

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 02nd October 2023

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Callum Stuart (Vice Chair), Dawn Borland, Davie Rough.

Ex-Officio members: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt, Cllr T. Colyer.

Others in Attendance:

Kevin Mitchell – Keith Fire Station, Bryony Beck - Development Officer KSRP, Linda Gorn - United Keith, Stuart Chapman (MoP), Phil Eckford (MoP).

Chair Neil Kidd welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:07hrs

Apologies were received from: Amy Inglis, Les Innes and Police Scotland.

Proposal and Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

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 September Police Community Safety Report.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Blackhillock 2: Linda Gorn advised that KSRP had received an email from Ryan Davidson SSE Community Liaison Manager which she will forward to Keith Community Council for information.

The Chair asked if there was any feedback from the meeting between United Keith and the Christmas Lights Sub Group to avoid a clash of events on 02nd December 2023.

Linda Gorn advised that the meeting had settled the order of events as follows; *it was agreed that Santa would be transported down Mid Street at 2pm from Reidhaven Square by sleigh, led by the Strathisla Pipe Band to his grotto at Forty Winks. Shops would be asked to put on special offers or raffles on the day, United Keith would undertake to run a window competition as usual. This year the theme would be Elf and Safety. There was a discussion with Ewan from the Keith Country show re a Tractor Run. This was to be commenced once the Christmas lights were switched on at 4pm. It was proposed that the decorated tractors were to meet up at the Seafield Park and then drive down Mid Street, on to the A96 make their way to Newmill and then back to Keith, Ewan to arrange with the Farmers.*

KSRP Development Officer Bryony Beck advised the meeting that the alternative date for Christmas Market originally proposed for the 02nd December is still to be resolved but it is now likely to be held on the weekend before.

The Chair asked if there was any feedback on the matter of Keiran's Legacy taking responsibility for the Defibrillator located at Keith Community & Sports Centre?

Callum Stuart advised that he had spoken to Sandra McKandie at Keiran's Legacy but he was still awaiting further information from them.

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Linda Gorn advised that the United Keith Coffee morning had raised £1100 donation for the maintenance of KCC's network of Defibrillators in Keith.

Items for Police Attention:

The matter of noisy cars in Fife Keith has been passed to Police Scotland FAO PC Ross Carmichael.

Stuart Chapman raised the matter of pupils from Keith Grammar School committing anti social behaviour in the grounds of St. Thomas Primary School, (around 6 and 7pm). Chair to advise Police Scotland.

Cllr Colyer advised the meeting that she will be meeting with Police Scotland Inspector McKenzie on Wednesday this week. Davie Rough asked Cllr Colyer if she would raise the matter of the proposed community policing arrangements with the Inspector.

Proposal to Co-opt Mr Stuart Chapman & Mr Phil Eckford to Keith Community Council

The Secretary Confirmed with Mr Chapman and Mr Eckford that they qualified for co-opting to Keith Community Council under the provisions of clause 6.2 and clause 12 of the *Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021-2025*.

Having done so the Secretary put the proposal to co-opt Mr Chapman and Mr Eckford to the members present and it was passed unanimously.

The relevant paperwork was completed accordingly and will be passed to the Moray Council Community Council Liaison Officer as required by the *Moray Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils 2021-2025*.

Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Mitchell gave his report which covered the months of July, August and September.

Correspondence:

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

The following item of correspondence was discussed:

Keith in Flower – Certas Energy Gulf Oomph nomination – Callum Stuart advised that Keith in Flower had been awarded £1000 from this fund.

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council - £4098.20

Christmas Lights - £2714.26

Scots Toun - £2570:59

Keith Defibrillators - £297.21

Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Colyer – has attended the Education Cttee and the Planning Cttee and held a Surgery in Grange to address constituents concerns.

Cllr Coull – has carried out committee and constituency work and will be attending the Corporate Cttee on Wednesday coming.

Cllr Gatt – has attended Treasury Management Training, a Local Development Plan workshop and the Convention of Local Authorities Conference, (COSLA).

Matters for Councillor's Attention

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Davie Rough raised the following matters;

Is it possible for a Filter lane to be installed at the TESCO traffic lights on Moss Street to allow traffic to turn right from Moss Street into TESCO without obstructing through traffic along Moss Street?

Cllr Coull advised that this has been looked into in the past and rejected because the carriageway was not wide enough for a separate lane at the location of the Traffic lights but there was a Right Turn filter light in operation.

The road markings at the junction of Balloch road and Dunnyduff Road were worn away and it was causing problems.

Cllr Coull advised she will raise this matter with the Highways department.

The exterior of a house on Moss Street was being damaged by the road salt sprayed by the gritting Lorries; Davie will raise this matter with Moray Council.

MoP Phil Eckford raised the matter of the defective manhole covers on the A96 Moss Street opposite No.53; he had been corresponding with the contracted road maintenance organisations since 2021 on this matter, firstly BEAR and now Amey without any resolution. During this time the manhole cover has sunk further and is causing vibration to adjacent properties. (He will continue with this matter and report back as a newly co-opted member of Keith Community Council).

Sub Groups;

KSRP – Development Officer Bryony Beck advised that she has been asked to join the Moray Inclusion Group, and she has attended the local Resilience Event.

Christmas Lights – Callum Stuart reported that the Mid Street wiring has been completed and the new lights for Mid Street are being delivered next week, the Application for funding the purchase of a Telecaster lifting vehicle was successful and the funds are now available, the 2023 Santa tour around Keith will operate from 19th December to 22nd December, Siemens have donated a metal Christmas tree clad with lights.

Keith in Flower – Funds = £4145

Dawn Borland reported that the planters and towers had not yet been cleared as the current mild weather had kept the plants in bloom.

KiF Funds - £3981.95

Keith Defibrillators – Amy Inglis had advised by email that the chest pads for the Defib located at Keith Motorist DIY have now been replaced.

AOCB;

Auld Brig

Davie Rough advised that as part of his communications with Diageo concerning Auld Brig and its condition he had met with Mr Antunes site manager for Diageo and their Landscape gardener to discuss their plans for tidying up the river banks adjacent to the bridge. Diageo have a two year plan for tidying up the river banks and Auld Brig.

The Glebe adjacent to Auld Brig

Davie Rough advised he has received an email from the Church of Scotland Minister advising that they have a plan to create a community garden on the Glebe.

Metal Benches

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A Metal Bench has been recovered from The Den and refurbished by Peter Smith.

Davie Rough advised that the Male public toilet in Fife Keith Square was in a disgusting state, Cllr Colyer stated she had been advised that the Female toilet is in a similar state and she will follow this up with Moray council.

The Chair advised he had been advised that les Innes had emailed Moray Council regarding an obnoxious smell in St. Rufus Park and the enquiry had been referred to Scottish Water. Cllr Coull advised she would follow up on this matter.

There being no further relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.17hrs.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 06th November 2023 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station