

The Keith Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 01st June 2026

Time & Venue: 19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station

Those in Attendance:

Community Councillors: Neil Kidd NK (Chair), Callum Stuart CS (Vice Chair), Steve Hickin SH (Secretary), Amy Inglis AI (Treasurer) Stuart Chapman SC, Sam Hunt SaH, Davie Rough DR, Bruce Cruickshank BC.

Associate Member:

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

Others in Attendance: Paul Winton SFRS.

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Meeting opened at 19:00hrs and Chair N. Kidd welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Cllr T. Colyer, L.Gorn (LG), K. Mitchell.

Action = Apologies accepted and noted.

2. Proposal and Adoption of the Minutes of the May 2026 Meeting

Proposed by: S. Chapman - seconded by: S. Hunt that the minutes of the May 2026 meeting be adopted as drafted. **Action = Adopted as Drafted.**

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the May 2026 Meeting

The Chair advised the meeting there was an unconfirmed report that the InKeith & Strathisla Community Development Officer had stepped down from her role.

Action = Noted to await confirmation.

SC reported on his and SH attendance at the JCC meeting on 14/05/2026 where he raised the matter of issues with Moray Council Planning department and the weekly wards list, also the lack of notification from Moray council on Scottish Government planning consultations. Other Community Councils at the JCC were in agreement on these matters and the JCC moved to invite a member of Moray Planning department to the next JCC meeting in August 2026.

Action = SC and SH will attend the next JCC and report back.

4. Correspondence

Email from: LG apologising for missing tonight's meeting and giving feedback on her attendance at the SSEN Consultation event in Huntly, the SSEN Liaison officer Gordon Bell had offered to attend a KCC meeting.

Action = LG to contact Mr Bell and invite him to the KCC July meeting.

Email from: JD Reid regarding the Deveron Valley Community Campaign in opposition to the SSEN Strathbogie Hub. The email was asking for assistance as we had been successful as a community in preventing the construction of a Battery Storage site on the edge of Keith. This request is related to LG's email and her attendance at the SSEN public consultation in Huntly. KCC members felt strongly about this matter and thought it was important that the invitation to the SSEN Liaison officer Gordon Bell would be very useful.

Action = Noted

Email from: Michael Gallagher re: New Powers for Scotland's community Councils, the email introduced the Scottish Forum of Community Councils and it's role to bring together Scottish CC's for input towards the Scottish Government's Democracy Matters blueprint.

The meeting discussed the merits of joining the Scottish Forum of Community Councils.

Action = Secretary to contact Mr Gallagher for further information.

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5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a report of the Bank Balances.

Bank Account Balances:

KCC - £7,033.47

Paid out - £50 Secretary Honorarium

Paid In - Foundation Scotland Grant - £6,250.00 (Ring Fenced for Micro grants Only)

The Treasurer reported that while they are now confirmed as a signatory for the account they still do not have full access to manage it, they do receive the monthly Bank account statement.

This matter has been going on for several months, the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer will go to the local Virgin Money branch in Keith tomorrow, (Tuesday), in an attempt to resolve this matter.

The Treasurer advised that they had sent the annual £25 to Keith Grammar School for the annual prize giving.

Keith Christmas Lights - £11,809.36

Donation from Runners up at Bowling Club £100

Keith Defibs - £1,512.41

No change

Keith Scots Toun - £2,560.59

No change

Keith In Flower - £1,382.67

Advance Sponsorship - £620.00 includes £400 from Loch Park

Expenses for Trellis' - £387.90

Action = Treasurer's Report Noted

6. Community Reports

- Keith SFRS Report - Paul Winton - Crew Commander
(Paul was representing Watch Commander K. Mitchell)

There were eleven Fire Calls in May

3 Dwelling fires, 5 False Alarms, 2 RTC's and 1 Fire in the Open.

The Chair thanked Paul for his report

Action = Report Noted.

- Police Matters

The Bi-monthly community report for June, (covering April & May), was considered by the meeting, there was concern that the report is becoming less informative. The report appears to concentrate on police initiatives but gives little information on crimes and investigation results in the local communities, this particular report seems to be promoting non police local community events.

Action = Report Noted.

- Roads & Footpaths NK reported that Moray council Roads team has been weeding the streets in Keith and it is starting to look tidier.

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➤ Ward Councillors

Cllr T. Coull

Attended the Isabella Gordon and Cherry tree planting Celebrations, Has attended the usual committees, attended the Keith Greener Grid Funding panel.

Cllr D. Gatt

Attended a meeting at Seafield Avenue Bridge along with SC and SH from Keith Community Council and members of Moray Council roads department regarding the ongoing issue of repairs.

Attended the Moray Tenants Forum, The Northeast Regional Police Scrutiny meeting, attended the Keith Greener Grid Funding panel, Attended the Isabella Gordon and Cherry tree planting Celebrations.

➤ KCC Sub Groups

KCC Christmas Lights:

BC advised that the four sites for the static displays have been secured, they are: Dusty's Customs, Stage Stars, Keith Town Station and the Gulf Garage. The lights for these locations are on order.

Action = Noted

KCC Defibrillators

Two Defibs are coming to the end of their operational life and will be replaced accordingly.

Keith in Flower

All planters have been prepared for planting.

LG has donated £250 to KiF towards the refurbishing of the Band Stand.

KCC will continue to sponsor one of the flower beds in St. Rufus Gardens at £250.

7. AOCB

State of the Parks and open spaces in Keith

BC said that he had spoken to Stephen Taylor from Moray Council Lands, Parks & Countryside department about the state of the parks in Keith.

Action: BC to invite Stephen Taylor to the September meeting.

Secretary to include on that meeting Agenda.

Debris in the River Isla

DR raised the matter of the debris collecting against the sewage pipe that crosses the river Isla under Union Bridge.

Action = Secretary to email Scottish Water.

Keith Community Council Constitution

e Secretary advised the meeting that the countersigned copy of the Constitution had been received and was now on file.

Keith Community Council Zenobe Blackhillock Microgrants CBF

After the consideration of applications to the fund had been deferred from the KCC May meeting the Chair had called a Funding meeting on Tuesday 26th May 2026 in the Circular Room of Keith Community & Sports Centre to consider the applications received to date. The Secretary presented the minutes of the funding meeting to the Community Council meeting for adoption. Having been present at the funding meeting B Cruickshank proposed and C. Stuart seconded, that the Funding Panel meeting minutes of 26/05/2026 be adopted as drafted. All members present who attended the funding meeting agreed with the motion.

Action = Funding Panel Minutes of 26/05/2026 Adopted and Noted.

At the time of the funding meeting there were ten applications to the Micro Grant Fund, one of which had been withdrawn by the applicants before the funding meeting.

Micro Grant Applications Considered

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- 01/26 The Loft Youth Project – Part Funded
- 02/26 Boundless Trails CIC – Not Funded
- 03/26 *ImpROVise ROV Team (KGS) – Withdrawn by applicant*
- 04/26 The Pen Wobblers – Funded
- 05/26 Earthtime for All Ltd – Not Funded

Micro Grant Applications Considered (continued)

- 06/26 Fife Keith children's Picnic - Not Funded
- 07/26 North Church Toddlers - Funded
- 08/26 Strathisla Pipe Band - Not Funded
- 09/26 Keith in Flower – Funded
- 10/26 Keith Community Radio – Funded

Whenever possible applications to the micro grant fund will be considered at the next available Community Council meeting, the Chair may call additional funding meetings as and when needed.

Action = Noted

There being no other relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.04hrs.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 06th July 2026 @19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station

(Note: KCC does not hold meetings in January or August)