

# The Keith Community Council

Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 01<sup>st</sup> April 2024

@ 19.00hrs

Venue: Keith Community Fire Station

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

**Ex-Officio Members:** Cllr T. Coull, Cllr D. Gatt.

**Others in Attendance:**

Kevin Mitchell – Watch Commander Keith Fire Station, Linda Gorn - United Keith, Sgt G. Allen Police Scotland, George Gartly (MoP).

1. **Chair Neil Kidd welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 19:00hrs**

2. **Apologies were received from:** Callum Stuart, Cllr T. Colyer, and Phil Eckford.

3. **Police Matters:** Sgt Allen gave an update on matters in Keith;

There have been instances where groups of youths have been travelling into Keith by bus on Friday and Saturday evenings and congregating outside the TESCO store and then moving on to Seafield park. Police officers are monitoring the groups when they gather and taking the necessary action when required.

There have been issues with illegal drugs being posted to addresses in Keith via Royal Mail, investigations are ongoing.

Sgt Allen left the meeting at 19.25hrs

4. **Proposal and Adoption of the Minutes of the March meeting;**

**The following amendments were made to the minutes of the March meeting;**

- Minute No.9 Councillor's Reports- Cllr Coull's report concerning the Ward Fund was amended from "*Community £500*" to read "*Keith Community Bus £500*".
- Minute No.9 Councillor's Reports – "*This year Moray has passed their first collegiate Budget*" was amended to read; "*This year Moray has passed their first collegiate Budget in ten years*".
- Under AOCB the minute on Grass Cutting in Keith has been amended from; "*the Chair has met with Ken Brown at Moray Council and there is no change in the grass cutting regime for Keith*", to read; ; "*the Chair has met with parents who were then going on to meet with Ken Brown at Moray Council and there is no change in the grass cutting regime for Keith*"

The March meeting minutes were adopted as amended.

Proposed: S. Chapman, Seconded: D. Borland.

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## **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Chair raised the matter of a large Pot Hole on Union Terrace adjacent to the Keith Garage and the large Pot Hole on Banff Road and the junction with Church Road. Cllr Coull will raise with Moray Council.

Grass Cutting in Keith – There is no change to the grass cutting regime in Keith.

## **6. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Watch Commander Kevin Mitchell**

Watch Commander Mitchell gave his report for March 2024; During March Keith Crews attended six fire calls, there were two RTC's attended, a two vehicle RTC on the A96 near Netherton Farm and a single vehicle RTC at Grange Hall. There was one special service call to assist Paramedics with an elderly lady who had a fall in her home. Two home fire safety visits were also carried out.

## **7. Correspondence:**

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

## **8. Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Community Council - £3915.70

Christmas Lights - £5924.84 – Thank you to Alan Ewen for £1362 donation

Scots Toun - £2820.59

Keith Defibrillators - £1119.21

Keith in Flower - £3244.17

The Treasurer confirmed the £400 sponsorship had been paid for the Band Stand Flower Bed.

## **9. Reports:**

*Planning;* The Statkraft Battery Storage has a planning application to increase the size of the plant.

*Parks;* Neil Kidd gave an update on the condition of the local parks around Keith with some needing attention and he would like to organise a litter pick to tidy them up.

*Cllr Gatt* – The usual round of meetings, Planning, Health & Social Care Committees, a delegation from Moray Council went to the Audit Commission, Ward work.

*Cllr Coull* – An Interim Chief Executive has been appointed while the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive takes place.

## **10. Sub Groups:**

**a. Christmas Lights** – Maintenance and repair of the lights is ongoing

**b. Keith in Flower** – More volunteers have joined, the Band Stand Park is being given a facelift, and sponsors are being recruited for hanging baskets.

**c. Keith Defibrillators** – All Defibrillators are operational.

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Linda Gorn asked how often the Defibrillators are checked? Amy Inglis advised that they are inspected every month.

**d. Scots Toun** – Nothing to report at this time.

**e. KSRP** – Nothing to report at this time.

## **11. AOCB:**

Dawn Borland asked what exactly is KSRP?

Linda Gorn and Marguerite Cruickshank explained that KSRP is the Keith & Strathisla Regeneration Partnership.

Neil gave a report on the Edintore Community Fund Awards Panel AGM.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.0hrs

## **Date, Time & Venue of the next meeting:**

**Monday 06<sup>th</sup> May @ 19.00hrs in the Meeting Room of Keith Community Fire Station**