

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 06th May 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

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

Ward Councillors: 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 19:05hrs

2. Apologies were received from: Cllr T. Colyer and KCC member Dawn Borland.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the May 2024 meeting

The Minutes of the April meeting were adopted as drafted - Proposed by Stuart Chapman, Seconded by Davie Rough.

4. Police Matters: Not in attendance.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the May 2024 meeting

Bryony Beck KSRP Local Community Development Officer has resigned from her post the KSRP Secretary will contact the funder to see if a new Development Officer can be recruited.

Banff Road Pot Hole – Cars turning right into Banff Road from the A96 Church Road are forced onto the wrong side of the road to avoid the pot hole. Cllr Coull advised that arrangements to repair the pot hole are in hand.

Keith FC Visiting Coaches parking – chair Kidd has spoken to the Chairman of Keith FC who has advised that cones are put out adjacent to the football ground to allow the coaches to park. There is usually only one coach of visitors and sometimes two at the most.

Keith Greener Grid Battery Storage Site – There are plans for the site to be expanded.

6. Correspondence:

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

An email regarding changes to the route of the Fish Wives walk was noted.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council - £3865.70

Christmas Lights - £6018.84

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators - £549.21

Keith in Flower - £2335.29

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8. Reports

KSRP – Kinda Gorn advised that KSRP will become a Development Trust.

Local Concerns – Davie Rough reported the following matters; he was still awaiting a reply from Scottish water regarding the debris that is accumulating against the pipe that crosses the river Isla adjacent to the point where the road bridge crosses the river. He has been contacted by REAP regarding the tidying up of the Glebe land adjacent to the river Isla; he is still awaiting feedback from Diageo about the intended work on Auld Brig.

Roads & Pavements – Phil Eckford advised that the drain covers in the A96 outside the Royal Hotel and Keith Bandstand had sunk and required attention, he is in contact with AMEY about this.

Planning – Stuart Chapman advised that there had been nothing residential recently but there was a submission about the battery storage.

Keith in Flower - D. Borland was not present and Amy Inglis gave the report, Sponsors for the Hanging Baskets were being recruited.

Callum Stuart advised the meeting that the Keith Area Tourism Network meeting minutes of the 26th of April contained inaccurate information about Keith in Flower, this was noted.

Keith Christmas Lights – Amy Inglis advised the meeting that materials for the ongoing repair and upgrade of the lights had been purchased.

KCC Defibrillators – Amy Inglis advised that pads in five of the Defibrillators had expired and new pads had been installed accordingly.

Parks & Litter – Neil Kidd advised that a group of residents had got together and litter picked Broomhill Road.

Facebook & Media – Steve Hickin advised that he had been removing unsolicited posts from the KCC Facebook page.

Cllr Coull – Keith Grammar School is in touch with Sport Scotland for assistance in returning an unmarked playing field to use as a Football pitch. The street lights at 'The Steppies' have been replaced. The April Walk to School Initiative worked well to reduce school run traffic.

Cllr Gatt – There was a Special council meeting for the Moray Development Plan, also attended the Audit & Scrutiny Committee, The Moray tenants Forum and The Moray transport Forum.

9. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report for April.

10. AOCB:

Marguerite Cruikshank made the following announcement;

With retirement in mind, I've been looking into the possibility of Mither Tongue being run as a Scots Language Hub / social enterprise and have taken advice / made notes which I'll make available to members to read at their leisure.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 01st July @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station