



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON
1st March 2010
Draft

PRESENT

Jane Martin (Chair)	JM	Charlie Lawson	CL
Diane Halley (Secretary)	DH	Marguerite Cruickshank	MC
Leslie Innes	LI	Stewart Cree	SC
Gary Coull	GC	Ian Cattanach	IC

IN ATTENDANCE

Esther Green	Banffshire Herald
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Rhona Patterson	Community Support Worker
Susan Butts	Senior Librarian Keith Library
Brian Cruickshank	Observer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Ron Shepherd and Margaret Robson	
2	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Minutes of meeting dated 1 st February 2010 Proposed by Charlie Lawson Seconded by Leslie Innes	
3	<u>POLICE MATTERS</u> CL mentioned the ongoing problem of Taxis parking at junction of Station Road/Alexandra Road. There is a bus stop there where they are parking on but it is not marked out. SC said that inconsistent parking is not illegal. SC said he would write to the licensing board on the matter. Outside Wisemans Dairies was still causing concern with cars parking on the corner. CL would bring this up with the police. A vehicle parked at the Cottage Woods lay by since December is still there.	CL

	<p>LI reported that cars could not get down lanes when the industrial bins were out for emptying and that some commercial/businesses were not getting their bins emptied regularly. SC said to report any to him as they should be reimbursed on their Community Charge if they were not emptied with exception to the recent bad weather. The question of whether the CCTV was working in Keith was asked. SC replied that they were</p>	
4	<p><u>NO PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Susan Butts the senior Librarian of Keith and Speyside Libraries gave the Community Council an interesting and informed talk about our local library. Susan explained that the library is not used by as much by people these days as was hoped. She hoped that everyone knew there was a library in Keith, she hopes to encourage more people to use the resources. A quarter of the population (5000) does use the library. There a variety of books, audio tapes, CDs and DVDs for hire at the library for the visually impaired as well as well as for people with dyslexia.</p> <p>There are 5 computers available for the public to use for free, computer courses can also be arranged. There is a large print keyboard available and also mouse which is larger for those who require it.</p> <p>There is a display space for community groups, and story time for younger children. Books can also be delivered to the housebound or picked up to be returned.</p> <p>Family heritage can also be traced using the libraries resources.</p> <p>Susan said that in the near future there would be a self-service machine installed at Keith Library. The question of this replacing a member of staff was asked, Susan said that resources had been made available for the self service machine which will also be installed in other libraries in Moray.</p> <p>Susan finished off by inviting everyone to the library to see what was on offer, then she handed out information bags to all in attendance.</p>	
5	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>There was no matters arising</p>	
6	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>DH has decided to resign from the Community Council. KCC Constitution – Jane has filled in the dates for this.</p> <p>Various letters including an SNP letter opposing the budget cuts, Letter from the NSPCC helpline.</p> <p>DH asked if the election funding survey could be filled in there at the meeting which it was.</p> <p>SPOTLIGHT the new leaflet being delivered in Keith and Buckie about community matters.</p> <p>Quarriers leaflet was also distributed.</p> <p>DH suggested that the emails be filtered as there was so much being sent many of which were of no interest to the</p>	

	community council.	
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 – Some lights not working. They would be reported to the institute. RP said that a member of the public reported that there was no KEEP CLEAR sign on the road at the bottom of Drum Road. It was suggested it was courtesy on the drivers to keep the entrance clear which does not always happen.</p> <p>Christmas Lights – Andrew Murray has been asked to produce the bill for the work he did for the Christmas lights, if he does not put in a bill shortly he will not be paid. Storage for the Christmas lights was discussed. SC had a couple of ideas and hopefully one of these would materialize for the storage problem. Sandy Duncan to be reimburse for his fuel. Steve Purves to receive a voucher from the Crown Inn for all his work at the Christmas extravaganza. RP asked if the shield should be replaced or get it cleaned up. The price of cleaning it was as much as a new one, decided to get a new one. The rest of the trees would be taken down shortly providing the weather got better. Letters to go out to businesses for the meeting in the Royal Hotel on Wednesday 10th March 2010at 7pm. Various community councilors to do this.</p> <p><u>JM</u> - Planning – No Update</p> <p><u>MC</u> - Signs and Street Furniture - Two youths from KGS have used their own money to buy paint and brushes and have cleaned up two benches on Drum Road, it was suggested they be given a certificate which MC would see to this. JM was also writing a report for them. A community award for older people was also discussed.</p> <p><u>SC</u> – Said that the snow clearing had been done a lot quicker this time possibly due to the fact there wasn't the same amount of snow in surrounding areas as Keith.. Not sure why Bear only clear a bit of the pavement then cross over the road and bits get left out.</p> <p><u>GC</u> – Still hoping to arrange a meeting with Stewart Stevenson regarding the recent clearing procedures of the snow. He will try to get in a response from Transport Scotland and possibly speak to Stuart Little It is hoped an agreement between BEAR and Moray Council can be arranged so that Moray Council could carry out the snow clearing process in the area. They have given Bear a price for this but Transport Scotland award the contracts. A letter writing campaign was also suggested.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>RP</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 asked for someone to take on the position of Secretary. Offers of help were given. Andy Jamieson would be attending the next meeting to discuss anti -social behaviour.</p>	
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on <u>Monday 6th April 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	