

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 03rd February 2025

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Callum Stuart, Dawn Borland, Stuart Chapman, Amy Inglis, Marguerite Cruickshank.

Ward Councillors: Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt.

Others in Attendance: Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Linda Gorn.

1. The Meeting opened at 19:05hrs with N. Kidd in the Chair

2. Apologies were received from: D. Rough, L. Innes, Cllr T. Colyer

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the December 2024 meeting

The Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were adopted as amended - Proposed by S. Chapman, seconded by C. Stuart

The Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were amended as follows; the Additional Item, Bella's age was amended from 10 years old to seven years old and she was accompanied by her Grandmother Jennifer Cruickshank. In Cllr Coull's report the spelling of 'Inchberry' was corrected.

4. Police Matters: No member of Police Scotland was in attendance.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the November 2024 meeting

Car parking on Mid Street - The parking issues on Mid Street and in the adjacent car parks in the lanes are still ongoing.

Former Town Council Furniture and Pictures – Cllr Coull advised that the furniture and pictures in storage at the Longmore Community Hall are owned by Moray Council and are held for Heritage reasons. Cllr Coull will ask the Council if the furniture can be moved to a more suitable storage place.

L. Gorn advised that Keith Library is willing to display the pictures; Cllr Coull will ask if the pictures can be moved to the Library. It was suggested that the local hotels may be willing to take some of the furniture to display it as Heritage items.

Defibrillators – This matter will be followed up at a future date.

6. Correspondence:

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

The Secretary advised the meeting that P.Eckford had submitted his notice of resignation and that the CCLO had been advised accordingly. The CCLO had confirmed the acceptance of P. Eckford's resignation.

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7. Reports:

Treasurer

Keith Community Council - £3540.90

Christmas Lights - £8891.91

Scots Toun - 2560.59

Keith Defibrillators – £1499.21

Keith in Flower - £1456.88

The Treasurer reported that £200 has been donated to the Fire Service Fund.

Community Reports

Defibrillators – The Defibrillator located at Keith Motorist DIY was taken from its box on Christmas day and returned unused on Boxing Day. After checking it was returned to service.

Facebook & Media – Unsolicited posts and spam were removed from the KCC Facebook page.

Ward Councillors

Cllr Coull – Attended the Budget meeting, committees are back in session, there is a full council meeting on the 21st of February.

Cllr Gatt – Met with the local Police Commander, attended the Council Budget meeting, carried out constituency work.

Sub Groups

KSRP – A proposal for a replacement Development Officer has been submitted to the Beatrice fund.

8. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report for December; there were a total of 27 fire calls in the period from 15th December 2024 and 12th January 2025.

9. AOCB:

The ongoing situation at Union Bridge was discussed and it was noted that there appeared to have been no progress by roads Contractor AMEY towards work commencing. It was decided that KCC would send a letter of concern to Tom Wallace at AMEY, Billy Gordon AMEY Engagement Manager and Douglas Ross MSP, expressing our concerns on this apparent lack of progress.

The Secretary will draft a letter.

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 03rd March 2025 @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station.