

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 04th September 2023

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

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

Others in Attendance: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt, Bryony Beck Development Officer KSRP, Stuart Chapman (MoP).

Chair Neil Kidd welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:05hrs

Apologies were received from: Cllr T. Colyer, Davie Rough, K. Mitchell and Police Scotland.

Proposal and adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting;

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted as drafted, Proposed D. Borland, seconded M. Cruickshank.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting;

Blackhillock 2: Cllr Coull had forwarded an email from Ryan Davidson advising that SSEN were still assessing viable alternative sites for the substation and therefore there was still no date for the proposed Community Liaison Group meeting. This was noted.

Keith in Flower: The commemorative Bench for Davie Carson was opened at Keith Bandstand on the 08th of July.

Police Matters; There were no representatives of Police Scotland in Attendance as per the apology noted above. The Chair read through the relevant sections of the July and August Police Community Safety Reports.

Items for Police Attention:

M. Cruickshank raised the continuing problem of business owners parking in the Mid Street parking bays all day for police attention.

An email from Mr. S. Livingstone concerning speeding and the nuisance of cars with noisy modified exhausts driving back and forth through Fife Keith during evenings and weekends was noted for police attention.

Secretary will contact Amey and enquire if they would install the illuminated speed warning signs on the approaches to Keith.

Proposal to remove G. Andrew from Keith Community Council

Mr Andrew had been elected to Keith Community Council, (KCC), at the 2021 Community Council elections but, since September 2022 Mr Andrew had not attended any KCC meetings. As a result of his lack of attendance Mr Andrew's membership of KCC was being considered under the provisions of clause 12.2 of the Moray Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. The Secretary had written to Mr Andrew regarding his attendance to KCC and Mr Andrew had replied that he did not wish to continue as a member.

The following motion was proposed to the meeting by D. Borland and Seconded by C. Stuart:

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“Following KCC member Gary Andrew’s failure to attend Keith Community Council meetings since September 2022 and the receipt of his email dated 30th August 2023 advising that, due to personal reasons, he is unable to attend any further meetings. Therefore this Community Council resolves, in accordance with clause 12.2 of the Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021-2025, to terminate his membership and advise the Moray Council CCLO accordingly”.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary will notify Mr Andrew and the Moray Council CCLO of the meetings decision accordingly.

The Treasurer will send Mr Andrew a card thanking him for his service to Keith Community Council and wishing him well for the future.

Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

The Watch Commander had given his apologies as he was not available to attend this meeting.

Correspondence:

Correspondence is forwarded by email to KCC members for their attention.

The following items of correspondence were discussed:

50 years of Community Councils

Keith development Plan Meeting

Community Resilience Event – (Cllr Coull gave a synopsis of the Keith resilience preparations).

Treasurer’s Report:

Keith Community Council - £4148:80

Christmas Lights - £4073.86 + (£370 donation from a collection at Sandy Dickson’s funeral)

Scots Toun - £2570:59

Keith Defibrillators - £297.21

At the recent Keith Grammar School Awards ceremony the Keith Community Council Award went to Craig Dick.

Councillor’s Reports:

Cllr Coull – The Summer recess has finished and councillors are back to work attending committees. Attended the M Connect Bus naming ceremony for “Bus Lightyear” and attended the recent KSRP meeting.

Cllr Gatt – Reported that he had attended a Planning Committee meeting and that the council were preparing the new Budget. Tomorrow, Tuesday 05th September he is attending a Tenants Forum meeting.

Sub Groups:

KSRP – Development Officer Bryony Beck has been in post for three months and is currently developing a Community Action plan and has held an event at the Longmore Hall with businesses and other community organisations.

KSRPP has received funding for a St, Andrews Ceilidh on 01st December and a Christmas Market and Treasure Hunt on 02nd December, (which may clash with the Christmas Lights Switch On).

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Christmas Lights – Arrangements have been made for the installation of the Mid Street Christmas Lights.

Keith in Flower – Funds = £4145

With the season coming to an end the hanging Baskets and planters will be cleared ready for next year's display.

Keith Defibrillators – Callum Stuart advised the meeting that apparently Moray Council had asked Keiran's Legacy to take over management of the PAD located at Keith Sports & Community centre, Callum will contact Kieran's Legacy to clarify the matter.

Cllr Coull advised she will find out which department of Moray Council deals with Defibrillators.

Amy Inglis advised the meeting that the map showing the locations of the KCC Defibrillators in Keith was now complete.

AOCB:

Filling of the Casual Vacancies

A discussion took place concerning the filling of the two casual vacancies that have now arisen on Keith Community Council following the passing of Davie Carson earlier in the year and the removal of Gary Andrew for lack of attendance at meetings. The casual vacancies would be filled by co-opting interested members of the public in accordance with the provisions of clause 8.2 of the "*Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021 – 2025*".

Mr. Stewart Chapman, a member of the public in attendance at tonight's meeting stated he would be interested in becoming a member of Keith Community Council. Mr Chapman was thanked for his interest and advised the matter would be considered at the next meeting of Keith Community Council on 02nd October 2023.

At the July meeting, Mr Phil Eckford, a member of the public, had stated he would be interested in becoming a member of Keith Community Council.

With these two expressions of interest in mind the Secretary advised the meeting that, as Mr Chapman and Mr Eckford had made expressions of interest to join Keith community Council, notice was given in accordance with clause 8.2 of the "*Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021 – 2025*" that the co-opting of Mr Chapman and Mr Eckford to Keith Community Council would be considered at the 02nd of October meeting.

It was noted that the Keith kilt school had raised £3000 to be donated to the Heart Team at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

There being no further relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.16hrs.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 02nd October 2023 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station