

# The Keith Community Council

**APPROVED Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 @  
19.00hrs**

**Venue: Keith Golf Club**

**Members in Attendance:** Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Callum Stuart, Dave Carson, Amy Inglis,

**Others in Attendance:** Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt, PC Toby Lewin, Keith Fire Station Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell, Members of the Public, (MOP), David Rough, Dawn Borland.

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

The meeting opened at 19.00hrs and Neil Kidd in the Chair welcomed the attendees. Apologies were received from Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Cllr T. Colyer and Gary Andrew.

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting, (September 2022), were adopted as Drafted, proposed by Dave Carson and seconded by Amy Inglis.

## **Police Matters: PC Lewin**

PC Lewin reviewed the September CSP report and issues around St. Rufus Park were discussed.

Dawn Borland asked if there is a high crime rate in the town of Keith?

PC Lewin replied that he didn't have the current figures to hand but based on personal experience he felt the rate was quite low.

Neil raised the issue of the parking of a catering van on Duff Street was causing a problem as well as general parking issues on Union Street and Union Terrace.

Dave Carson raised the issue of parking on Mid Street.

PC Lewin stated he would take these issues on board.

At the conclusion of Police Matters PC Lewin left the meeting at 19.20hrs.

## **Keith Fire Station Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell**

Kevin introduced himself to the meeting and gave a briefing on the role of Keith Fire station in the community. He mentioned that the Keith Fire Engine had attended 28 call outs in August 2022. He also advised that Keith fire crews would be hosting an event on 28<sup>th</sup> October in Reidhaven Square with participation of Police Scotland and local schools.

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

### Coopers Lane Signage:

Dave Carson asked if there was any further progress on this matter.

Cllr Gatt replied that as per his previous email all signage is of the correct standard.

### Fallen Wall at Keith Bandstand:

Dave Carson raised the matter of the fallen wall at Keith Band Stand stating that Moray Council needed to survey the site to ascertain the severity of the subsidence.

Cllr Gatt stated he would contact Moray Council Building Standards with regard to a survey.

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Mr D. Rough raised two points:

- 1) With regard to Auld Brig and the adjacent river bank the Church of Scotland does not have the funds to maintain the Glebe Land and wants to donate it to the Community of Keith, how would this work?
- 2) Who owns Milton Tower?

There was a brief discussion on this point and it was believed that whoever owns the land where the Tower stands would be the owner of the Tower.

## **Co-opting of Community Council Members**

The Secretary advised the meeting that there were two members of the public present at the meeting, David Rough and Dawn Borland, who were willing to be co-opted as Community Council members. The Secretary further advised that under the provisions of the Moray scheme for Community Councils the co-opting would have to wait until the October meeting to fulfil the 14 day notice clause. The Secretary stated that having taken advice from Moray CCLO, the current members of Keith Community Council could pass a resolution to waive the 14 day clause for these specific co-optings.

**The following resolution was passed unanimously;**

***“That, to allow for the co-opting of Dawn Borland and David Rough as members of Keith Community Council at the October 2022 meeting, Keith Community Council members agree to waive the 14 days notice as specified in clause 8.2.3 of the Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021-2025”***

Dawn Borland and David Rough are therefore co-opted as members of Keith Community Council.

The Secretary will process the relevant paperwork.

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

**KCC Account: - £5291.14**

**Christmas Lights: - £5563.61**

**Scots Toun: - £2570.59**

## **Reports:**

Cllr Coull:

Attended the AGM of the Keith Skate Park Committee, attended Holyrood for First Minister’s Questions.

Cllr Gatt: Met with Council Officers in role as Armed Forces Champion.

Advised that Laurie Piper has left his Tourism Role at Visit Moray Speyside, Gemma Cruickshank has taken over the role.

## **External Group Updates:**

Christmas Lights – New lights have been installed at the Bandstand.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.54hrs.

## **Date, Time & Venue of the next Meeting:**

**Monday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 1900hrs in Keith Golf Club**