

The Keith Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 04th November 2019 at Keith Community Centre

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair) Steve Hickin (Secretary), Sandy Dickson, Marguerite Cruickshank, Susan Hutcheon, Callum Stuart, Sandra Clark, Davey Carson.

Others in attendance: Cllr D. Gatt, Cllr T. Coull, Laura Powell (Council By Election Candidate), Police Sgt Mike Irwin

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting opened at 1900hrs and Neil welcomed the attendees. There were no apologies received.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

The Minutes of the October meeting were proposed as accurate by Marguerite Cruickshank and Seconded by Sandy Dickson.

3. Police Matters - Sgt Irwin gave the October Community Report following which he addressed the following matters;

Fire Gate at the Show Ground and Seafield Walk – Callum explained that the issue was a vehicle being parked across this Fire gate even when there were events taking place on the Show Ground. Sgt Irwin stated that the 'No Parking' notice on the Gate could be advisory only and not a requirement and that he would look into the matter.

Large 4x4 parking on corner of Nelson Terrace and A96 – Neil stated that this vehicle was still parking in this position and that it caused an obstruction, forcing vehicles coming down Nelson Terrace to be on the wrong side of the road when joining the A96. Sgt Irwin stated he will get his officers to look out for it and take the appropriate action.

Harmona Flats – Police are aware and will continue to monitor the situation.

Abandoned car on Mar Place – Neil reported that an abandoned car have been left on Marr Place for approximately two weeks. The car had a council aware sticker on the windscreen but someone had attempted to peel it off. Sgt Irwin said he would look into why the vehicle had not been removed. There being no further matters for his attention Sgt Irwin left the meeting at 19.21hrs.

4. Treasurer's Report

KCC = £654.70

Christmas Lights = £1110.08

Scots Toun = £2603.53

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Pedestrian Crossing on the A96 – Councillor Coull reported that, as requested at the October meeting she had spoken to Moray Council Traffic Engineer Elaine Penny about attending the November meeting of KCC. Unfortunately Mrs Penny has other commitments on Monday evenings and is unable to attend KCC but she is willing to make an alternative arrangement to meet with members of KCC.

Defibrillators – Callum reported that, as requested at the October meeting, he had spoken to the staff at Keith Fire station about installing a Public Access Defibrillator, (PAD), there and was awaiting a reply from the Fire Service property department. At 20.20hrs during the meeting Callum received a Text message from the Fire Service advising that they would not have a PAD installed at Keith Fire Station. With that information to hand the meeting decided to enquire with Keith Builder's Merchants, (KBM), to see if there is a suitable location on their premises for a PAD.

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Action: Callum to contact Keith Builder's Merchants.

Marguerite advised that Keith Cancer Link would like to donate a Defibrillator for installation in the town, the meeting agreed to accept this offer.

Action: Marguerite to reply to Keith Cancer Link.

Davey advised that the owner of the Institute on Mid Street was willing to have a PAD installed there.

Action: Davey and Callum to liaise with the Institute's owner to arrange for installation.

Steve reported that he had emailed the Scot Rail manager responsible for Keith Station and was currently awaiting a reply. Steve will also contact Chivas regarding their offer to donate a Defibrillator for installation at the Longmore Hall.

Action: Steve to continue with this.

KBM Sponsored Planters – Davey reported that he has a meeting arranged with Keith Builder's merchants to discuss the advertising attached to these planters and ask for it to be removed.

Notice Board for the Longmore Hall – Callum reported that he had obtained a price of £271.94 inclusive of VAT for a notice board. The notice board is lit and holds sixteen A4 sheets. After a discussion the members agreed unanimously to purchase and donate this notice board to the Longmore Hall.

6. Moray Community Councils Unacceptable Actions Policy

This matter was deferred at the October meeting to give members more time to consider the policy. Following a brief discussion the following motion was proposed by Susan and seconded by Davey that; "Keith Community Council should adopt the *Moray Community Councils Unacceptable Actions Policy*" This was unanimously agreed by the members and the policy was adopted.

A copy of the policy will be held with the Community Council Handbook.

7. Correspondence

Invitation to GEN 'Building Healthy Communities' open event on Wednesday 06th November at the Findhorn Foundation.

Noted

Dyslexia Scotland's Drop in Session 2pm to 8pm on 06th November in the Laichmoray Hotel Elgin.

Noted

Email from Amy Cruickshank, Opportunities for All Officer, Schools and Curriculum Development advertising the Mentoring Young Talent scheme which is currently being piloted in Buckie and Elgin.

Noted.

8. Community Councillors Updates

- Mrs Susan Hutcheon – Planning and Licensing
Nothing to Report

- Mr Sandy Dickson & Mr Steve Hickin - Roads and rights of way.
Ponding at the junction of Mid Street and the A96 – Ongoing
Pedestrian Crossing on the A96 – Ongoing
White Lines, Keep Clear Box and Yellow Box Junction on the A96 - Ongoing

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Action: Steve to pursue

- Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank - Signs, street furniture and marketing.
Nothing to report

- Environment and General Enquiries.
Dog Fouling on Bridge Street and Banff Road is an issue.
Cllr Gatt advised that this matter can be reported via the Moray Council Website.

Davey reported that Keith in Flower has applied for a wind farm grant and are planning a major project in Keith Square and there will be a Coffee Morning early in the New Year to raise funds. A new fence is to be erected along the side of the Band Stand where the collapsing wall is.

Cllr T Coull

The owner of the Premier Convenience store on the corner of Reidhaven Square and Moss Street is currently in talks with Moray Council with a view to leasing and reopening the Public Toilet in the Square. There will be a charge for using the Toilet when it reopens. The Swimming Pool Support Group is currently circulating a survey to gauge usage and support for Keith Sports Centre.

Cllr D Gatt

A paper is to be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in a few weeks time.

9. External Group Updates

KSRP – The AGM is on Thursday 07th November in the Ugie House Hotel, it is hoped some new people interested in joining the group will come along.

Christmas Lights – The Mid Street lights will be installed on the 17th of November and 34 Christmas Trees for installation around the town will be delivered on 20th November.

Scots Toun – Nothing to Report.

10. AOCB

Edintore Community Fund Panel - Neil advised the meeting that he and Sandy were coming to the end of their terms of office on the panel and asked if any other members would be willing to join the panel in their place. Davey and Callum expressed an interest but no commitment was made at this time.

Keith Community Council Remembrance Wreath – Neil will lay the KCC wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21.00hrs.

The next meeting of Keith Community Council will be on:

Monday 02nd December 2019 at 19.00hrs in the Round Room of Keith Community Centre