

# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Meeting held via zoom)

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

**Others in Attendance:** Cllr T Coull, Cllr D. Gatt

**Welcome Attendees and Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr L. Powell and Susan Hutcheon.

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

The minutes of the meeting of May 2021 were approved as Drafted - Proposed by Amy Inglis, Seconded by Callum Stuart.

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

A96 Resurfacing – Steve gave an update confirming that he was still awaiting a reply from BEAR.

TESCO grants – a short discussion was held but no decision on whether to apply was made.

Wildflowers – Further correspondence has been received, matter minuted under ‘Correspondence’.

**Correspondence:**

Wildflowers – Neil advised that of the people he had spoken to many had been sceptical about the areas previously mentioned as possible locations in Keith. The Wildflowers initiative is a three year project and we could apply for the next phase.

Applications for Attachments to Street Furniture from BEAR – Callum advised that this procedure is issued annually and the Keith Christmas Lights fully comply.

Community Road Safety Group – Steve advised that he would be attending the zoom meeting scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and would report back at the next Community Council meeting.

Community Council Elections Working Group – Steve volunteered to attend the meeting of this Working Group when it was arranged.

Amy advised she had seen a Facebook post concerning damage to the ‘Green Bridge in Den Woods, the damage was believed to be the work of vandals. Cllr Coull stated she would try to find out who is the owner of the Bridge and report back accordingly.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

KCC - £7791.00

Scots Toun - £2591.59

Christmas Lights - £5457.47 – Marguerite advised that this total included monies from the recent sale of surplus Christmas Lights.

**Reports:**

**Cllr Coull** – reported that Neil Thompson has been appointed as the new Head of Housing and will start in July.

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Moray Council has received a Briefing from the Scots Government on the National resilience Plan,

Cllr Coull and Councillor Gatt will work with community groups to identify the best use for the £5000 donated to Keith and Newmill by SGN in lieu of the Gas Outage in February 2021.

**Cllr Gatt** - reported that he attended an NHS briefing on Public Health which dealt mainly with the Covid Pandemic, he is still the Armed Forces Champion for Moray.

Cllr Gatt also mentioned the damaged Bridge in Den Woods and said that there is a dispute over ownership between Moray Council and Scottish Water.

**Roads** – Steve advised that the matter concerning the Isla river bank and Auld Brig is still ongoing with no reply yet received from Diageo.

**Christmas Lights** – Callum reported that he had completed the refurbishing of the redundant lights and they had been sold on.

**JCC** – Steve advised there is a JCC meeting pending.

**Planning – One item;** Alterations and extension to 113 Land street, Keith, there were no objections raised.

## **AOCB**

Callum advised that KCR were seeking to erect new signage on the Radio Station premises and wanted to put signs at either end of the Lane to advertise where the studio is. He was advised to contact Moray Council Planning Dept for advice on this matter.

**Micro Grants** – There are currently four applications received which will be agreed, the closing date for applications will be extended to the end of June in an effort to attract further applications.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20hrs.

**Date, Time & Venue of the next Meeting: Monday 05<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 1900hrs via zoom**