

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 02nd December 2019

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

Others in Attendance: Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt, Police Sgt Scott Brand (Buckie) and three members of the public.

01. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

The meeting opened at 1903hrs with Neil Kidd in the chair, Neil welcomed the attendees and apologies were received from CCLO Jane Martin and newly elected Cllr Powell.

02. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting:

Neil pointed out two spelling errors in the minutes which were corrected; following this the minutes were adopted as accurate; Proposed Sandy Dickson, Seconded Susan Hutcheon.

03. Police Matters:

Sgt Brand introduced himself and apologised for not having the Community report to hand, (it had not yet been published). He then addressed the following previously raised issues;

Obstruction of the Fire Gate at the Show Ground: The No Parking signs on this gate are advisory only and have no legal power therefore the Police are unable to move any vehicle that is parked there.

Large 4x4 causing an obstruction on the corner of Nelson Terrace: Nelson Terrace is currently closed to traffic for road works therefore it is not possible for the vehicle concerned to park there at the moment. The Police will continue to monitor the situation when the road works are completed.

Abandoned car on Mar Place: Sgt Brand reported this was a council matter, Neil advised the car in question had been removed.

There being no other matters for his attention Sgt Brand left the meeting.

04. CCLO Jane Martin

CCLO Jane Martin telephoned Neil to advise she is unwell and is unable to attend tonight's meeting, she will make alternative arrangements to attend a KCC meeting when well.

05. Treasurer's Report:

KCC = £292.50, Marguerite advised the meeting that the accounts were being Audited.
Christmas Lights = £1210.08, Marguerite advised there was a donation by Keith Town FC
Scots Toun = £2603.59

Marguerite advised that the Beatrice fund Microgrant money had still not been received.

Action: Steve to post on the FB page about the delay to the micro grants.

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06. Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes:

The Keith Community Council Clock has been repaired.

Defibrillators; Callum advised that Keith Builder's Merchants has a location at the entrance gate and is willing to have a Defibrillator installed.

It may not be possible to install a Defibrillator at the Institute on Mid Street as there is no power supply available at the moment and it is a listed building and installing a Defibrillator may require 'Listed Building consent.

Callum is compiling a map showing the location of current Defibrillators in the Town and also with suggested sites.

A discussion took place and other proposed sites for Defibrillators were; the Toilet on Keith Square, The NFU offices, the Scout Hut, Isla Bank Mills, the Vet Surgery on Land Street and the Royal British Legion building.

KBM sponsored Planters: Davey has spoken with KBM who have agreed to remove the Kitchen advertising from the planters. This being the case the matter will be closed.

Davey advised the meeting that a grant has been received for the installation of a proper fence at the Band Stand. This new fence would replace the temporary fencing when the subsidence is occurring.

KCC donated Notice Board for the Longmore Hall; Callum advised that the noticed board has been purchased and arrangements are in hand for its installation.

07. Correspondence:

A notice for the Rotary Club Carol service has been received and will be posted on the KCC Facebook page.

An email has been received from BEAR asking the Community Council's opinion on the scheduled resurfacing work on Moss Street. BEAR have two windows of opportunity for this work; the first is four nights from the 04th December or on the day shift in January. After a discussion on the pros and cons of the work the Community Council had no opinion on when the work should be conducted.

08. Community Councillor's Updates:

- Mrs Susan Hutcheon – Planning and Licensing: Moray Council have a public consultations taking place regarding the leasing of the Leys to Keith & District Men's Shed. Keith Community Council Have no objections to this.
- Mr Sandy Dickson & Mr Steve Hickin - Roads and rights of way.
Resurfacing of Moss Street as advised in correspondence above
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
- Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank - Signs, street furniture and marketing - Nothing to report

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- Environment & General Enquiries – Nothing to Report

Cllr T. Coull: Town Centre Funding – Applicants should have received a letter, an email has been sent to KSRP confirming their application was unsuccessful. Which applicants have received grants should be published on the Moray Council Website.

An issue concerning the refuse and recycling bins at Harmona being left out between collections and obstructing the footpath was brought to Cllr Coull's attention by Neil.

Cllr D. Gatt: There have been changes in the seats on the council which will bring about changes to the committees.

The Audited Scrutiny paper was presented to the committee but was voted down.

09. External Group Updates:

- KSRP – There was a disappointing turn out at the AGM but some new faces have joined the committee.
- Christmas Lights – the switch on event was a success with a good turnout, the events in the Hall and on Mid Street both attracted the crowds.
- Scots Toun – Nothing to report.

10. AOCB:

The KCC Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 08th March 2020 between 10.00hrs and 12.00hrs, those attending should meet at Keith Town Station. Neil will book the equipment.

Karen Price-Iddon of Stathisla Community Council to be invited to the February meeting to give a short briefing on Participatory Budgeting.

There will be no meeting in January 2020 – the next meeting will be:

Date, Time & Venue of the next Meeting: Monday 02nd March 2020 at 1900hrs

Venue: the Round Room - Keith Community & Sports Centre.