

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Monday 01st May 2023 @ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Dawn Borland, Callum Stuart, Davie Rough, Amy Inglis, Les Innes.

Others in Attendance: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt, Kevin Mitchell-(Watch Commander Keith Fire Station), Linda Gorn-(Rotary Club of Keith).

Chair Neil Kidd opened the meeting at 19.08hrs and welcomed the attendees.

Apologies were received from: Cllr. T. Colyer and Treasurer M. Cruickshank

Proposal and adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting;

The minutes of the April meeting were adopted as Drafted, proposed by D. Rough, Seconded by D. Borland

Police Matters;

There were no representatives from police Scotland in attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting;

Metal Bench in Fife Park; The Chair advised that the remaining metal bench in Fife Park was regularly used by the public.

Linda Gorn advised the meeting that there would be a Rotary Club meeting on the 11th May to discuss the installation of a memorial bench and that any bench installed would need to be adopted by Moray Council if it was to be maintained by them.

Possible Listing of Metal Benches in Keith; D. Rough will identify the locations of the metal benches in and around Keith, once we have a list of the benches we will advise Moray council we intend to investigate having them listed.

Lamp post in Reidhaven Square; C. Stuart advised that the lamp post in question had still not had its inspection cover replaced.

CCTV; C. Stuart advised that he was still awaiting a progress report from Moray Council. Cllr Coull advised she will enquire about the progress of the project.

Fire Service; Watch Commander Mitchell advised the meeting that April had been a busy month and Keith Fire Crews had attended 19 callouts including a shed fire, 2 caravan fires on a site, a sports pavilion at Fochabers, a campfire in Balloch Wood, an Electricity Pylon on fire in Alexandra Road Keith and a rubbish fire in a back garden in Buckie, 9 False Alarms and a single car RTC at Mulben. There had been 3 call outs to assist Paramedics and 1 to assist Police to gain entry to premises to assist a male in distress. There was a visit to a Keith Nursery to give safety advice and let the children see the Fire Engine.

Correspondence;

Correspondence received by email is generally forwarded to KCC members by email between meetings.

Treasurer's Report; As the Treasurer was not present the Chair gave the following report on account balances;

Keith Community Council - £4910.20

Christmas Lights – £6849

Scots Toun - £2570.59

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Reports;

Cllr Coull – Advised that she had attended a Cycle Shelter & Parking consultation in Keith Library and there was a £25000 fund for cycle paths and shelters. She also attended a briefing on the Moray Growth deal and Climate Change.

Sub Groups;

Keith in Flower; Callum Stuart advised that he and Dawn Borland had held a meeting to ensure the continuation of the committee; a further meeting is set for Thursday 04th May. The KIF account balance is £3262.94

Defibrillators; Callum Stuart advised that sponsors for the Defibrillators were coming forward and that the groups account has a balance of £530.01.

Christmas Lights; Callum Stuart advised that the committee had submitted an application to the Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund for funding to replace the Mid Street lights. The committee intends to run the Christmas Extravaganza this year.

AOCB;

Blackhillock2 Electricity Substation Development;

A discussion was held concerning this development and the concerns of Keith Community Council and the residents of Keith on its adverse impact on the town. The discussion raised the questions about noise pollution, light pollution, EMF health concerns, fire risks, impact on future growth of the town etc.

(Amy Inglis left the meeting at 21.03hrs)

The Secretary was tasked with writing to the Scottish Hydro community liaison manager to express KCC's views and objections to the development.

The proposal to have a closed meeting with the Scottish hydro Community Liaison manger was discussed and unanimously supported.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.20hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 05th June 2023 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station