidders are on 20th and 21st April.</p>	<p>JM</p>

	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>A member of the community has approached MC and LH with regards to the Satire flag gifted in November. To clarify the matter the flag was gifted to the people of Keith from our MP Angus Robertson, Keith Community Council accepted it on their behalf, Green Fife-Keith were also gifted a flag, the Community Council were showing no political preference.</p> <p>Keith Community Council suggestion boxes will be located at Clark's Chemist, Regents Street and Bairds Chemist, Mid Street; press coverage will be organized to inform the community of this.</p> <p>Posters for empty shop windows have been printed and are now ready for any individual to collect from a Member of the CC, press coverage will be organized to inform the community of this</p> <p>A member of the community approached JM about Seafield Park being used as a car park for the Keith Show now that the show is going to be located in the top field. After discussions it was felt this would be a good idea as it would still show a presence of Keith Show on the A96, there was concerns about the land being damaged by the cars JM had approached a member of Keith Show Committee and was informed that usually there is heavy vehicles, animals, public etc on this area and it is always fixed there would most probably be less damage with cars. Clr Cree said that they should be applauded for trying to make Keith Show a better experience especially after the adverse weather conditions they have had to deal with over the last couple of years</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JM</p>
10	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday the 11th May 2009, at 7.00pm, in the circular room at Keith Community Centre. Later date due to the May day holiday.</p>	
	<p><u>Proposal of Minutes</u></p> <p>Chairperson</p> <p>Minutes Proposed by</p> <p>Seconded by</p>	
	Prepared by Mrs. Jane Martin	

