

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 05th December 2022 @ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Golf Club

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Dave Carson, Davie Rough, Dawn Borland.

Others in Attendance: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt, Kevin Mitchell, (Watch Commander Keith Fire Station),

Apologies received from: Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Callum Stuart, Amy Inglis, Cllr T. Colyer.

Proposal and adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting;

The Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved and adopted as Drafted; Proposed by D. Borland, seconded by D. Carson.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting;

Collapsing wall adjacent to Keith Bandstand; Dave Carson has been contacted by Willie Clark from Moray Council and a site meeting will be arranged.

Dangerous Tree corner of Police Lane; Cllr Gatt advised that a Tree Surgeon had been appointed to take down the hazardous tree, the work is scheduled for 12th January 2023 and a road closure has been applied for to facilitate the work.

Parking on Turner Street at the junction with Land Street; Cllr Coull advised that she was still awaiting a reply regarding this matter.

Police Matters; The Chair read the relevant section of the November Police report for the Buckie & Keith district.

Fire Service; Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave a report on the recent community activities undertaken by Keith Community Fire station. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of w/e 03rd December they attended the Loft Youth Project and gave presentations on Fire Safety and Anti Social behaviour. There is an Open Evening at Keith Fire Station on the 19th December and a further event planned for March 2023.

Watch Commander Mitchell advised the meeting that there was a meeting room in the Fire Station which is available to the Community Council if they wanted to vary the meeting venue.

Treasurer's Report; In the absence of the Treasurer the Chair gave the report.

Keith Community Council - £4410.80

Christmas Lights – £5563.51

Scots Toun - £2570.59

Reports;

In Keith - Cllr Coull advised that In Keith is interested in leasing the Pavilion in St. Rufus Park and are in discussion with Moray Council on the matter

Cllr Coull – There will be a full Council meeting on Wednesday, Cllr Coull and Cllr Gatt met with local Police Commander Chief Inspector Worton and discussions included the parking issues on Mid Street. The Citizen's Advice Bureau AGM is due and they are looking for volunteers, full training will be given. Visited the Moray Waste Busters site in Forres.

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Cllr Gatt -

Visited the Mycroft recycling Hub.

The last day of council business before the Christmas Break will be 20th December.

Sub Groups;

KSRP – The Pop up shop is now open in Mid Street

Keith in Flower – Have received funding from the Hill of Towie Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for watering equipment.

More people are asking for Hanging Baskets

The Tombola raised £1000

AOCB;

Neil gave a brief report on the Keith Remembrance Day Service, there was a good attendance but there were issues with traffic as there hadn't been a road closure for the service.

Cllr Coull advised that Church Ministers were not happy with the traffic situation during the Remembrance service and Michael Last of Holy Trinity Church has written to Moray Council and the Police on the matter. Cllr Coull advised that there had been no request for a road closure for the event made to Moray Council.

Davie Rough advised he had a letter from the Senior Site Manager at Strathisla Distillery confirming the extent of Diageo's ownership of the river Isla and Auld Brig. A copy of the letter was given to the Secretary for reference. Davie will write to the Church of Scotland regarding the Glebe land adjacent to the river Isla and report back to the Community Council.

Neil advised he had seen two of the historic green metal benches being removed from Fife Park by a Moray Council worker. There are several of these benches dotted around Keith and the Community Council feels they have historic value and should be retained. Cllr Coull said she will look into why the benches in question were removed.

The Community Council thanked Davie Rough for his work in tidying up the Post Office building in Mid Street.

The Secretary advised the members present of the 2023 meeting dates, the May meeting was set for Monday 08th but may be revised if circumstances require. The Secretary will circulate the list accordingly.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.00hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 09th January 2023 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station