

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 05th February 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Callum Stuart (Vice Chair), Dawn Borland, Davie Rough, Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Stuart Chapman, Les Innes Amy Inglis.

Ex-Officio Members: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt,

Others in Attendance:

Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Linda Gorn - United Keith,

1. **Chair Neil Kidd welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:04hrs**

2. **Apologies were received from:** Cllr Colyer, Phil Eckford.

3. **Police Matters:** There was no representative from Police Scotland in attendance.

4. **Proposal and Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting;**

The minutes of the December meeting were adopted after amendment.

Proposed D. Rough, Seconded D. Borland.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting December 2023;**

Mid Street Parking issues ongoing – Linda Gorn advised the meeting that overnight and all day parking on Mid Street was ongoing and she would pass the details on to the police.

TESCO Bottle Bank – The issue has been resolved.

6. **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell**

Watch Commander Mitchell gave his report for December 2023 and January 2024.

7. **Correspondence;**

Correspondence is normally forwarded by email to KCC members for their attention.

The following items of correspondence were discussed:

Email from Police Sgt Mackay, email from SSEN re New Coachford substation, email re A96 Tree work in Keith for abnormal loads, Letter re installation of Battery storage system in Keith, Prohibition of Waiting on Mid Street.

8. **Treasurer's Report;**

Keith Community Council - £3660.80

Christmas Lights - £6310.56

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators - £1347.21 Dec 2023) - £1119.21 (Jan 2024)

Keith in Flower - £5529.80

9. **Councillor's Reports;**

Cllr Gatt – Attended Budget meeting and Housing Committee.

Cllr Coull – Had carried out constituency work, Full Council Meeting,

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Matters for Councillor's Attention

Amy Inglis – several street lights out around Keith – report via Moray Council website.

10. Sub Groups:

- a. Christmas Lights** – The Christmas lights have all been taken down and ready for maintenance.
- b. Keith in Flower** - Preparation work for the Spring displays has started.
- c. Keith Defibrillators** – The Defibrillator sited at the Grampian Hotel was used, new pads have been installed and it is back in service.
- d. Scots Toun** – "Marguerite Cruickshank applied to the Doric Board's 2024 New Year Awards for a £1,000 grant. Because the fund was over-subscribed, and because the Board wanted to support as many projects as possible, a grant of £250 was received and paid into the Scots Toun account. The project is to design, print and distribute supplies of free community leaflets detailing a 5-minute illustrated history of the decline and rebirth of the Scots language from a local perspective (written in Doric/Scots) to be distributed to all businesses in Keith and surrounding area that show an interest".

11. AOCB:

War Memorial Lights

The War memorial spotlight facing up Land Street may have contributed to a recent RTC on Land Street; a black membrane has been put on the back fence to obscure the light from view.

Cllr Gatt will contact Keith British legion regarding this matter.

Union Street 'Sink hole'

Cllr Coull advised that Moray Council is aware of the 'sink hole' on Union Street and it is being investigated.

Rubbish in the River Isla

D. Rough advised that he has written to the CEO of Scottish water on this matter

Keith Swimming Pool

D. Rough advised he will be attending a meeting in Elgin on Tuesday regarding Moray Council's Budget surveys.

There being no further relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.30hrs.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 04th March 2024 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station