

# **The Keith Community Council**

## **Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

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**Time & Venue: 20.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station**

**Those in Attendance:**

**Community Councillors:** Neil Kidd (NK) (Chair), Steve Hickin (SH) (Secretary), Callum Stuart (CS) (Vice Chair), Amy Inglis (AI) (Treasurer), Start Chapman (SC), Linda Gorn (LG), Samuel Hunt (Sah), Bruce Cruickshank (BC).

**Ward Councillors:** N/A

**Others Present:** Kevin Mitchell (KM) (Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station), Marguerite Cruickshank, CCLO Debra Duke.

1. **The Meeting opened at 20:00hrs following the inaugural meeting chaired by the CCLO. Chair N. Kidd welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**Apologies were received from:** None

2. **Adoption of the Minutes of the October 2025 meeting**

The Minutes of the October 2025 meeting were adopted as Drafted  
Proposed SC Seconded CS.

3. **Police Matters**

**Parking in Keith** - The Police have been around Keith looking at the parking situation.

Secretary to email Sgt Lucy Cuthbert and invite her to the December meeting. *Action* = Secretary

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the October 2025 meeting**

**Tourism** – regarding the Scoto event in the Longmore Hall, it appears that no business in Keith received a direct invitation to this event. *Action* = LG will write to Scoto.

**Speeding Water Tankers on Edindiach Road** – After the Police intervention the Tankers involved were observing the speed limit but it has now been reported that some have started speeding again.  
*Action* – The Secretary will write to the Police and Scottish water on this matter.

**Seafield Avenue Bridge** – The KDRA have written to Moray council regarding actions they must take regarding the bridge in question but they have not received a reply from Moray council so far.  
*Noted.*

**Breakfast Seminar Event at the Grampian Hotel 09/10/2025** – No feedback from this event received so far. *Noted.*

5. **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were considered:

**(email) Introduction & Meeting Request – Zenobe Blackhillock BESS** Viki McCormick, Stakeholder & Community Engagement Manager at Zenobe has contacted KCC to introduce herself. (This is linked to the newly established Zenobe Blackhillock BESS community Benefit fund). - **Noted**

*Action*:-The Secretary will reply and invite Ms McCormick to the February KCC meeting.

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### 6. Reports

#### **Treasurers Report**

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| The KCC          | £1047.42                                 |
| Christmas Lights | £4681.53                                 |
| Scots Toun       | £2560.69                                 |
| Defibrillators   | £1194.91 (No change from previous month) |
| Keith in Flower  | £2681.46                                 |

Chair NK thanked Marguerite Cruickshank for her service to Keith and the Community Council.

#### **Community Reports**

##### Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Mitchell presented his report for October 2025;

Throughout October Keith Fire Crews attended 8 Fire Calls, which amounts to one of the quietest months on record, the breakdown is as follows;

1 False Alarm with Good Intent

2 Special Services – (Assisting Police in Keith with a male in distress, Assist paramedics with a male in distress).

2 Fires, (1 in Keith and 1 in Banff).

2 Stand By's, (Both in Huntly).

1 False Alarm (Malicious).

##### End of Watch Commander's Report

### 7. AOCB:

#### Keith Community Council Meeting Dates for 2026

The Secretary showed the list of proposed meeting dates for 2026 which were accepted.

The Secretary will circulate the list of meeting dates by email to all concerned.

Zenobe Blackhillock BESS community Benefit fund) - The Secretary distributed to the meeting the fund Memorandum of Understanding, (MoU), and the fund strategy document to the members for their attention. Other supporting documents will be sent by email. Due to lack of time it was not possible to consider these documents at this time and they will be addressed at the next meeting.

Keith Library - LG asked if it was possible for the Secretary to write a letter of support for Keith Library.  
*Action* = Secretary to write letter.

Bus Shelter Reidhaven Square – It has been brought to the community council's attention that the Bus Shelter is in a poor state of repair and may need refurbishing or replacing.

*Action* = Secretary to raise this matter with Moray Council.

NK reminded the meeting that it was Remembrance Sunday this week, NK and LG will organise who will lay the Community Council wreath.

**There being no other relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.00hrs.**

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**Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting: Monday 01<sup>st</sup> December @ 19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station**

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