

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 02nd September 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt. T. Colyer.

Others in Attendance: Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Debra Duke Moray Council Community Council Liaison Officer, (CCLO).

1. The Meeting opened at 19:05hrs with N. Kidd in the Chair

2. Apologies were received from: S. Chapman and P. Eckford, Treasurer M. Cruickshank phoned to say she had been delayed and would be at the meeting shortly.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the July 2024 meeting

The Minutes of the July 2024 meeting were adopted as drafted - Proposed by Amy Inglis, Seconded by Les Innes.

4. Police Matters: No representative from Police Scotland was present, Neil Kidd read through the Police Community Council report for July which was the most recent available at this time.

The Chair then invited the CCLO, Debra Duke, to speak to the meeting, the CCLO advised that the Community Council elections which will take place in August/September 2025 and the first stage of consultations for the Moray Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils is under way and will end on the 23rd of October. The second stage of consultation will be between the 06th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

The Chair thanked the CCLO for her information.

(Marguerite Cruickshank entered the meeting at 19.20hrs).

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

Bus Shelter Reidhaven Square Cllr Gatt is still pursuing this matter.

Pot Holes on Police Lane These pot holes have been filled.

Auld Brig Davie Rough has not yet received a reply from Diageo and will be contacting them for a reply.

Keith Bandstand The Chair reported that he had been contacted by Moray council asking for information on who removed the original Harris Fencing previously installed on the perimeter flower bed. He advised Moray council that KCC had not removed the Harris Fencing and did not know who had.

Keith Finger Signs These had been funded by the Millennium Fund Committee.

6. Union Bridge:

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Amy Inglis asked that Amey be asked to place an additional “Keep Junction Clear” sign at the junction of Regent Street and Wellington Terrace.

Cllr Gatt advised the meeting that he had written to MSP Tim Eagle asking him to raise the matter of the Union Bridge landslip repairs, Cllr Gatt will also raise the matter with engineers at Moray Council.

7. Correspondence:

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

8. Treasurer’s Report

Keith Community Council - £3230.50

Christmas Lights - £5715.84

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators – £1399.21

Keith in Flower - £3641.47

9. Reports

Local Concerns – Davie Rough reported that he is still awaiting a reply from Diageo and will be contacting them for an update.

Keith in Flower – Dawn Borland reported that preparations were in hand for the seasonal clearing of the KiF tubs and planters around the town, perennial plants will be planted in the Bandstand flower beds to provide ongoing coverage.

Defibrillators – Amy Inglis advised that the Defibrillator at the Longmore Hall is faulty and the chest pads are date expired. Chivas, who originally donated this defibrillator, were contacted to see if they would like to make a donation towards replacing it but they declined. Ideas for funding a replacement are being discussed.

Christmas Lights – Callum Stuart reported that work on a new Santa Sleigh is progressing and it should be ready for this year’s ‘Santa Runs’ and he wanted to thank KBM for donating materials for the new sleigh. The Christmas Lights committee is looking for suitable storage space for the Christmas Lights in Keith; enquiries have been made about the old Tourist Information Office.

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

Scots Toun – Callum Stuart reported that he is looking into the possibility of placing welcome signs in the Scots language at the approaches to Keith and he is currently in discussions with roads contractor AMEY on the subject. Marguerite Cruickshank is progressing the development of a Scots Language Hub in Keith and is looking at making a Lottery Funding application.

Cllr Coull – Had a forestry visit at the Seafeld estate, met with Statkraft about a community fund and will be visiting Dundee this coming Thursday.

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Cllr Gatt – Visited the James Jordan sawmill re development plans, attended the normal cycle of committee meetings. MSP Tim Eagle has spoken the roads contractor AMEY regarding the Union Bridge Landslip and will raise the matter in the Scottish Parliament.

Cllr Colyer – Visits to the Moray Resource Centre where she met a group of Bikers who have been fund raising and the Blackhillock Sub Station.

10. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report for July and August. Keith fire crews attended 22 fire calls over these two months, 13 in July and 9 in August, there were 12 false alarm calls over the two month period, 3 in Keith, 8 in Huntly and 1 in Buckie.

There was a single vehicle RTC in Glass involving an overturned lorry.

There were three fires; a Bale on fire in Rothiemay, a house fire in Keith with a call back to check for hot spots and a Loader shovel fire inside a shed in Buckie.

There were five special service incidents a Line Rescue at the Spey Bridge, Fochabers, Assisting a farmer that had hit an electric pole in field, Assisting Paramedics with an elderly man who had fallen within his property in Keith, Assisting Paramedics with an elderly female who had fallen within her property in Keith and assisting Paramedics with an elderly female who had fallen within her property in Grange.

11. AOCB:

Les Innes raised the following matters;

Cars being parked on the corners of the Fire Station access road during Keith FC match days. Watch Commander Mitchell advised he was raising this matter with the police.

Neil Kidd will raise the matter of parking with the Chairman of Keith FC.

The amount of cars being parked up on Balloch Road by the car repair man whose workshop is there.

Callum Stuart raised the matter of purchasing the Scots language welcome signs for the town the cost would be between £1600 and £1800.

Proposed N. Kidd, seconded D. Rough

That this Community Council purchase Scots Language welcome/farewell signs to be installed at the A96 approaches to Keith.

Carried Unanimously

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 21.00hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 07th October @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station