

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 01st July 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Steve Hickin (Secretary), Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Les Innes, Davie Rough, Callum Stuart, Amy Inglis, Phil Eckford

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

Others in Attendance: Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Sgt S, Mackay Police Scotland, Linda Gorn.

1. The Meeting opened at 19:05hrs with C. Stuart in the Chair

2. Apologies were received from: S. Chapman, N. Kidd, Cllr Colyer, D. Borland.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 2024 meeting

The Minutes of the June 2024 meeting were adopted as drafted - Proposed by Davie Rough, Seconded by M. Cruickshank.

4. Police Matters: Sgt Mackay gave a report on the recent problems with youths riding motorcycles around Keith and an underage youth who was found riding a motorcycle and driving a car without licence. A question was raised about the CCTV in Keith and Sgt Mackay advised that the CCTV was working in Keith.
Amy Inglis asked when the BMW car that appeared to have been dumped on the verge of the A96 approaching Keith for some time now, would be removed. Sgt Mackay advised that attempts to locate the owner were ongoing.

After giving his report Sgt Mackay left the meeting at 19:19hrs.

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

Skip in Mid Street at Junction with Church Road – following the concern raised at the June meeting Cllr Gatt advised that after making enquiries the Skip did not require lighting at night.

6. Correspondence:

Correspondence is normally forwarded by email to KCC members for their attention.
Linda Gorn went through her email which gave an update on matters she had been raising; Businesses on Mid Street have removed weeds from the pavement outside their premises, weeds and moss have been removed from the car park behind the Kilt School. TMC officers are dealing with the state of the Post Office Sorting Office building, the Chamber of Commerce Town Centre Regeneration Manager has been made aware of the poor condition of the former 'Cosy Neuk Cafe' premises. Other issues are the pot holes on Police Lane, which is used as an exit by the local Ambulances, and Legion Lane. Other issues were raised concerning overgrown bushes and dog mess in Cuthil Crescent and Cuthil Boley.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Keith Community Council - £3330.70 – The £35 GDPR registration has been paid.

Christmas Lights - £6018.84

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators – £549.31 – (A £250 Donation from Keith Rotary)

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Keith in Flower - £4538.29

8. Reports

Roads & Pavements – Phil Eckford reported that he has now received some of the information on standards he had requested from roads contractor AMEY and with this information to hand he will now be raising formally matters of quality control of works and reporting issues.

After giving his report Phil Eckford left the meeting at 20.09hrs.

Street Furniture, Signs and Marketing of Keith – Marguerite advised that the Finger signs around Keith were probably funded with Millennium Grant money in 2000/2001.

Local Concerns – Davie Rough reported that Diageo are currently seeking a contractor to tidy the river banks adjacent to Auld Brig. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday 03rd July with surveyors Scott & Partners at Auld Brig. REAP are now responsible for the Glebe land adjacent to the river Isla.

Keith in Flower – Callum Stuart reported that there had been an unexpected price increase for flowers but money is available in the budget to cover the increase.

Emails have been received from Moray Council regarding the removal of Harris Fencing previously in place at the Band Stand Gardens; Keith in Flower is unaware of who removed this fencing. A drain that runs across the Band Stand Gardens is currently blocked, it has been inspected and a report submitted to Moray Council and is awaiting action.

(20.23hrs Phil Eckford returned to the meeting)

Defibrillators – Callum Stuart reported that the chest pads for the unit situated at the Longmore Community Hall needed replacing. This unit was donated by the local Chivas Distillery and they will be asked if they would contribute to the cost of the replacement pads.

Christmas Lights – Callum Stuart reported that repairs to the decorations were ongoing so they would be ready for this year's display. AMEY have contacted the Christmas Lights committee about maintenance and repair of the electricity feeds on lamp posts used for the Christmas Lights.

Facebook & Media – Steve Hickin advised that he had been removing unsolicited posts from the KCC Facebook page.

Cllr Coull – Advised that Moray council was in its summer recess and she had been busy with Ward business.

Cllr Gatt – Had a busy period running up to the start of summer recess.

9. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report.

10. AOCB;

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Linda Gorn raised the following matters;

The Bus Shelter in Reidhaven Square, (Keith Square), needs cleaning and repairing and there is no Bus Timetable available.

Cllr Gatt said he would raise this matter.

The Street Cleaning vehicle does not clean the section of Mid Street between the junction with Union Street and the junction with the A96 Church Road; it turns left into Union Street.

Cllr Coull said she would raise this matter with the council.

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 21.00hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

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