



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON
1st February 2010

PRESENT

Jane Martin (Chair)	JM	Charlie Lawson	CL
Diane Halley (Secretary)	DH	Margaret Robson	MR
Leslie Innes	LI	Stewart Cree	SC
Gary Coull	GC		

IN ATTENDANCE

Esther Green	Banffshire Herald
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Rhona Patterson	Community Support Worker
Sergeant Ralston	Keith Police Station

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Ron Shepherd and Sergeant Black	
2	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Minutes of meeting dated 7 th December 2009 Proposed by Diane Halley Seconded by Margaret Robson	
3	<u>POLICE MATTERS</u> There have been reports of youths throwing snowballs at passing motorists on the A96 and at premises in Mid Street Keith. Sergeant Ralston would act upon this. Parking in lanes has been increasing again LI reported. The traffic warden would be advised about this. Staff parking at Wisemans on the Newmill road has been causing concern especially in the recent wintry weather with vehicles finding it difficult to negotiate in icy conditions especially big lorries. Sergeant Ralston would approach business in the area to try and rectify the situation. Congestion on Edindiach Road was also highlighted as being	

	<p>hazardous. Parking at the junction on Station Road – Alexandra Road was also deemed dangerous Mobile police Unit is going to be returning to Keith/Fife-Keith in February and March. Resident s are welcome to approach with any problems they would like to air.</p>	
4	<u>NO PRESENTATION</u>	
5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
6	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>DH has forwarded on various emails for council members to read.</p> <p>DH wrote a letter to Moray Council regarding the recent bad weather that Keith has recently experienced. She voiced her concerns about the Fire Brigade and Ambulances not being able to get out on calls. She raised concerns where the emergency services were unable to get to Taylor Court where there is a sheltered housing scheme. Also many elderly people and parents with young children were not able to get out as the pavements were treacherous with no snow clearing having been done on paths or street pavements. What would have happened in a real emergency? She got a reply saying that they had been doing there best and that council workers had been working very hard.and that the council had limited resources.</p> <p>DH also wrote to BEAR about the state of the pavements on the A96 in Keith. They hadn`t been touched for days. David Stewart from BEAR also replied saying that they don`t have to start clearing for 48 hrs after a snowfall meaning that if it stopped snowing on Friday at 5 o`clock then BEAR would not have to do anything until Monday.</p> <p>GC also wrote a letter to BEAR about the state of the pavements in Keith. He received a reply saying that everybody was experiencing the same problems. The A96 pavements are also a category 3 which is not top priority. The public are not aware of these categories and it is hoped a meeting can be held to complain and to make a big fuss to the people involved in snow clearing in and around Keith. It is hoped that Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson can be approached on the matter.</p> <p>E planning session in Lhanbryde 22nd February. People are ignoring the signs going to Newmill where it is one way going up the windy brae.This could cause serious damage to the ongoing repairs being done.</p>	

7	<p><u>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATES</u></p> <p><u>IC</u> - Environment – No update</p> <p><u>CL</u> - Roads and Rights of Way – No update</p> <p>Christmas Lights – Collecting boxes have been suggested to be put in local shops. This has proved to be a very successful venture in Huntly JM said. Letters to go out to local business asking for help for the Christmas Lights and Extravaganza to continue. Meeting to be arranged for the 10th March in the Royal Hotel at 7pm. Andrew Murray has to be paid by the end of the financial year.</p> <p><u>JM</u> - Planning – No Update</p> <p><u>MC</u> - Signs and Street Furniture - No Update</p> <p><u>SC</u> - No updates.</p> <p><u>GC</u> – No Update</p>	
8	<p><u>External Groups Updates</u></p> <p>Regeneration Partnership – No Updates</p> <p>PPP – No updates</p>	
9	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>JM said that the community council members would have to pull together as she wasn't able to do as much as in the past due to work commitments.</p> <p>RP said there were a couple of training sessions available in March. Book keeping and governance training if any one wanted to attend.</p>	
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on <u>Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.00pm in Keith Sports and Community Centre.</u></p>	
11	<p>Signed as a correct Minute.....</p> <p>Proposed by.....</p> <p>Seconded by</p>	Chair
	Minutes Secretary: Mrs Susan Hutcheon	

