

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 02nd December 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

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

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

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

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

2. **Apologies were received from:** P. Eckford and L. Innes.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the November 2024 meeting**

The minutes were adopted as amended - Proposed by D. Borland, seconded by A. Inglis.

Additional Item: The Chair welcomed 7 year old Bella and her Grandmother Jeniffer Cruickshank to the meeting and gave them the floor so Bella could make a statement in support of Keith Library to the Community Council and Ward Councillors present. At the end of her statement Bella passed a petition in support of keeping Keith Library open to Cllr Gatt for the attention of Moray council.

19.18hrs D. Borland left the meeting to deal with a domestic matter.

4. **Police Matters:** Sgt Mackay advised the meeting that the police community report will no longer be issued monthly and will be issued quarterly. There have been no major issues in Keith last month, the local police have been carrying out intervention work with the S2's at Keith Grammar school, the parking initiative in Keith is on hold for the time being.

Parking issues at Broomhill Road/Banff Road; The situation seems to have improved after the Keith Fire Station Watch Commander spoke to local residents about the difficulty for Fire Appliances accessing Broomhill Road – the police will continue to monitor the situation.

Parking issues in the car park behind the old TSB building in Mid Street; A badly parked commercial vehicle is causing an obstruction in the car park.

Sgt Mackay left the meeting at 19.35hrs

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

Balloch Road Car parking during Keith FC Home Games No supporters coaches have been parked on Balloch Road for the last three home games

Ownership of Defibrillators - this matter will be dealt with in the new year.

Broomhill Road Parking Issues – The parking issues have improved in the last two weeks, (see entry under Police Matters).

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6. Union Bridge Road Works

AMEY are currently looking for a contractor to carry out the remedial works.

7. Correspondence:

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

8. Reports:

Treasurer

Keith Community Council - £3456.00

Christmas Lights - £2309.87

Scots Toun - 2560.59

Keith Defibrillators – £1499.21

Keith in Flower - £2460.07

The Treasurer reported that the accounts have been audited.

Community Reports

Defibrillators – All in service.

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

Ward Councillors

Cllr Coull – Attended a resilience event at Inchberry, attended public meetings with regard to library closures. There is a full council meeting this coming Wednesday.

Cllr Gatt – attended a Tenants forum, a Budget development meeting, Police & Fire committee.

Cllr Colyer – Licensing committee, two full council meetings, Harbour Advisory committee.

Questions for councillors

D. Rough – Is there any truth in the rumour that Moral Council will supply all schools with generators in case of power cuts?

The councillors have no information on this matter.

Sub Groups

In Keith – The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Christmas Lights – The switch on event last Saturday in Reidhaven Square was a great success with an estimated attendance of 1000 spectators.

9. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

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Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell gave his report for November; it was a very busy month for Keith crews with a total of 23 fire calls. There were 12 false alarms, 6 fires – Chip Shop in Dufftown, House fire in Huntly, wheelie bin fire in Keith, an unattended controlled burning at Newtack, a car fire in Keith and a garden fire a Gartly (which was a neighbour dispute).

Five Special services calls; 3 assisting Paramedics with elderly patients who had fallen and 2 assisting the police to gain entry to property.

Community Event

Visited the new battery storage site at Netherton with members of KCC and a representative from United Keith, this was a very informative visit which was well met by The attendee's.

10. AOCB:

Chair N. Kidd was unable to attend the Remembrance Day Parade, Community Councillor D. Borland attended to represent KCC and lay the wreath.

Original Town Council furniture – still in storage at the Longmore Hall, Cllr Coull will seek advice regarding this furniture.

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

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

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

In accordance with KCC policy there will not be a meeting in January 2025