

# The Keith Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Meeting held via zoom)

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

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

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

Neil Kidd in the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

Apologies were received from Police Scotland, Sandy Dickson and Susan Hutcheon.

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 2021 were approved as Drafted - Proposed by Marguerite Cruickshank, Seconded by Callum Stuart.

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

Isla Riverbank – No reply has been received from Scottish Water.

Marguerite asked if Diageo is the owner of the section of river bank where the collapse has occurred? The previously received documents from Diageo suggest that section of riverbank is outside their area of ownership.

Steve asked if we should ask a suitable builder for a price to investigate the collapse?

Cllr Coull suggested the Keith Heritage group may know who to ask about ownership.

### **Microgrants:**

All Microgrants have been issued to the successful applicants.

KCC Election donation to JCC was agreed.

### **Correspondence:**

KCR Community Hour – Callum making arrangements.

Community Council Election: Marguerite has the posters and leaflets.

Disabled Bays in Keith: Moray Council is proposing to change the regulations on Kerb side Disabled Bays in Moray. The intention is to introduce a Traffic regulation order which will make certain on street Disabled Bays enforceable with a fine.

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

KCC - £6886.73

Scots Toun - £2570.59

Christmas Lights - £3618.77

### **Reports:**

Cllr Coull: Attended the Port Knockie Community Council August meeting in the local Hall. There is a full Council Meeting of Moray Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Marguerite asked Cllr Coull if there was any progress on the application for a Pedestrian Crossing on the A96 in Keith, after a discussion it was agreed Steve would follow up with BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland.

Cllr Gatt: The Licensing committee is moving on to pre Covid arrangements.

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Cllr Powell: Attended a MacMillan fund raising event on the previous Saturday. Cllr Powell will be attending a Child Protection study session on Thursday.

Neil had question for the Councillors regarding weed killing operations in Keith; was the weed killing contracted out by Moray council or was it in house, as the spraying seemed to be haphazard and was damaging resident's gardens?

Cllr Gatt Stated that weed killing spraying was an 'in house' operation y Moray council.

Christmas Lights: Callum reported that a donation received from TESCO had been used to pay for the rewiring the mounting brackets in Fife Keith

Roads: Steve reported that the resurfacing work on the Fife Keith section of the A96 was in progress.

Marguerite advised that the ponding issue on the corner of Mid street and Church Road was still occurring after the section had been resurfaced. Steve stated he will contact the BEAR Scotland maintenance manager.

## **Planning:**

There were no matters for consideration by Keith Community Council at this time.

Neil asked that as Susan Hutcheon was stepping down from Keith Community council it be minuted that Keith Community Council extended its thanks to Susan Hutcheon for her work on Planning matters during her term with Keith Community Council.

## **AOCB**

Marguerite advised that the Remembrance wreath had been delivered ready for the Remembrance Day service.

Marguerite asked if the 'Comfort Scheme' where businesses opened their toilet facilities to the public was still in operation? Cllr Coull replied that the scheme seemed to have 'petered out' during the Covid lock down.

Amy advised that the Adult pads in the Community Centre Defib were time expired and needed replacing. Callum advised that replacement pads could be obtained through the Kieran's Legacy charity.

Callum advised there had been several recent incidents in Keith where the Emergency Operator had not been able to direct a caller to a nearby Defibrillator or give the access code.

Cllr Gatt advised that the Scottish Ambulance Service, (SAS), had investigated these issues and he suggested Keith Community Council contacted SAS and asked for a copy of the investigation report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50hrs.

## **The Moray Community Council Elections**