

KEITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Monday 1st February 2021

Attendance: Neil Kidd (chair), Esther Green (interim secretary), Marguerite Cruickshank (treasurer), Susan Hutcheon, Amy Inglis, Callum Stuart, Sandy Dickson. **Present:** Cllrs Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull and Laura Powell.

2. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting 7th December 2020:

Minutes were approved as printed, proposed by Marguerite Cruickshank, seconded by Sandy Dickson.

3. Matters arising:

- a. **Cottage Woods and Dunnyduff rubbish** – A check is to be made that all the deposited materials have been removed after uncertainty around whether all items had been cleared. **NK to advise DG**
- b. **CCTV** – SSE carried out work at Reidhaven Square to repair the fault. It is understood cameras are in working order.

4. Correspondence:

- a. **Full fibre roll out** – A message had been received via Facebook to ask if Keith was part of a roll out across rural areas of Moray and the Highlands. **SH to investigate**
- b. **Police report** – no police report available, disappointment that the report often arrives after monthly meeting takes place, which does not allow for open discussion at the meeting. EG to advise CCLO of this problem.
- c. **Guest speaker** - A representative from Edintore II Windfarm to be invited to attend a future meeting to give a presentation on the proposed scheme.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- KCC Current Account Balance: £8066.49
- Christmas Lights - £3795.38
- Scots Toun £2603.59

6. Reports

- **Roads and rights of way** – Concern at the amount of pot holes along the A96 in Keith. **SD to contact BEAR Scotland to push for improvements to be carried out.**
- **Councillors' update** – a similar theme from all three councillors present of Moray Council staff being redeployed on Covid commitments and committee meetings being held virtually.
- **CC Scheme Review Update** – in the absence of the community council representative to this group, CCLO to be asked for any relevant updates on the process. **EG**

7. Planning – Noted, no actions.

8. AOCB:

- d. **Council chamber furniture** – There has been clarification on who has responsibility for items moved out of the council chambers at the time of the sale of Institute. It had been in storage at Mosstodloch until the council had no more room for them and they were subsequently in storage in the basement of the Longmore Hall with concern that they may suffer dampness. Keith Community Council believed it was responsible for the furniture, and had looked to sell the items with proceeds retained for the benefit of townsfolk, to save them deteriorating in storage. However, it is in fact Moray Council that has the authority to make decisions on what happens to the collection. It has come to light that the owner of the Institute building would like to use/display the pieces in a café within the building, a move which community council members support, as it returns them to their natural home and on view to the public. **TC to find out the relevant council officer dealing with the matter, with the community council indicating its willingness to work with the council to facilitate the return of the items to the Institute, with the relevant permissions and security for their future.**
- e. **Furniture from the Linn Home** – MC has received no further information on this so the matter was parked meantime.
- f. **Christmas lights** – The town's Christmas lights are still in situ as Moray Council has advised they cannot be removed during the Covid restrictions. They are not illuminated and will be removed when it is safe to do so. **CS**
- g. **Attendance** – Dave Carson and Sandra Clark have been unable to attend meetings since they moved to Zoom due to not managing to connect digitally – the CCLO to be advised of this for information. **EG**
- h. **Covid grants** – Monies for Covid relief work in the community to be made available from the Hill of Towie Windfarm Fund. **SH**
- i. **Microgrants** – The 2020 funding has arrived, a sum of £2500. Members will discuss the application process at its next meeting. **MC**

9. Date and time of the next meeting: - Monday 5th April 2021 7pm. By Zoom