

**KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**



**PRESENT**

Jane Martin  
Charlie Lawson  
Neil Kidd  
Margueritte Cruickshank  
Sandy Dickson

Cllr Gary Coull  
Cllr Stewart Cree  
Susan Hutcheon

Sadie Ogg

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Shelly  
PC Keith Milne

Banffshire Herald  
Keith Police

**1. APOLOGIES**

Ron Shepherd, Lorna Mulligan and Donna Jamieson

**2. PROPOSE MINUTES OF**

Minutes of meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were proposed tonight by Charlie Lawson and seconded by Sandy Dickson.

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

Patrols have been carried out at Dunnyduff Woods but no one identified yet for the reports of motorcycles tearing up paths. The Keith Fire Station has been visited after reports that their firemen have been driving onto Balloch Road from Tesco the wrong way to get to the station quicker. This will cease.

A parent has found used needles near a derelict property by a concerned mother walking her child to school. This is an ongoing problem in this area. Reports of double parking on School Road and cars going at high speed on this stretch of road. The warden is keeping a look out for problems here.

There are cars being driven into KGS at nights and weekends by youngsters causing a nuisance. A concerned resident fears they will damage a car on school road as they come out of the car park.

There were 49 recorded crimes since the last meeting which consisted of thefts, dishonesties, road traffic offences and vandalisms. Persons have been reported to the procurator fiscal.

**4. Matters Arising**

GC said that the insulation to council properties was dependent on the nature of funding. It is hoped that property owners adjacent to council owned properties

would be able to insulate their properties at the same time as the council owned ones to fully benefit the insulation being put in. SC said an email came out but no progress at the moment.

Signs – GC not been able to push this on any further at the moment.

JM thanked GC for all the work he and others have put in to the event which was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in Longmore hall for the In Keith event. There was a great turnout and positive feedback with business wanting to be put on to the website. The events section is where you can add information yourself. Hopefully businesses will be able to put on information themselves soon as well. The marketing group are updating the website. TV adverts still to be finished although the In Keith event was on STV news. Local businesses are going to be using the logo. NK has been given go ahead to buy flags with logo on for their anniversary event in 2014 where they have a sponsor.

## **5. Correspondence**

There is to be a meeting to discuss the future of sports and leisure facilities in Moray. Only one representative from each group is being allowed to go. NK to attend as well as JM from another group she is a member of.

## **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

MC gave an update. Accounts for the Christmas lights to be updated as there was a lot to be paid in and out at this time of the year.

## **7. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS UPDATE**

### **A. Mr Neil Kidd – Planning and Licensing**

No issues with any planning permissions sought. The Junior Primary school is up for sale with a closing date set for Mid December. JM red out a list of the disabled parking spaces there is in Keith. There is the odd one that can be removed now as not used at an address. JM to forward to SC so that the yellow paint can be removed from the road identifying where a space was. The Caravan site could be sold for developing into houses. There were no objections to this.

### **B. Mr Charles Lawson and Mr Sandy Dickson – Roads and rights of way**

CL pointed out that the streets are looking shabby. It was asked why we don't have a street sweeper with a barrow these days who goes around sweeping the streets. It was pointed out that the council employee has to go to other towns as well as Keith to attend to cleaning up rubbish. He also cleans the toilets and clears up the rubbish early in the mornings which many of us do not see being done. The drains have been seen to be cleaned.

Strathmill steps – no response to this matter. Steppies are being repaired. They are owned by an unknown person. Money was donated by an unknown individual some years ago. Gullies at the side of steps could be made so that cyclists could push their bikes up and down. JM has been asked to ask councillors if they know of any lights that could be switched off to save on electricity in the town.

Members are going to have a think about this. The new lights that have been installed are powered by LED and use less electricity hopefully saving some

money

**C. Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank – Signs and street furniture**

No update

**D. Mrs Lorna Mulligan – Environment and Cleansing**

No update

**E. Housing**

No update.

**F. Cllr Stewart Cree**

No update

**H. Cllr Gary Coull**

No update

**8. EXTERNAL GROUP UPDATE'S**

**A. KSRP**

No update apart from the update GC gave.

**B. FKAG**

No update

**C. JCC**

No update

**D. Christmas Lights**

The Christmas Lights Extravaganza went well on Saturday. The layout seemed to worked better this year with the entertainment in the big hall with teas provided by The Loft Youth Project and around 30 stalls in small hall with Santa on the Stage who had a steady stream of young visitors after arriving in a tractor and bogie having come down Mid Street with his elves. A similar amount of money in region of £800 was raised as last year.

SC suggested a meeting be held in January to discuss how money to be spent. More lights would be better to be added. Suggestions that a better plan for the trees on Mid Street be sought as it is a lot of work for the people that dress lights put them up and take them down again.

Money has to be spent by March/April or it will be lost.

## **9. A.O.C.B**

Disappointment about the A96 dual carriageway viewing in the Longmore Hall Keith. There was no update on what would be happening around Keith. The only parts seemed to be Nairn. There was disappointment that it was not done better.

JM thanked everyone who helped with the trees to be decorated and for helping at the extravaganza.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014

Minutes prepared by Susan Hutcheon