



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11th.May 2009

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Halley (DH)	Minutes Secretary
Esther Green	Northern Scott
Lorna Cambell	Banffshire Herald
PC Ralston	Police

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTIONED BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Linda Anderson, Councillor Shepherd.	
2	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> The Minutes of Keith Community Council Meeting of 6 TH April 2009 were accepted. Proposed: Charlie Lawson Seconded: Ian Cattanach	

3	<p><u>Police Matters</u> MM had been informed by a mother that her daughter had been approached by a couple in a car, and been asked if she would like a sweet. The mother in this case was unsure if the girl was telling the truth and did not report this incident. IR urged that all such incidents should be reported and CCTV would be able to help with regards to identifying the car concerned. CL raised the issue of litter being drooped by youths in cars in Fife-Keith square, this will be monitored. JM was asked by Jane McPherson for a zero tolerance to be put in place for a trial period. IR assured that the police were aware of problems and are trying their best.</p> <p><u>Police Update</u> The problems concerning the parking of cars outside Wisemans has been passed onto the Traffic Police. Twelve motorists have been dealt with regarding anti social driving, speeding, etc. All CCTV are now working. The mobile police office has been at the school and also at Tesco and this was seen to be a very successful exercise.</p>	
4	<p><u>Presentation by Mike McLafferty</u> Mike McLafferty is the Senior Housing Manager of Moray Council, and he gave a very interesting presentation on the travelling community. Unfortunately many sites that were used by travellers have been systematically closed down and this is the reason that we are seeing more unauthorised sites popping up. There are around 100 unauthorised sites in Moray. Within 24 hours of settling, travellers are visited by a member of the council, and toilet facilities and bins are provided at the councils expense. Protocol is being revised at the moment as it has been in place since 2004 and seems to be a bit dated. The key to this issue seems to be a bit of give and take with communities. It was stated that travellers don't ask for much and that their way of life goes back decades. So far the council have received no complaints regarding the site at the Golf Course in Keith, which presently has 6 vans with 4 due to move on shortly. Barking dogs and litter are what is complained about mostly. Aberdeenshire Council have a good neighbour policy and if this is not adhered to then travellers can be moved on. This policy may be adopted by Moray Council with the writing of the new legislation and protocol.</p>	
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u> JM has put maps into REAP. Jm thanked all for helping at the spring clean, an enjoyable day was had by all. CL has at last,gotten Chivas to admit to owning the tree area at the Brig o Haughs. They have agreed to tidy this area and to deal with the unsafe trees.</p>	

6	<p><u>Correspondence</u> A cheque for £5.25 has been received from Northern Textiles Aberdeen Ltd. JM suggested that this could be put towards the cost of grass cutting at the Auld Brig picnic area. SC will ask council for a costing.</p> <p>JM received a letter from Carolene Harding regarding the Green School. Ms. Harding had been told by a council employee that this was earmarked for redevelopment. GC and SC stated that this was untrue and that this area was not zoned for housing at the moment. KCC have pledged their support to keep this building as a community building.</p> <p>An invitation to the Inaugural meeting of the Allotment Association on the 26th. May 09 at 7.00pm in St. Thomas School, has been received. All welcome.</p> <p>After writing a strong letter to Transport Scotland,GC and SC have received an e-mail from Ralph Newlands of Transport Scotland, stating that the proposed work to the pavements on Regent Street has been rescheduled to start early summer.</p> <p>June Simpson has written suggesting that KGS pupils be kept on campus at lunchtimes. This will be forwarded to Mr. Aitken and to the Education Department. MM will reply to Mrs. Simpson to inform her of our actions.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>MM</p>
7	<p><u>Community Councillors Updates</u> MC : Toilet sign now in place. JM in talks regarding cleaning of street furniture and tidying of areas at seating. IC : Two damaged trees at Keith Square, MM will write to Tracey Rae and Bill Ross regarding this. LA : Not present. JM : Keith Builders are asking permission to move to Edindiach Road to the land behind the lorry park. KCC are to write a letter supporting this move. CL : On the B9014 junction at the Pastures ther is a large soak away not yet protected. A number of people have commented that there is no adequate passing places on the road going through the Golf Course. GC will look into these matters. Sunken hole outside 75a Regent Street, GC will contact Ralph at Bear. MM will write to request a bus shelter outside Royal Hotel. MM will also write to Ralph Newlands requesting his presence at next meeting. JM to speak to Peter Smith regarding painting of flag pole, council coming back with a price. JM also to see Logie Gray about a rope for flag pole. MM : Neil Redford has been unable to help with the electric boxes. Andrew Murray is to be contacted again.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>GC</p> <p>MM</p>
8	<p><u>External Groups Update</u> Regeneration Partnership: Open Day on 23rd. May 09 at North Church Hall 10.00am start. Steering Group: No update. PPP: Next meeting will be in August</p>	

9	<p><u>AOCB</u> GC and SC have visited the Pastures regarding various concerns about the state of the site, it has been decided to wait a while and see what happens, thus giving Kirkwood Homes reasonable time to finish off. MC expressed concern that the Scots Language has been left out of the 2011 census. KCC will give MC support in dealing with this</p>	
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> The next meeting of Keith Community Council will take place on Monday 1st. June 2009 at 7.00pm in the round meeting room at the Keith Sports and Community Centre.</p>	
11	<p>Signed as a correct Minute..... Proposed by..... Seconded by</p>	chair
	Minutes Secretary: Mrs Diane Halley	