

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 02nd March 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, Amy Inglis, Rhona Patterson, Two Police Officers - 19.52hrs – 20.06hrs.

01. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

The meeting opened at 19:00hrs with Neil Kidd in the chair, Neil welcomed the attendees; apologies were received from Cllr Powell, Cllr Gatt and Sandra Clark.

02. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting – 03rd February 2020:

Amendments made to Draft minutes;

- Treasures report – the donation to the Christmas lights was made by Keith FC Supporters Club, not Keith FC – Amended.
- Harmona Bins – The Flats involved were No's: 1, 3 & 5, not Flat No. 135 - Amended.
- Minute 04 re; Gail Duncan, The start of Line five should read 'Mrs Duncan' not 'Ms'- Amended.

With amendments entered the minutes were adopted as accurate - Proposed by Sandy Dickson and Seconded by Callum Stewart.

03. Police Matters:

There was no Police representative in attendance at this time and Neil went through the Community Safety Partnership Report.

1952hrs – Two Police Officers attend the meeting:

Parking issues on Mid Street - during December and January Parking Tickets had been issued to offenders parking outside of the marked Bays, the matter is ongoing.

The following matters were brought to the Police's attention:

- 4x4 causing an obstruction on the corner of Nelson Terrace – the original vehicle is no longer parking to cause an obstruction but other vehicles are now parking there and creating a similar obstruction.
- Vehicles parked on Union Street close to the corner at the junction with Moss Street make it difficult for vehicles turning into Union Street.
- Vehicles parking on the corner at the junction of Regent Square and Fife Street adjacent to Boogie-Woogie Cafe are causing traffic to pass on the wrong side of the road at a blind bend.

There being no other matters for their attention the Police Officers left the meeting at 20.06hrs.

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04. Treasurer's Report:

- KCC Current Account Balance: £2637 which includes £2500 Beatrice Microgrant Fund monies, leaving KCC with a balance of £137.50.
- Christmas lights: £3150.56
- Scots Toun: £2637.59

Marguerite advised the meeting that the cheque for £653.78 donated by the St. Rufus Regeneration Group had been returned because it had an incorrect signature.

05. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:

- KCC Litter Pick – Neil advised that the Litter Pick may have to be put back because he is still waiting to hear about the availability of the equipment.
- Harmona Bins – The Green wheelie Bins for Flats 1, 3 and 5 are still causing an obstruction, Cllr Coull advised that this has been reported to Moray Council.
- Pot Holes Church Road – BEAR have replied to this matter which was raised with them via email after complaints about the poor condition of the road at the last Community Council meeting. The meeting was not satisfied with BEAR's reply as the state of the section of Church Road between the Band Stand and the junction with Union Street continues to deteriorate, the Secretary will raise this matter with BEAR again.

1952hrs – Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes was suspended at this time to allow the Police to give their report, the Police Officers left the meeting at 20.06hrs and Matters arising from the Previous Minutes resumed;

- Cllr Coull advised the meeting that the Swimming Pool Support Group had met again to consider the result of the Survey they implemented. Community Centre management will review the results and report back to the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 03rd of March.
- Longmore Hall – The Hall Committee are still looking for volunteers to be Hall Keepers.
- The Notice Board donated to the Longmore Hall by Keith Community Council has been approved by the Hall Committee and is awaiting installation.

06. Correspondence:

An email from 'Keep Britain Tidy' regarding "The Great British Spring Clean 2020" campaign between 20th March and 30th April was considered and noted. A brief discussion on the scheduling of the Keith Community Council annual Litter Pick took place and it was decided to schedule it for Sunday 05th April 2020 between 10am and 12pm.

07. Defibrillators:

- It was confirmed that the Defibrillator donated by Chivas has now been installed at the Longmore Hall. Chivas would like to have a publicity event to mark the installation and are in the process of arranging press coverage.

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- A Defibrillator donated by Defibs for Moray has now been installed at the NFU offices in Land Street and a publicity event is arranged for Thursday 05th March at 4pm.
- Callum advised the meeting that he has taken over responsibility from Defibs for Moray for maintaining the Defibrillator sited at Keith Community Centre. He is also responsible for the Defibrillators at the Show Ground Office, the NFU Office and Keith Motorist DIY.
- Neil advised the meeting that the six Defibrillators and Cabinets donated by Keith Cancer Link have been ordered through Kieran's legacy and Kieran's Legacy will invoice Keith Cancer Link direct. The sites for these Defibrillators are: Keith Bowls Club, the Scout Hut, St. Rufus Church, Keith Builder's Merchants, Isla Bank Mills and the Royal British Legion.
- The matter of Paediatric chest pads being included with the Defibrillators was raised and discussed, not all Defibs are supplied with them. It was decided that the Defibrillators without Paediatric chest pads would be identified and arrangements for obtaining these pads would be made.

08. Community Councillor's Updates:

- *Planning and Licensing - Mrs Susan Hutcheon:* Extended hours License application from the Best Kebab restaurant in Mid Street, Keith, no issues were raised: Noted
- *Roads and Rights of way - Mr Sandy Dickson & Mr Steve Hickin:*
Ponding at the junction of Mid Street and the A96 – Reliant on proposed resurfacing work - Ongoing
Pedestrian Crossing on the A96 – Further email sent to Transport Scotland - Ongoing
White Lines, Keep Clear Box and Yellow Box Junction on the A96 – Reliant on proposed resurfacing work - Ongoing
Pot holes and resurfacing of the A96 both carriageways between junction of Wellington Terrace and Drum Road – BEAR have replied that they are still awaiting Scottish Water to attend to various manholes before work can progress. Secretary to send further email as per Matters Arising.
- *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: Moray Council has received an additional £1.6 million from the Scottish Government and as a result grass cutting services will be reinstated and Public Toilets identified for closure this year will remain open.

The proposal by a local business owner to lease and re-open Keith Square Public Toilets is still under consideration.

Moray Council Budget setting day is tomorrow, Tuesday 03rd March.

09. External Group Updates:

- KSRP – A meeting is to be arranged shortly.
- Christmas Lights – Nothing to report at this time.
- Scots Toun – Nothing to report at this time.

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10. AOCB:

Rhona Patterson Chair of the Longmore Hall Committee gave a short presentation on 'The Lighthouse Trail'. CLAN Cancer support are collaborating with Wild in Art to raise funds by creating a Lighthouse Trail across the Northeast of Scotland. The Lighthouses are models for decoration by local artists, community groups and schools and the idea is to raise awareness by creating a 'Trail' of Lighthouses which take a cultural tour of the Northeast of Scotland. Details on how to take part are online at www.lightthenorth.co.uk.

- Callum advised the meeting that he and Sandy had inspected the Flagpole in Keith Square and it will cost £140 to refurbish with paint and new ropes. The original Keith Town flag cannot be found, a quote for a replacement is £110 but cheaper ones can be found on the internet. The meeting discussed the matter and it was decided that the refurbishment should go ahead. Callum and Sandy plan to start the work on the flagpole on 15th March.
- Beatrice Microgrants – Six applications have been received to date, the closing date for applications will be 31st March 2020 after which the Community Council will consider the applications.
- Callum advised that the 'Welcome to Keith' sign at the eastern gateway to the town had become twisted around and was faced the wrong way. Cllr Coull stated she would advise the appropriate department at Moray Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05hrs.

Date and Time of the next Meeting: Monday 06th April 2020 at 1900hrs
Venue: the Round Room - Keith Community & Sports Centre.