

# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**Members in Attendance:** Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Susan Hutcheon, Amy Inglis, Callum Stuart, Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer)

**Others in Attendance:** Cllr T Coull, Cllr L. Powell

### **Welcome and Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Sandy Dickson and Cllr D. Gatt.

### **Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting of April 2021 were approved after the Chair advised of spelling corrections that were required. Minutes proposed by Neil Kidd and seconded by Susan Hutcheon.

### **Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes:**

Micro Grants – Neil advised that he had received two application forms, one from Keith Golf Club and the other from Keith Community Radio (KCR).

A96 resurfacing in Keith – Neil asked if there was a date for the resurfacing of the A96 between Union Bridge and the 30 mph signs at the town limit. Steve advised that he had not received any further information from BEAR at this time.

Speeding Issues – A further meeting is to be arranged.

Neil asked if there was any progress in contacting Diageo regarding the Isla river bank in Keith. Steve advised that he was still seeking a phone number or email address for the senior site manager.

Ponding at the corner of Mid Street and Church Road – Marguerite asked if there was any progress on this matter- Steve advised that BEAR were seeking a specialist contractor but had found it difficult during the Covid restrictions.

### **Correspondence:**

TESCO Community Grant applications are now open – Noted.

Moray West Wind Farm Virtual exhibition poster – Noted.

Funding Stream, a funding stream is being made available by ACCIONA who are building a waste Incinerator in Aberdeenshire in collaboration with Moray Council, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council - Noted.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Neil advised that Marguerite is still having difficulties with her laptop.

KCC - £7791.00

Scots Toun - £2603.59

Christmas Lights - £3980.38

Marguerite advised that a credit of £150 had been made to Keith Community Councils account but there was no explanation to what it was for, she will be asking the Bank for information.

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## Reports:

**Cllr Powell** – reported that she had attended a Group Leaders meeting.

The Gas Company has donated £5000 to Moray Council because of the Gas outages suffered in Keith and Newmill, Councillors Powell, Gatt and Coull will decide how the funds will be distributed.

Cllr Powell attended a meeting of the Adult & Child Protection committee where the act of 'Cuckooing' was discussed as a major concern in Moray. Cuckooing is the act of strangers moving in and taking over the home of vulnerable people for criminal purposes. Cllr Powell advised she was attending a meeting with the Police on the coming Tuesday to further discuss the matter.

**Cllr Coull** - reported that the interview process for a new head of Housing had been completed and an appointment should be announced on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Planning; Susan** reported that there were three applications Victoria Place, Fife Street and Altmore Wind Farm

**Resilience Group** - Theresa reported that the completion of the Resilience paperwork had been started by Jane Martin. They were looking into how to obtain funding for the equipment needed, contacting the local Church Halls to see if they would participate in the scheme as locations for emergency accommodation.

Keith Fire Station is willing to store and maintain the Resilience Groups Generator in return for its use if required. Theresa advised the meeting that both she and Jane Martin were organising the resilience Group as Volunteers and not in their respective roles of Councillor and Community Council Liaison Officer.

## AOCB

**Wild Flowers** – There was a discussion about suitable sites around Keith and Neil advised Steve he would provide a list of those identified.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15hrs.

**Date, Time & Venue of the next Meeting: Monday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 1900hrs via zoom**