



KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON
4th May 2010

PRESENT

Jane Martin	JM	Stewart Cree	SC
Diane Halley	DH	Ron Shepherd	RS
Carol Cowie	CC	Ian Cattanach	IC
Charlie Lawson	CL		

IN ATTENDANCE

Rhona Patterson	Community Support Worker
Susan Hutcheon	Minutes Secretary
Esther Green	Banffshire Herald
Chris Saunderson	Nothern Scot

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
1	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Marguerite Cruickshank, Margaret Robson, Gary Coull, Brian Cruickshank and Nancy Cruickshank</p>	
2	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></p> <p>Minutes of meeting dated 1st March 2010 The minutes were not proposed at the last meeting as there was an insufficient attendance of community councilors. They were proposed tonight by Ian Cattanach and seconded by Jane Martin.</p>	
3	<p><u>POLICE MATTERS</u></p> <p>No police in attendance. Apologies from them for not attending. There have been complaints about youths drinking at Fife Park. This has been reported to the police. Cars are reported to have been making excessive noise and also reported.</p>	

4	<u>NO PRESENTATION</u>	
5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
6	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>A cheque has been received from Moray Council for the remainder of the CC administration budget.</p> <p>CC has been co-opted on and is our new secretary with the assistant of DH. Unfortunately, Brian Cruickshank cannot be co-opted onto the council as he is not on the electoral roll, he is in the process of amending this.</p> <p>Tracey Rae has not received Mr. Innes resignation yet.</p> <p>A proposal to prevent traffic using the lane linking Drum road with School road has been discussed and an objection will be sent to Moray Council on behalf of the Community Council. In the discussion it was decided Bear Scotland and Moray Council need to do a traffic survey as It would cause pandemonium if this lane was blocked off. CC will write a letter to Bear/Moray Council on the matter.</p> <p>The North of Scotland Community Council Insurance Policy was discussed and the Community Council does not need to take out a policy with them.</p> <p>Rallyee had asked if we wanted to take a stall at the event on the 13th June. CC members voted not to.</p> <p>The CC had a letter regarding the Edintore wind farm project. There is going to be a public meeting including Drummuir Community Association, Huntly and Strathisla Community Councils. There was a questionnaire to be filled out about the wind farm, JM filled it out at the meeting.</p> <p>DH received a letter asking if KCC would be interested in hiring the reindeer for this year's extravaganza. She declined their offer as we are unsure if the Extravaganza will go ahead this year due to the lack of help.</p>	CC
7	<p><u>COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATES</u></p> <p><u>IC - Environment</u> – Extensive damage has been caused to trees in the cottage woods. It was thought that youths were causing the damage with their bikes, using the woods as a BMX track, it has been going on for years.</p> <p>A Citizen from Fife Keith is looking for volunteers to help tidy up the litter in Fife Keith areas that are neglected.</p> <p>JM did a presentation to the Keith Scouts. The scouts and other youngsters would like to see the disbanded BMX track be resurrected. It was unsure who owned the property. Councillors were encouraged to find out who belonged the land. At the moment there are ponies grazing on the land. The scouts are keen to help get the BMX track up and running again and also to do a litter pick which they have done in the past.</p> <p>The menace of litter being dropped. Youngsters being seen to go out of their way to put litter in bins are being rewarded with vouchers from the Community Warden</p>	

<p>Two trees are damaged in Keith Square. SC will see about it. Signs also been turned round leading to the square again. There is a deep hole appearing at the Auld Brig next to the cemetery walls which needs to be repaired. It is about 2 feet big by now.</p> <p><u>CL</u> - Roads and Rights of Way – Weeds on pavements – would they be removed quicker this year by Bear. There has been a noticeable difference at the Tesco traffic lights. The timer has been altered. Old Tesco building is an eyesore. Will the wall be fixed which was knocked down in the winter? There is no guttering on some parts of the building and windows are broken. Some vehicles are parking at the lorry park that should not be there. More traffic would frequent bridge street with the new Keith builders opening. SC said a traffic survey would be conducted. Vehicles are still going the wrong way on the Newmill Brae. Road markings will not be changed until after the consultation. BT will be informed about the brackets hanging off a pole near to Milton Tower. IC said that road bollards are still covered in sand. CL will inform Bear about this.</p> <p>Christmas Lights – The lights have to be moved from the Changing area at the leys as the Newmill Football team is to use the facilities at Seafield Park. There was a disappointing turnout at the Quiz night although the people that were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A Christmas themed quiz was suggested for July. Collection boxes are to be ordered to put into local businesses and shops for the Christmas lights fund.</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>JM</u> - Planning – No Update</p> <p>Liscencing – JM asked about a new Chinese takeaway that is to open in Fife Keith. There has been an application for a change of use. SC said he hadn't heard it was going to be a fast food takeaway.</p> <p><u>MC</u> - Signs and Street Furniture – Youths from KGS have cleaned and painted another seat around Keith. The awards are to be presented to the youths involved at next K Factor ceremony at KGS on 9th June. MC making out new awards as the dates are wrong on the last ones. I Tunes vouchers would also be awarded to the youths as well. The press would go along and do a story on this. RP would find out about other awards that can be worked towards for the future for other pupils. The signs in the square are being turned around the wrong way again.</p> <p><u>SC</u> – No Issues</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>CL</p> <p>MC</p>
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	<u>GC</u> – No issues	
8	<p><u>External Groups Updates</u></p> <p>Regeneration Partnership – No Update PPP – no update FKAG - Flooding issues were discussed as was the drainage in Fife Keith square. GC would be approached about this.</p>	
9	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>Alan Campbell will be invited to the July meeting. Andy Jamieson will be invited to the June meeting. RP asked for approval to get funding for the appropriate software updates.</p>	
10	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on <u>Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.00pm</u> in Keith Sports and Community Centre.</p>	
	Minutes Secretary: Mrs Susan Hutcheon	