

The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 03rd June 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

Members in Attendance: Neil Kidd (Chair), Steve Hickin (Secretary), Marguerite Cruickshank (Treasurer), Stuart Chapman, Les Innes, Dawn Borland, Davie Rough.

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

Others in Attendance: Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Linda Gorn - United Keith,

1. **Chair Neil Kidd welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:05hrs**

2. **Apologies were received from:** KCC members C. Stuart, A. Inglis, P. Eckford.

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

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

4. **Police Matters:** Not in attendance.

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

Keith Grammar School – the sports field grass has been cut and the cuttings lifted.

Banff Road Pot Holes – The Banff Road will be closed at the junction with Church Road (A96) 04th June to allow the pot holes on Banff Road to be repaired.

6. **Correspondence:**

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

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £3815.70

Christmas Lights - £6018.84

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators – Donations of £250 from Keith Rotary and £300 from the PPG were received. (This month's balance is not available at this time).

Keith in Flower - £2077.29

8. **Reports**

Street Furniture, Signs and Marketing of Keith – Marguerite Cruickshank advised that the Finger signs around Keith are in need of repair and refurbishment.

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Local Concerns – Davie Rough reported that he is still awaiting a reply from REAP regarding the Glebe. He is also awaiting replies from Diageo regarding Auld Brig and Scottish Water regarding the rubbish accumulating in the river Isla.

Planning – Stuart Chapman advised that there had been nothing within Keith Town but there was a submission by Scottish & Southern Electricity networks regarding overhead power lines between Fanellan and Blackhillock which may be of interest.

Keith in Flower - D. Borland reported that the Hanging Baskets are now in place around the Town and the Planters are being planted up. K.I.F. is looking for volunteers to help with the watering. Six sponsor signs are in place.

Parks & Litter – Neil Kidd advised that there had been some grass cutting of Parks but he had noticed that weeds were growing in gutters and pavement edges around the town. The Children's slide in Cuthill Park had been smeared with Dog excrement.

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

Cllr Coull – Has attended the usual committee meetings, attended the retirement function of the outgoing Moray Council Chief Executive. On Thursday she will attend the D Day 80th Anniversary service at the Keith war memorial.

Cllr Gatt – Has attended the usual committee meetings, attended the JCC of Moray and will be participating in site visits for planning.

Cllr Colyer – Has attended a meeting of the Integrated Joint Board, Full Council meeting, NHS Grampian Audit, Moray Health & Social care and a Child Protection Awareness course.

9. Watch Commander Keith Community Fire Station

Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell reported that he had attended a site visit to the BESS Private Battery Site. The site has 300 battery containers and each container holds 64 batteries. The containers are sited a specific distance apart as part of the fire prevention process.

10. AOCB;

Les Innes asked the builder's skip outside the old Royal Bank of Scotland had been there for such a long time and why was it unlit at night? Cllr Gatt said that he would enquire at Moray Council if the skip is licensed.

Dawn Borland asked if Defibrillator training could be organised, this will be done.

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 20.55hrs

Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:

Monday 01st July @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station