The Keith Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 06th July 2026
Time & Venue: 19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station

Those in Attendance:
Community Councillors: Neil Kidd NK (Chair), Steve Hickin SH (Secretary), Amy Inglis AI (Treasurer) Stuart Chapman SC, Sam Hunt SaH, Davie Rough DR, Bruce Cruickshank BC, Linda Gorn LG.

Associate Member: K. Mitchell Watch Commander SFRS

Ward Councillors: Cllr D. Gatt, Cllr T. Coull, T. Colyer by internet link

Others in Attendance: Three members of the public, Police Scotland Constables D. Copley and B. Corbett

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

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

Apologies were received from: C. Stuart
Action = Apologies accepted and noted.

2. **Proposal and Adoption of the Minutes of the June 2026 Meeting**

It was proposed by: S. Chapman - seconded by: A. Inglis that the minutes of the June 2026 meeting be adopted as drafted. **Action = Adopted as Drafted.**

Following the adoption of the minutes of the June 2026 meeting the Chair advised the meeting that the order of business would be amended to accommodate the police attendance at the meeting and to also address the concerns of the members of the public in attendance. The next item on the agenda will be 'Police Matters' and that will be followed by the Members of the Public.

3. **Police Matters**

The Chair welcomed constables Copley and Corbett to the meeting.
There were a total of 31 crimes recorded in Keith from the 01st of June to date, these included House Breaking, Shop Lifting, Assault, Sexual Assault, Fraud and an ongoing case of Domestic Abuse. There was also a Drink Driving offence and other Traffic Offences dealt with by the Traffic division.

Cllr Coull raised the matter of a van that had apparently been abandoned in Broomfield Road, the police advised that while they could check on the van's legality it was the local authority's role to remove abandoned vehicles.
The 20mph speed limit through and in Keith was discussed, the police traffic division is responsible for the A96 through Keith, the other non trunk roads are under Moray council.
Parking issues were discussed, the Police will carry out parking checks in Keith as and when operational demands permit.
Anti social driving in the TESCO car park at night and through Fife Keith was discussed, the Police are aware of the situation.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance at the meeting and they left at 1928hrs.

4. **Dunnyduff Road Raw Sewage in Houses and the Street – Residents Complaint**

The Chair welcomed the local residents and asked them to present their problem to the Community Council.

Twice in three days the residents of Dunnyduff Road have had their houses flooded with raw sewage and the road outside their homes has also been flooded with raw sewage. When the first flooding was reported Scottish Water sent contractors to investigate, a blockage in the sewer was found and cleared. After the second flooding a further blockage was cleared from the sewer. Raw sewage had been left in the street after these events and was not initially cleared by Scottish Water. The matter is ongoing.

The local Ward Councillors present will be raising this matter with Scottish Water and Moray Council.

Action: The Secretary will write to Scottish Water in support of the residents of Dunnyduff Road.

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5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the June 2026 Meeting

Keith Community Council Bank Account
The Chair advised that following a meeting at Virgin Money in Mid Street the Treasurer now had full access to the KCC account including online Banking.

Grass Cutting in Keith
Previously the Community Council had been advised that the grass in Keith parks was not being cut because of faulty equipment. We have now been advised that the grass cutting equipment in Elgin was faulty and the equipment in Keith was sent to Elgin as over until the Elgin equipment was repaired. The Keith equipment has now been returned to the town.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence received by email is circulated to the members for their attention prior to the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a report of the Bank Balances.

Bank Account Balances:

KCC - £2636.47
Paid out - £50 Secretary Honorarium, Keith in Flower Basket £50, ICO Fee £47

Zenobe Micro Grants Total paid out = £4,250

Keith Christmas Lights - £8,869.60
Paid in = £108 Banked from Donations

Paid out = £231.61 to C. Stuart reimbursement for Christmas Lights Materials,
£230.15 to C. Stuart reimbursement for Amazon Trailer Parts,
£336 to D. Williams for New Buggy Tyres,
£2.200 to R. Scott for purchase of new Trailer

Keith Defibrillators - £1,531.61
Paid out = £148.80 for a set of Children's Pads

Keith Scots Toun - £2,560.59
No change

Keith In Flower - £1,904.67
Monies received for the Tubs/Baskets

Action = Treasurer's Report Noted

8. Community Reports

- *Ward Councillors*
  Cllr T. Coull
  30/06/26 Last Moray Council meeting before Summer recess, normal committee work, Banffshire/Cronach Twinning Trip Committee.

  Cllr D. Gatt

30/06/26 Last Moray Council meeting before Summer recess, Valuation Joint Board, Moray Council now in recess.

Cllr T. Colyer
Audit & Scrutiny Committee, Full Council Meeting, Housing Committee, Port Knockie & Cullen Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee.
New Head appointed at Keith grammar School.

- *KCC Sub Groups*

KCC Christmas Lights:
Preparations are underway for the installation of the new fixtures to support the Christmas Lights along the A96 through Keith. The committees has bought a new trailer for transporting the Christmas light fittings.
Action = Noted

Keith in Flower
93 Baskets have been installed,
Planning for a fund raising event at The Band Stand is underway.

- *Keith SFRS Report – Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell*

There were Nineteen Fire Calls in May to June

Seven Fires:
Small Kitchen Fire in Findochty. Fire In the Open at Newmill, Small Fire in Hotel in Fochabers, Small House Fire in Huntly, Wildfire in Fochabers, Controlled Burning out of Control in Grange, Washing Machine Fire Station in Keith.

Nine False Alarms:
1 Smoke Alarm, Huntly. 3 Smoke Alarm, Care Home, Keith, 1 Smoke Alarm Care Home, Huntly, 2 Smoke Alarm in Keith - (Almost Wilful), 2 Smoke Alarm, Sheltered Housing, Keith.

Three RTC's:
1 Vehicle Enzie Braes, 2 Vehicle Motorbike v Van, Tarnash, 1 Vehicle RTC, Marypark, A96.

The Chair thanked Kevin for his report
Action = Report Noted.

9. AOCB

- Metal Benches
  D. Rough has volunteered to identify the location of the metal benches that still need refurbishing. and to also attend to the Finger signs around the town.

- Reidhaven Square flag – The flag is in poor condition, arrangements for its removal will be made.

Keith Community Council Zenobe Blackhillock Microgrants CBF

With the normal business completed Keith Community Council considered an application to the Zenobe Blackhillock Microgrants Community Benefit Fund from InKeith&Strathisla. The application was for £1000 to fund the purchase of a fridge and a Barrista-style Coffee Machine for installation in the recently refurbished Tennis Pavilion in Seafield Park.
After due consideration Keith Community Council declined the application for funding on the grounds that there was no committed or prospective applicant to run the proposed cafeteria in the pavilion and the equipment purchased would stand idle until someone was found to run the cafeteria.

There being no other relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.25hrs.

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting: Monday 07th September 2026 @19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station.
(Note: KCC does not hold a meeting in August)