

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 07th November 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Davie Rough, Callum Stuart, Dawn Borland, Stuart Chapman, Amy Inglis.

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

Others in Attendance: Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Linda Gorn KSRP.

1. The Meeting opened at 19:10hrs with N. Kidd in the Chair

2. Apologies were received from: P. Eckford, Cllr T. Colyer, M. Cruickshank contacted the Chair to advise she would not arrive until after the meeting had started.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the October 2024 meeting

The Minutes of the October 2024 meeting were adopted as amended - Proposed by D. Rough, Seconded by D. Borland.

4. Police Matters: No Police Scotland representative was in attendance at this meeting.

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

Balloch Road Car parking during Keith FC Home Games The circumstances of car parking during home games appears to have improved.

19:18hrs M.Cruickshank entered the meeting.

Commercial Hotel report of Sewage coming from Drain - Cllr Coull advised that Scottish Water had dealt with the matter.

Reidhaven Square Bus Shelter - Cllr Gatt advised that the windows in the Bus Shelter have been repaired.

Ownership of Defibrillators - N. Kidd will contact Keiran's Legacy with regard to this matter.

Broomhill Road Parking Issues - Vans and vehicles with trailers are parking in the triangular area at the junction of Broomhill Road and Banff Road causing a partial obstruction. It was suggested that a no parking area could be introduced on one side of the road adjacent to the junction

Union Bridge Road Works

The 'Keep Junction Clear' signs at the junction of Wellington Terrace and Regent Street are missing.

The Secretary will contact AMEY and ask for a clarification of the timescale for the completion of the repair work and full reopening of the A96.

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6. Correspondence:

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

7. Treasurer's Report

Keith Community Council - £3506.70

Christmas Lights - £2309.87

Scots Toun - 2560.59 (A grant of £250 has been received from the Doric Language Board).

Keith Defibrillators – £1499.21

Keith in Flower - £246007

8. Reports

Community Councillors

Local Concerns – One of the unique metal benches has been found in Newmill.

Planning – S. Chapman distributed a report of the planning applications for Keith as provided in the weekly wards list.

Keith in Flower – D. Borland reported that funding for the new Buggy has been granted by the Edintore Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

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

Ward Councillors

Cllr Coull – Attended an estates walkabout, made planning visits, attended a Parents meeting at Crossroads School and a Moray Council Budget workshop.

Cllr Gatt – Has been carrying out constituency work.

Sub Groups

In Keith – No progress on appointing a new Development Officer, an online survey for a potential Scots Language Hub in Keith will be published.

Scots Toun - KCC will fund leaflet holders for the proposed Scots Language leaflets.

Christmas Lights – A Press release has been prepared regarding Transport Scotland's requirement to use a HERS registered contractor to install the Christmas lights along Moss Street, Church Road and through Fife Keith because that is part of the A96. This requirement is financially prohibitive and means there will be no Christmas lights display along the section of the A96 through Keith.

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9. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report for October, there were 10 Fire calls, 4 False alarms, two RTC's one of which became a search and rescue operation in collaboration with the Coast Guard and Police Scotland. There was a kitchen fire in Keith, two False alarms with good intent (an alarm clock mistaken for a fire alarm and a smokey BBQ mistaken for a fire).

Watch Commander Mitchell also organised and hosted a multi agency Table Top exercise concerning a warehouse fire which was held at a Chivas Brothers.

10. AOCB:

KCC will make a donation to the Scottish Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

Chair Neil Kidd will represent Keith Community Council at the annual Remembrance Sunday service and lay the KCC wreath. D. Borland will deputise if Neil Kidd is unavailable.

Furniture in storage at the Longmore Community Hall, C. Stuart suggested that it may be time to review the furniture.

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 02nd December 2024 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station,