



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 6th. July 2009
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PRESENT

Charlie Lawson (Vice Chair)	CL
Marianne Mitchell (Secretary)	MM
Ian Cattanach	IC
Councillor Coull	GC
Councillor Cree	SC

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Halley	Minutes Secretary
Esther Green	Northern Scott
Lorna Cambell	Banffshire Herald
Donna McAllister	Press & Journal
Sgt. John Black	Police

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTIONED BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Jane Martin, Linda Anderson, Ron Shepherd and Marguerite Cruickshank.	
2	<u>Proposal of minutes from 11th. May 2009</u> Proposed by Charlie Lawson Seconded by Iain Cattanach	
3	<u>POLICE MATTERS</u> CL had been approached by a neighbour to tell him that youths had been using mobile phones to view the insides of people's houses; this is too be passed onto the micro beat officers for the area concerned. MM said that concerns had been raised regarding speeding in Nelson Terrace, this will be looked into. Sgt. Black said that there are enquires on going at the moment regarding disabled parking on Mid Street. Currently there are no disabled bays.	

4	<p><u>Update from Alan Campbell Forestry Commission</u></p> <p>The areas under review at the moment are The Balloch, Cairds and Sillyearn. Maps are available to view at the REAP office and all suggestions will be gratefully received.</p> <p>The Balloch and Sillyearn areas have been badly affected by a fungus called Red Band Needle Bite, as a result large areas have had to be felled and are to be restocked.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to develop core paths for recreational use and it may be possible to open up areas at Sillyearn for horse trekking.</p> <p>CL enquired about better signage at The Balloch, but unfortunately it is all down to funding.</p> <p>Hopefully a draft plan will be ready by August for public consultation.</p>	
5	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Costing has been received from the council with regards to tidying and maintaining the area beside the Isla known as the Glebe. SC thought it was a reasonable quote and suggested setting up a trust to meet these costs.</p> <p>A meeting is in the process of being set up with Bear, Scottish Water and the three local councillors regarding the drainage on Regent Street.</p> <p>CL has found out that the badly fenced area going towards the Railway Station actually belongs to KDRA. MM will write to them and offer the help of KCC.</p> <p>CL raised concerns regarding a new soak away beside The Pastures on the Dufftown road, SC will have a look.</p> <p>GC will look into getting passing places on the Golf Course Road, although it was thought that the road is not wide enough.</p> <p>SC will get in contact with Bear to chase up works due to start early summer on Regent Street pavements.</p> <p>An estimate to paint flagpole has been received at a cost of £253+ vat. JM will get more estimates.</p> <p>Tesco lights still causing problems.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>SC</p> <p>GC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>JM</p>

6	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>The review for the change of opening hours for registrar's offices was discussed. JM has been in contact with the local registrars and they felt that the numbers on the consultation documents were misleading. SC raised concern to this, as printed numbers should be correct. It was felt that a better idea for the Keith office would be to register for set hours per day instead of only doing it for three days a week, as the registrar is there all the time anyway.</p> <p>A reply has been sent to Anna Gilbert.</p> <p>An £11 cheque has been received from Northern Textiles.</p> <p>A bill for the Christmas trees has been received.</p> <p>A meeting is to be arranged for July/August to discuss elections.</p> <p>Boundary changes consultation has to be returned by 6th August, the main change being that the Den will become part of KCC instead of Strathisla. No objections were raised.</p>	
7	<p><u>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATES</u></p> <p>The only councillor update was from MM regarding the Christmas lights: SC will arrange to meet with Andrew Murray to show him where the light boxes are to go on Mid Street. Sponsor plaques will be going on trees this year. Any groups or performers wishing to perform on the day are being urged to get in contact. Hopefully staging can be borrowed from the school so as everyone can see Santa.</p>	
8	<p><u>EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATES</u></p> <p>Regeneration Partnership - No updates.</p> <p>Steering Group - No updates.</p> <p>PPP - No updates.</p>	
9	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>No other business.</p>	
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Keith Community Council will take place on <u>Monday 7th September 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
	Prepared by Mrs. Diane Halley. Minutes Secretary.	

