The Keith Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 05th October 2026
Time & Venue: 19.00hrs in Keith Community Fire Station

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

Associate Member: K

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

Others in Attendance: Callum Macintosh SFRS Keith

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
Action = Apologies accepted and noted.

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

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

3. **Police Matters**

The Chair went through the Bimonthly Police Community Report for August and September.
Action = Noted.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the July 2026 Meeting**

Dunnyduff Road Raw Sewage – Sewage has been coming up through a manhole on Dunyduff Road and is flowing into the gardens of adjacent properties.
Action = Noted and Secretary to raise concerns with SEPA and Moray Council Environmental Health Dept.

Bankers Lane – Anecdotal evidence suggests that the section of Bankers Lane between Moss Street and Balloch Road has been resurfaced.
Action = Noted.

Finger Signs in Keith – Ongoing.
Action = DR

Keith Resilience Plan - Cllr Coull made a statement about the minute recorded in the September meeting's AOCB. Cllr Coull stated she did not believe she had been irritated or vehement when speaking about the resilience plan, she had merely be passionate about the subject.
Action = Noted.

5. **Correspondence**

Email from Strathisla CC regarding a joint meeting with MSP Laura Mitchell to consider the proliferation of energy infrastructure in the Keith area.
Action = Secretary to liaise with Strathisla CC in arranging the meeting.

Proposal of Application Notice – Keith Greener Grid park Extension.
Action = Noted

Proposed Aultmore Wind Farm Redesign.
Action = Noted

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6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a report of the Bank Balances.

KCC:
Keith Community Council - £1,900.71
£1,000.00 Zenobe Grant to Keith Christmas Lights
£280.37 Fire Station donation (Amazon Chairs)
£250.00 Zenobe Grant to Keith Tots
£50.00 Steve Honorarium

Zenobe Grants
Grant - £6,250.00
Paid Out - £4,750
Balance remaining £1,500

Keith Christmas Lights:
Keith Christmas Lights - £5,975.99
Income: £1,000 Zenobe Grant
£250.03 Cash from Tins in shops

Expenses: £3,426.00 Superlec Wire
£979.94 Keith Builders (Materials)

Keith Defibrillators - £1,513.61 - No Movement
Keith Scots Toun - £2,560.59 No Movement
Keith In Flower - £2,980.11 No Movement

Action = Treasurer's Report Noted

7. Community Reports

- *Keith Community Fire Station Report – Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell*

  There were thirteen fire calls attended by Keith Fire Crews in September:
  Three Fires – Keith Grammar School, Baler Fire at Grange, Shed/Garage fire in Keith.
  Two RTC's – 3 vehicles near the TESCO junction Huntly and 1 vehicle near Glass.
  One Care Home – 1 Smoke Detector in Banff.
  Four Smoke Alarm False Alarms – 3 in Huntly, 1 in Rhynie.
  Two Standby's both in Buckie.
  One Special Services – Rescue of a cat from BT Telegraph pole.

  The Chair thanked Callum Macintosh for his report.
  Action = Report Noted.

  Planning SC presented a report on recent Applications to made to Moray Council and the Scottish Government. (Report attached to the minutes
  Action = Noted

- *Ward Councillors*
  Cllr T. Coull
  Harbour Users Committee, Rothiemay Parent Council, Port Knockie Parent Council,
  Cllr Coull advised the meeting that the Scottish Government is proposing a restructuring of the local councils across Scotland and a consultation will be taking place.

Cllr D. Gatt
Normal Round of committee meetings, Full Council meeting, Cullen Parent Council, Rothiemay parent Council, Constituency work.

Action = All Councillor's Reports Noted

- *KCC Sub Groups*

KCC Christmas Lights:
Final repairs to the Mid street lights have been completed, materials for the new displays at the four sites along the A96 in Keith have been purchased.
Action = Noted

Keith in Flower
A couple have approached the KiF committee and offered to empty the tubs and baskets and compost the removed contents.
Action = Noted

KCC Defibrillators
All in Service – Letters are being sent out to raise donations to help towards the cost of maintenance.
Action = Noted

8. AOCB

KCC Delegates to the Hill of Towie Community Benefit Fund Panel
The Secretary advised the meeting that under the operating conditions of this panel Keith has one delegate.
Action = Noted

The Chair advised the meeting that there still does not appear to be any time table allowance for the M Connect bus that calls at Keith Railway station to connect with the scheduled 18.29 arrival from Aberdeen to allow for the late running of this train.

Cllr Coull said she would follow this up.

Action = Noted to await Cllr Coull's reply.

There being no other relevant business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.40hrs.
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)***

Keith Community Council Zenobe Blackhillock Microgrants CBF Funding Meeting

There was one application to the Zenobe Blackhillock Microgrants Community Benefit Fund for consideration.

15/26 Keith Grammar School Football_____ Declined

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