

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 03rd February 2020

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

Others in Attendance: Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt, CCLO Jane Martin, Aimee Inglis, Gail Duncan – Chair of St. Rufus Park Regeneration Group, (Left the meeting at 19:08hrs).

01. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

The meeting opened at 18:55hrs with Neil Kidd in the chair, Neil welcomed the attendees and apologies were received from Cllr Powell, Sandra Clark and Karen Price-Iddon.

02. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting – 02nd December 2020:

Amendments to Draft minutes;

- Treasures report – the figure of £200 was missed out from the donation to the Christmas lights by Keith FC Supporters Club.
- Harmona Bins – The issue was brought to Neil's attention by a resident.
- Cllr Gatt – The Scrutiny Handbook was presented to the committee, not Scrutiny paper.

With amendments made the minutes were adopted as accurate - Proposed by Marguerite and Seconded by Callum.

03. Police Matters:

There was no representative from the Police in attendance at the meeting.

04. Gail Duncan - Chair of St. Rufus Park Regeneration Group:

The floor was opened to Gail Duncan who advised the meeting that, after five years of regenerating the park the Group was now closing as they felt they have achieved what they set out to do. In the five years of operation the group has raised a total of £56,000 which has gone towards the provision of new equipment and refurbishing the park. Mrs Duncan presented a cheque for £653.78 to KCC on behalf of the St. Rufus Park Regeneration Group. Neil congratulated and thanked Ms Duncan on behalf of KCC for all the work they had put in. Ms Duncan left the meeting at 19:08hrs.

05. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

- Resurfacing of Moss Street – January 2020; a complaint has been received from a local resident concerning BEAR's decision to resurface Moss Street overnight. The matter was discussed and Cllr Coull advised that even though she lived on Moss Street she had not been disturbed by the night time resurfacing work. The matter will be discussed with BEAR.
- Harmona Refuse & Recycling Wheelie Bins:

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A local resident has advised Neil that there is still an issue with these bins, although the Recycling Bins have now been moved the Green Refuse wheelie bins of flats No's: 1, 3 and 5 are still causing an obstruction.

- KCC Litter Pick – Neil reported he is still awaiting a reply to the request for the equipment

06. Community Council Liaison Office Jane Martin

Jane Martin gave an update on current matters affecting Community Councils across Moray.

07. Community Safety Partnership Report:

In the absence of a Police representative Neil went over the report with the meeting, the content of the report was noted.

Issues for police attention:

- 4x4 causing an obstruction at junc Nelson Road and Regent Street
A local resident has reported that there is a new vehicle parking and causing an obstruction although it appears to be the same driver as the previous vehicle.
- A van is parking at the top of Station Road and causing an obstruction.

Both these matters will be raised with the Police for their attention

08. Correspondence:

- VE Day 75th Anniversary church service in Elgin – Cllr Gatt is seeking further information about this event.
- An email was received concerning who has responsibility for the Keith Town Flagpole in Reidhaven Square. A discussion on identifying the key holder, if there is one, and the current condition of the Flagpole. Callum & Sandy will investigate and report back to the next KCC meeting.
- Bt Payphone consultation – an email has been received concerning BT's proposal to remove payphones from certain locations, the payphone in Reidhaven Square, Keith has been earmarked as one of those for removal. The matter was discussed and it was decided that KCC would like BT to retain the payphone in question. Steve will look into how to object to the removal.
- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS) – Moray Council has sent an email canvassing communities to see how many would look to buy and install VAS signs to remind drivers to slow down. The signs cost £3500 plus VAT to purchase and installation and maintenance would be extra. Correspondence noted.
- Energising Communities – Alex Walker from the Energising Communities steering group sent an email outlining the opportunity for investment in this project. After discussion the meeting decided that it would be beneficial for KCC to become a signatory of the Memorandum of Understanding, (MoU), which does not tie the Community Council into any commitment but does ensure it will receive regular information. CCLO Jane Martin stated she would forward a copy of the MoU to KCC.

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- Social Media guidance – an email from the CCLO with guidance on how to use social media has been circulated while a while a formal policy is looked into. The correspondence was noted.
- Town Centre Capital Fund – Freedom of Information Act request by the JCC
An email was circulated to community councils with the result of the FOA request concerning the lack of transparency in the allocation of TCCF funds.
The correspondence was noted.

09. Treasure's Report:

Current account - £2402.50 including the Beatrice Microgrant funds.

Christmas Lights - £3150.54 (£1005 raised from sponsors)

Scots Toun - £2603.59

The Community Council accounts have been audited and submitted to the CCLO.

Auditor's fee = £25

10. Community Councillor's Updates:

- Planning and Licensing - Mrs Susan Hutcheon: Extended hours License application from Bengal Spice restaurant in Mid Street, Keith. Noted
- Roads and rights of way - Mr Sandy Dickson & Mr Steve Hickin:
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
Pot holes have been reported on A96 carriageway between the Band Stand and the junction with Union Street – will advise BEAR.
Resurfacing of the A96 both carriageways between junction of Wellington Terrace and Drum Road – awaiting advice from BEAR, will chase up.
- Signs, Street Furniture and Marketing - Mrs Marguerite Cruickshank
Nothing to report at this time.
- Environment & General Enquiries – Nothing to Report at this time.

Cllr T. Coull: There is a swimming pool supporters group meeting on Tuesday 04th February, attended a meeting at the Longmore Hall which has a new sound system and lighting, the Longmore Hall committee is looking for more helpers and a Hall Keeper. The Notice Board donated by KCC has now been delivered and is awaiting installation. Next Committee meeting is 26th February.

On Saturday there was a Burns Supper at the Longmore Hall and Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was in attendance.

Cllr D. Gatt: Has been busy with Ward business, Moray Council has a Budget setting meeting on 03rd March.

Cllr Gatt advised the Secretary that Cllr Powell has not been receiving the minutes or Agenda for KCC meetings. The Secretary will correct this oversight.

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11. External Group Updates:

- KSRP – Nothing to report at this time.
- Christmas Lights – After a successful event in 2019 the committee is seeking new volunteers.
- Scots Toun – Nothing to report at this time.

12. AOCB:

- Defibrillators:
The locations and amount of Defibrillators was discussed, there was a concern amongst the members that while the pledges of Defibrillators is welcome we may end up with uncoordinated locations within the Town. Currently there are Public Access Defibrillators, (PADs), at the following locations: Keith Golf Club, Keith Sports & Community Centre, The Grampian Hotel, the Keith Show Office. A further PAD is scheduled to installed at the Longmore Hall.
Other proposed locations are: NFU Office Mid Street, Keith Builder's Merchants and the office of Great Scot (Scotland) at Isla Bank Mills.
Further sites under consideration are:
North Church, Keith Motorist & DIY Mid Street, St. Rufus Church, Keith Bowling Club, the Scout Hut.
It was pointed out that to qualify as a PAD the defibrillators must be fitted where they will be accessible by the public 24hrs a day.
- Keith Community Council has donated £30 to Keith Grammar School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10hrs.

Date and Time of the next Meeting: Monday 02nd March 2020 at 1900hrs

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