

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Monday 7th December 2020

Attendance: Neil Kidd (chair), Esther Green (interim secretary), Steve Hickin, Marguerite Cruickshank (treasurer), Susan Hutcheon, Amy Inglis, Callum Stuart, Sandy Dickson. **Present:** Cllrs Donald Gatt and Laura Powell; Amber Lednor (Keith Community Litter Pickers Group); Hannah Lane, Roger McMichael and Jamie Grant, Moray West/Ocean Wind

2. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting 2nd November 2020:

Minutes were approved as printed proposed by Susan Hutcheon, seconded by Steve Hickin.

3. Matters arising

- a. **Defibrillators:** All in working order, no evidence that any have been used and they are to be consolidated into one account. A new steel box for the unit at the Grampian Hotel has been installed to replace the plastic one.
- b. **Cottage Woods rubbish** – The meeting heard that the caravan has now been removed but rubbish remains and more has been added to. **DG to action**
- c. **Dunnyduff Woods** – the cooker dumped near Dunnyduff Woods car park is still there. **DG to action**
- d. **Damaged wall at Auld Brig** – The wall is deteriorating further due to recent heavy rainfall. Relevant contact person to pursue for action has still to be established. **NK**
- e. **PPE** – Scout leaders accepted a quantity of facemasks and hand sanitiser donated to KCC by Tesco; agreed to give a quantity for Keith Golf Club seniors
- f. **Scotland Loves Local** – a bi-lingual leaflet in Doric and English was produced to be distributed to households by Royal Mail following the special meeting called by KSRP to which KCC members participated.
- g. **Council chamber furniture** - Callum Stuart provided members with a detailed list and photos of the items currently in storage at the Longmore Hall. Keith Heritage Group declined an offer of any items as they do not have storage. A special meeting of KCC members only is to be held on 11th January at 7pm by Zoom to discuss next steps.

4. **Guest speaker 1** – Roger McMichael, Jamie Grant and Hannah Lane of Moray West/Ocean Wind presented a slide show outlining the background, current position and future plans for this offshore windfarm which will come in to land near Portsoy and feed into the national grid at Blackhillock. Slide show circulated to members afterwards.

Guest speaker 2: Amber Lednor of Keith Community Litter Pickers Group sat in on the meeting and was given the opportunity to talk about her recently formed group encouraging the public to make Keith a cleaner and safer place. They have plans for a children's competition and will invite the Moray MSP to join them on a tidy up in the new year. Amber was praised for her actions and offered the opportunity to attend future community council meetings. It was suggested that Amber could apply for a microgrant towards the cost of litter pickers and other items that could be used in clean ups in the future.

5. Correspondence, including police report, noted. No subsequent actions.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- KCC Current Account Balance: £5571
- Christmas Lights - £3157.16
- Scots Toun £2603.59

7.Reports

- **Roads and rights of way** - Councillor Powell advised members to use Moray Council's online reporting service to notify the authority of roads, lighting, housing and any other defects that fall under the remit of Moray Council. This is available at: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_88163.html
- **General enquiries** – A representative from Linn House approached MC to see if the council could help find local homes for some furniture from Linn House. **MC to find out more about the proposal and matter to be added to discussions at special meeting on 11th January.**

8. Planning – Noted, no actions.

AOCB:

- a. **CCTV** – Concerns that the CCTV system in Keith may not be fully operational were raised. **DG to investigate.**
- b. **Christmas lights** – The lights committee and supporters were thanked for the first-class display, and special mention was also made of Callum Stuart's lights at his home. A raffle is underway to raise funds for the town's lights.
- c. **Tennis courts** – An alleged incident at the tennis courts where a man was seen taking photos of young people has been widely discussed on Facebook. Many parents had been disturbed by the reports but it appeared there had been no recurrence of this behaviour.
- d. **Covid volunteers** - members recorded their gratitude to the many people of Keith who had been involved in helping the vulnerable as part of the Covid response.
- e. **Microgrants** – no indication from Beatrice fund administrators when next funds to be made available to KCC for microgrant awards. **EG to ask again**

7. Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 11th January 2021 7pm by Zoom – to discuss town council/Linn House furniture

Next regular meeting of KCC - Monday 1st February 2021 7pm. By Zoom