

# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 05<sup>th</sup> May 2025

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

### Those in Attendance:

**Community Councillors:** Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Callum Stuart (Vice chair), Stuart Chapman, Davie Rough.

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

**Others:** Paul Winton (Crew Commander Keith Community Fire Station), Linda Gorn.

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

2. **Apologies were received from:** Cllr T. Colyer, D. Borland.

### 3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the April 2025 meeting**

The Minutes of the April 2025 meeting were adopted as Drafted  
Proposed M. Cruickshank – Seconded S. Chapman

### 4. **Police Matters:**

Note: Under the new structure for Community Council reports they are now issued on a Bimonthly basis, and due to increasing operational demands officers are no longer routinely scheduled to attend Community Council meetings.

After a brief discussion on the above arrangements it was agreed that “Police Matters” would remain as a regular Agenda item.

### 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the April 2025 meeting**

#### **Seafield Avenue Railway Bridge**

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Keith & Dufftown Railway asking for information on the state of the bridge and when repairs will be carried out.

#### **Bunting for Mid Street**

The Bunting has been purchased and will be put up on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May by the Keith in Flower, (KiF), volunteers. Flags flown on Mid Street that are owned by KiF will be taken down, flags not owned by KiF will remain.

### 6. **Correspondence:**

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

The Secretary had circulated a list of all correspondence received by email between 14/04/2025 and tonight's meeting, (05/05/2025), and had introduced the following items for consideration at tonight's meeting;

*JCC Notice of Next Meeting, CAS No.4 foreCAST, Union Bridge Update, John & Dom Mackie Please Help, Prohibition of Waiting - Edindiach Rd, Keith - Sub-Station Works, m.connect Service 333 - Burghead - Hopeman – Lossiemouth, m.connect Service 334 - Elgin North Circular – Kingston*  
- All of which were noted.

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## 7. Reports:

### Treasurer

Keith Community Council - £2083.05

Christmas Lights - £8130.85

Scots Toun - 2560.59

Keith Defibrillators – £1361.21

Keith in Flower – 1626.88

The Treasurer reported that the £50 donation to the KGS annual awards ceremony had been paid.

### Community Reports

#### Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Crew Commander Winton gave the report for April;

Keith Community Fire Crews attended 21 fire calls during April as follows,

6 False Alarms; 2 Sheltered Housing in Keith, 1 at Sheltered Housing in Huntly, 1 at Sheltered Housing in Buckie, 1 at care Home in Huntly, 1 at Domestic property in Grange.

2 False Alarms with Good Intent – a controlled burning in Grange, a controlled burning in Mulben.

2 RTC's – 1 at Swiss Cottage on the Fochabers to Buckie Road with all Appliances stood down before arrival and a two vehicle RTC on the A96 at the Banff Pole Filling Station.

3 special services – Assist Police & Paramedics for a male in distress in Fochabers, Assist Paramedics for a female in distress at Huntly, Gain entry to a flat in sheltered housing the flat was being flooded by water from the Flat above, gain entry because of concerns for the occupier.

6 fires – Gorse fire at Lossie Beach, Gorse fire at Garmouth, Chimney fire in Keith, Wildfire in Newmill (Wilful), Car fire in Keith, Gorse/Rubbish fire at Grange.

2 Hoax calls in Keith.

### Ward Councillors

**Cllr Gatt** – Attended Police Briefings, Council Security Committee, Elgin Neighbourhood Planning Board.

**Cllr Coull** – attended the Banffshire Twinning Meeting, usual Committees, attended an event in Cullen with Princess Anne, Judging Girl Guiding at the Keith Flower show.

Roads – There has been a query from residents about extending the 30 mph speed limit opposite the Nursery and new housing development on Banff road approaching Keith.

In reply, Cllr Coull advised that this matter has previously been raised with the council Roads department and they do not believe there is a need to alter the current set up.

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Defibrillators – All Keith Community Council Defibrillators are in service.

Facebook & Media – Unsolicited posts and spam continue to be removed from the KCC Facebook page.

Christmas Lights – The winner of the schools competition has been chosen.

KSRP – The April meeting will be finalising the Constitution.

## 8. AOCB:

The Secretary was instructed to invite the Moray Council CCLO to the June meeting of the Community Council.

*Community Council Elections 2025* – the Chair asked the current members if they could advise if they will be standing in this year's Community Council election. Of the six current members present five will be standing again for re-election and one will be retiring.

*L.Gorn – advised of the itinerary for the VE Day 80 and the Kilt making celebrations.*

7<sup>th</sup> May - The We will meet again tartan decorated with the Hundreds of Poppies will be hung up at the Keith memorial and also at the Highlanders Memorial at Baxters in Mosstodlach

8<sup>th</sup> May - There will be a short service at 10.30am at the Gordon Highlanders Memorial in Keith. There will be complimentary VE Cupcakes at the Deli when you make a purchase (courtesy of Keith Rotary and the Keith Kilt and Textile Centre). We are also donating 50 VE cupcakes to both Nursing Homes and also 25 to Turner Hospital.

9<sup>th</sup> May – The Keith Kilt and Textile Centre will be holding an event (by invitation only as seating is limited) at the Keith Royal British Legion at 6.30pm Doors open at 5.45pm. The Concert will start at 6.30pm with the Country Quines followed by The Keith Primary School Choir dressed in Evacuee outfits (courtesy of the Keith Community Council) including audience participation. The first half will finish with the Keith and District Silver Band. There will be a 30 minute break for refreshments courtesy of the Keith British Legion. The second half will commence with the Lord Lieutenant Andrew Simpson presenting certificates to the five children who designed the 5 new tartans for Keith. There is a sixth tartan a new District Tartan designed by Emma Wilkinson from the House of Edgar. This will be followed by the Country Quines, the Silver Band and the choir singing once again and asking the audience to sing "We will meet again" to finish the concert. There may be an impromptu ceilidh if those in attendance want it.

10<sup>th</sup> May – The ladies who have made the poppies are invited to attend the primary 7s coffee morning to say thanks for all their hard work. The Keith and Dufftown Railway will hand out complimentary cupcakes on the Saturday and the Sunday. (again courtesy of the Keith Rotary)

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11<sup>th</sup> May - There will be a short service at the Highlander Memorial at Baxters at 11.15am.

On Sunday night the tartan and the poppies come down and are stored for Remembrance Sunday.

*Keith Library* – The Ward Councillors were asked if the rumour that Keith Library will be moved into Keith Grammar School was true. Both Councillors confirmed this was not true.

*Commemorative Stones at the entrance to the TESCO car park* – The commemorative stones are in need of repair, KCC is willing to contribute the cost of the cement but volunteers from the community will need to come forward to carry out the repairs.

*Union Bridge* – The barriers on the road around the work site and the lack of updates on the progress of the work was discussed.

The Secretary was instructed to email AMEY Engagement Manager Billy Gordon on this matter and ask for more frequent and detailed updates.

**There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 21.11hrs**

**Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:**

**Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station.**