



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 1ST. JUNE 2009

PRESENT

Jane Martin (Chair)	JM	Ian Cattanach	IC
		Linda Anderson	LA
Charlie Lawson (Vice Chair)	CL	Councillor Coull	GC
Margurite Cruickshank (Treasurer)	MC	Councillor Cree	SC
		Councillor Shepard	RS

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Halley (DH)	Minutes Secretary
Esther Green	Northern Scott
Lorna Cambell	Banffshire Herald
PC Steven Daniels	Police
Ralph Newlands (RN)	Bear Scotland

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTIONED BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Marianne Mitchell	
2	<u>Proposal of minutes from 11th. May 2009</u> Proposed by Charlie Lawson Seconded by Iain Cattanach	
3	<u>POLICE MATTERS</u> LA reported that there is a problem with youths in cars using Tesco car park as a racing track, this is being recorded with CCTV and car registrations will be passed to the police. <u>POLICE UPDATE</u> There has been an increase in the presence of traffic police and as a result there has been 21 anti-social driving offences dealt with.	

4	<p><u>Ralph Newlands question answer session</u></p> <p>JM has spoken to Scottish Water regarding drainage problems and the manhole problems on Regent Street. She today received a call stating that a date would be fixed by the end of the week to start repairs. Work should start within 28 days.</p> <p>Bear are looking into traffic lights at Tesco as they are definitely in Tesco's favour.</p> <p>It has been found that Clarks the Chemist flooding was due to Scottish Water drain problems. GC is looking into these problems at the moment.</p> <p>IC mentioned that there are 2 manhole covers on Moss Street rattling as traffic pass, RN will pass on.</p> <p>CL told RN that the street lights on Moss Street are out late at night, RN will pass on, and police have reported this problem to the council.</p> <p>CL also mentioned that the pavement on Regent Street, from the bottom of Duff Street to Duncan Georges Garage, has sunken. RN has looked at this area with the manager from Transport Scotland and it was decided that the pavement was fit for purpose. RN went on to say that a proposal to fix this area had still been put forward, he will keep us posted. SC stated that he had received a letter saying that Regent Street pavements would be fixed with work starting early summer, he is to forward this letter to RN.</p> <p>CL queried the light at Union Bridge as it has not been working for some time, RN will pass on.</p> <p>The bin chained to the fence at Union Bridge is blocking the pavement and making it difficult for prams to pass, RN will ask council to move it.</p> <p>The missing highlighters outside Mutch's and on the turning into Station Road are under discussion at the moment.</p> <p>The area of the A96 between the Brig o Haughs and the Newmill turn off is to be resurfaced with anti-skid road surfacing, and more drainage is to be put in. The Hillockhead area on the A95 is being looked at to see what improvements could be made.</p> <p>RN warned all members to expect tailbacks on the A96 as of the 22/6/09 as resurfacing work is taking place. The affected areas will be west of Mosstodloch to Kenshillock.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>SC</p> <p>RN</p>
5	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>A letter of thanks has been received from The Spring Clean Society and Moray Council thanking volunteers for their efforts.</p> <p>JM spoke to Reverend Dr. Kay Gauld regarding ground and they are happy for anyone to help.</p> <p>Allotment Association had a good turnout at their meeting and office bearers were elected.</p>	

6	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>JM wrote to Moray Council and KGS regarding the letter received from June Simpson, discussed at last meeting. John Aitken rector at KGS. Replied with strongly opposed concerns to this idea. It was also stated that no other secondary school in Scotland does this.</p> <p>JM did state that the council should maybe look at portion sizes as they seem to be on the small side, this is to be passed on.</p> <p>A cheque for £9.50 has been received from Northern Textiles. Running costs of £362 has been given from Moray Council. This has been paid up to October, as elections are due to take place then.</p> <p>Enquire, which is Scotland's advice service for additional support for learning, are to have a meeting in the Laichmoray Hotel on 25/06/09 at 7.00pm. Their information line number is 08451232303 and their website address is www.enquire.org.uk</p> <p>JM is to write to Chivas, as they have expressed that they were unhappy with an article written in the Northern Scot regarding the area of ground at the Brig o Haughs.</p> <p>Community Engagement Fund Questionnaire - JM will photocopy for all members and will go with the majority.</p> <p>Public Consultation on Opening Hours for Moray Registrars - JM will issue copy to all members.</p> <p>An application will be put into the Regeneration Fund.</p> <p>New legislation regarding dog fouling, no warning will be issued it will now be a fixed penalty.</p>	JM
7	<p><u>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATES</u></p> <p><u>CL</u> - There are no railings now in place from the Railway Station to the bottom of Seafiel Avenue, CL has already reported this to Network Rail but is going to contact them again regarding this.</p> <p><u>MC</u> - MC has erected signs in the outskirts of Keith to promote the Scots language and to highlight to visitors that there are shops in Keith. Unfortunately she has received a complaint about them from Jane McPherson, and Bear have asked that they be removed. SC could not comment on signage as there are also planning issues. MC referred to the B&B sign that was in place on one of the locations for sometime, and came to the conclusion that there was one rule for some and another for others.</p> <p><u>IC</u> - No updates.</p> <p><u>LH</u> - Licence application from Somerfield.</p> <p><u>JM</u> - No planning.</p> <p><u>MM</u> - No electricians seem to be interested in erecting light boxes. SC suggested offering payment upfront. The media will publish a plea for local businesses to help more.</p> <p><u>SC</u> - New rules regarding disabled parking bays being discussed.</p> <p><u>GC</u> - No updates.</p> <p><u>RS</u> - No updates.</p> <p><u>Cleansing</u> - Cuthil Park is now a lot cleaner.</p>	CL

8	<p><u>EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATES</u> Regeneration Partnership - No updates. Steering Group - No updates. PPP - No updates.</p>
9	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u> CL attended the Fife-Keith Action Group meeting, it was well attended. JM to ask Kevin Strathdee to audit books. JM MC asked all to sign petition regarding the Scots language being left off the 2011 census. There has been an ongoing campaign regarding this since 2001. MC is to decorate some of the windows on "Greigs" with a short history of the Scots language. Please support.</p>
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> The next meeting of Keith Community Council will take place on <u>Monday 6th. July 2009 at 7.00pm</u> in the round meeting room at the Keith Sports and Community Centre.</p>
	<p>Signed as a correct minute : Chair Proposed by : Seconded by :</p>
	<p>Prepared by Mrs. Diane Halley. Minutes Secretary.</p>