

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 07th March 2022 @ 19.00hrs Venue: Keith Golf Club

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

Others in Attendance: Cllr Donald Gatt, Cllr Theresa Coull, Debra Duke Moray CLO

Welcome and Apologies for absence:

The meeting opened at 19.00hrs and Neil Kidd in the Chair welcomed the attendees. Apologies were received from Gary Andrew and Cllr Laura Powell.

Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting, (December 2021), were adopted as Drafted, proposed by Marguerite Cruickshank, Seconded by Amy Inglis. (It should be noted that the adoption of the December 2021 minutes was delayed because there was no Keith Community Council meeting scheduled for January 2022 and the February 2022 meeting was inquorate).

Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes (December 2021):

Defibrillators: Callum reported that the Pads and Batteries in the defibrillator located at the Grampian Hotel are due to expire. It was suggested that the whole unit be replaced with one of the same brand as the others located around the Town. Callum also reported that Kieran's Legacy had been in touch with him with a view to taking over responsibility for the Defibrillators currently managed by Keith Community Council. There was a brief discussion on this matter and it was decided that Keith Community Council would retain control of the Defibrillators in the town. Callum will advise Kieran's Legacy that they should write to us with their request to take over responsibility for the Town's defibrillators which would be considered by KCC.

A discussion regarding maintenance costs of the Defibrillators took place and it was decided that Keith Community Council would seek sponsorship. Posts would put on the KCC Facebook page seeking sponsorship.

CCTV: Cllr Coull advised that the funding for the replacement of the Moray CCTV system had been passed by the Council.

Police Matters:

There were no representatives from Police Scotland at the meeting.

A discussion took place about the various acts of vandalism around Keith that were being reported.

Callum advised that Gary Andrew had asked him to raise the issue of speeding by vehicles entering the Town, Callum will pass the information to the local Police.

Treasurer's Report:

KCC Account: - £6075.33

Christmas Lights: - £5571.43

Scots Toun: - £2570.59

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Correspondence:

The Secretary advised that several items of email correspondence had been circulated to the members in the weeks running up to this month's meeting.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: There was a discussion on how the town should participate in this celebration and it was decided that the Community Council should speak to other organisations in the Town to see if a single approach could be arranged.

Scouts: Logie Gray had spent 38 years as a Scout Leader in the town and there was discussion around whether the Community Council should organise a presentation to mark his time as a Scout Leader.

Reports:

Cllr Gatt reported that he had attended the Armed Forces Committee but there was not much other council business being conducted as it was the run up to the local Council Elections.

Cllr Coull reported that the Administration Budget had passed through Committee giving a capital spend for various projects including improvements to existing schools, Artificial pitch refurbishments, the CCTV system, Library and Leisure services, Parks and open spaces and Growth Deal projects such as the 'Bus Revolution.

Cllr Coull also reported that the new Health Centre for Keith remained a high priority for the NHSG and HSCM

External Group Updates:

KSRP – Nothing to report at this time.

Scots Toun – Nothing to report at this time.

Christmas Lights– Nothing to report at this time.

Neil thanked Callum Stuart and Amy Inglis from the Chair for their hard work with the 2021 Christmas Lights in Keith.

AOCB

Marguerite advised that as previously arranged £30 had been donated to Keith Grammar School towards a prize at the school's Prize Giving event.

Neill asked if there was any update when the meeting room at the Community Centre would be open again. Cllr Coull advised that the room was available but may not be suitable for Community Council meetings while Covid restrictions were still in place.

After a brief discussion it was decided that the April meeting of Keith Community Council would take place at Keith Golf Club, (Covid restrictions permitting).

Date, Time & Venue of the next Meeting:

Monday 04th April 2022 at 1900hrs in Keith Golf Club