

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00pm

1.	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
a.	<p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair),  Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*,  Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY Steven MILNE,  Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE,  Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Kirsty REID,  PC Kyle WARREN &amp; PC Kevin KILGOUR (Police Scotland), Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach).  Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot) Aileen MARSHALL</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Maureen MANSON, Gordie WELLS, Cllr James ALLAN,  Cllr Patsy GOWANS,</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>SPEAKER Jim Royan</u></b></p> <p>Jim Royan gave a presentation entitled "The Lost Kingdom of Elgin" in which he described the changing landscape of Moray and various key events leading up to relatively modern times and he outlined how the Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere (CCC) project might reflect that rich history. The CCC project has developed a list of sites along the CCC route celebrating historical Elgin categorised level 1 and level 2 according to significance and is now bringing this to reality. The CCC project has constructed an all access path which enables visitors and local residents to visit the top of Lady Hill. They are now working on the detail of how these site will be marked and interpreted. A budget has been set for the project which will include a Wolf of Badenoch themed two day event in August. Jim Royan asked for assistance with focus groups and in publicising the Rotary Writing Competition on <a href="http://www.ccc-heritage.co.uk">www.ccc-heritage.co.uk</a></p>	<b>All</b>
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>Eddie Wallace and Kirsty Reid asked for a change to the minute regarding matters arising as follows:</p> <p>Eddie Wallace has to write to East Road car dealerships regarding delineation of boundaries.  Kirsty Reid gave an update on the refugees coming to Moray  R&amp;T subgroup are awaiting reply on request for a crossing at Poundland, High Street.  Actions on domestic violence and daytime running lights were closed.  Eddie Wallace proposed a video production as a reciprocal gift for Elgin Illinois. A subgroup was set up comprising Eddie Wallace, Steven Christie, and Alastair Kennedy.</p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Mary Wall with that change.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>James Wiseman to get Diane Burgess's contact details.</p> <p>Page 4 item 9a – remove lighting up the Cathedral from agenda.</p> <p>Further to the item on residual members of Elgin South Forum notice was given that Aileen Marshall will seek co-option.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the new CCLO Jayne Martin was now in place and would attend next months meeting.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>CCLO</p>
4.	<b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b>	

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	<p>The report was read out and the following points were noted. Tacks on the road at Bezack Street are still under investigations. Parking is being patrolled at the community centre and primary schools. 2 break ins were detected and the criminals sent to jail.</p> <p>There was a discussion on litter at the skatepark although Iain Catto advised that in passing the other day he noticed it to be in pristine condition.</p> <p>An agreement is in place whereby local Councils and Police Scotland can cooperate by sharing information to prevent Blue Badge misuse and sanction offenders.</p> <p>Graffiti saying "ESSPC" has been noticed and should be tackled urgently to stop it spreading.</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b></p> <p>The new manager attended the meeting.</p> <p>The under 18s scheme is ongoing.</p> <p>The No. 34 bus Elgin to Kingston is being withdrawn due to lack of use and Moray Council are looking at an alternative service.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – No Update</u></b></p>	
d.	<p><b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b></p> <p>From last month</p> <p>Page 2 item 4e(7) Health Point Review by Scottish Health Council was passed to the disability forum.</p> <p>Page 3 item 6c – Eddie Wallace and Iain Catto responded to the primary school consultation</p> <p>Page 2 item 4e(2) TSi – Moray Compact consultation – Alastair Kennedy commented</p> <p>Page 2 item 4e(3) Transport Development in the Countryside consultation – Iain Catto submitted response.</p> <p>This month</p> <p>Moray Council Schools Rezoning and revised admissions to school policy – meetings 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 1330 – 1500 &amp; 1830 – 2000 in Elgin Library. Iain Catto and Aileen Marshall to attend.</p>	AM/IC
5.	<p><b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b> (See reports previously circulated)</p>	
a.	<p><b><u>PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>The report on the Elgin South Master Plan was discussed and it was agreed that further information was required with a view to formalising our response by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Cllr John Divers expressed concern about the potential delay to the schools requirement.</p>	JW
b.	<p><b><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b></p> <p>Fair Trade fortnight is 29<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March during which Elgin Academy will provide tea and coffee at Moray Council HQ on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and there will be a fundraising big breakfast to raise awareness of reliance on Tea and Coffee at St Giles Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 10am to 12noon. The group are canvassing shops to gain support.</p> <p>It was agreed that Recreation, Leisure and Environment Committee would be split into "Fair Trade and Environment", and "Recreation and Leisure".</p>	<p>MW/PP</p> <p>GM</p>
c.	<p><b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p>See Report.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace reported that the A96 group in Forres had been well attended and was worth following.</p> <p>The Disability Forum has amalgamated with the DUO resulting in a stronger voice.</p> <p>The rail bridge at Elgin Station is going ahead. There was a discussion on whether it should be open at train times or 24/7. There was a mixed reaction: Clearly some people would want to cross the railway at that location outwith train times but limiting opening times may be necessary to prevent vandalism. A trial should be undertaken.</p> <p>The Edgar Road carpark for residents and wetland users was discussed and it was generally thought to be in poor condition. Cllr John Divers to speak to Jim Grant regarding this.</p>	EW/DC
d.	<p><b><u>Elgin Illinois sub group</u></b></p> <p>Eddie Wallace, Pat Paterson, Steve Christie and Alastair Kennedy met to discuss this item.</p>	EW

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e.	<b><u>Youth</u></b>  No report	
f.	<b><u>Licensing</u></b>  No report	
g.	<b><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u></b>  No Report – Remove from the agenda	GM
h.	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>  A meeting was held with Reni Milburn on 13/1/2016 to discuss grants to purchase high quality laser printed vinyls which would have a life of 4-5 years and would improve the appearance of Grant Lodge.	
i.	<b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b>  Bryan Watson reported a healthy social media performance.	
j.	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>  <p><b>13/01/16</b> I visited the exhibition/consultation on the proposed new Sports Centre. This took place in the Community Centre and contained possible designs from two different architects. I noted other members attending at the same time.</p> <p><b>13/01/16</b> Along with Maureen Manson, other directors of Grant Lodge Trust and Friends of Grant Lodge I attended a meeting with Rene Milburn and one of her team to look at the possibility of having vinyl panels installed on the windows of Grant Lodge.</p> <p><b>14/01/16</b> Following a general invitation to members I attended a talk on the Wolf of Badenoch by Jim Royan. The talk focused more on Jim and colleagues' earlier attempt to re-trace the route taken by the Wolf when he left Lochindorb and came to Elgin to burn down Elgin Cathedral.</p> <p><b>19/01/16</b> I met with ex-members of Elgin South Area Forum to discuss how their interest and knowledge of what is happening in Elgin south can be retained. We had a fruitful meeting, they will meet up on a regular basis and Aileen Marshall will feed back to ECC. However, Aileen is unavailable for the forthcoming meeting but hopes to attend the next one.</p> <p><b>20/01/16</b> A number of members of ECC and some from Innes CC attended an interesting workshop on drawing up a resilience plan which has been progressed to this point by Andrew Gray in conjunction with the relevant officer from within the Moray Council. Further work is required and is ongoing.</p> <p><b>25/01/16</b> The Joint Community Councils of Moray (JCC) has been invited to take the lead on a Participatory Budgeting (PB) initiative. £120,000 has been set aside by Moray Council for PB over the next two years. The £60,000 set aside for this year has been matched by Scottish Government funds which creates a pot of £120,000 with the caveat that the government funding must be allocated by May. I met with Ian Todd, CSU Manager and we agreed that other organisations should be invited to participate. Subsequently on the above date, Anita Milne, Moray Forum chair and myself held an initial meeting with Sylvia Jamieson, CSU Officer to set the wheels in motion. We will be setting up a steering Group and members are welcome to apply to sit on the group. Further information will be available soon.</p> <p><b>27/01/16</b> Along with others I was asked to meet with staff from Springfield Properties to discuss the new draft Masterplan for Elgin South (Long). I wasn't able to attend as I was called away to a meeting of Lennox CC to help resolve a difficulty – which was done successfully. However, Iain, James and Eddie attended and will offer an update at the meeting.</p> <p><b>28/01/16</b> Eddie David and myself spent the day with others doing a street audit of streets around central Elgin. It was an interesting day and the information gathered will be used to help in the formation of an APP for use in mobile phones.</p> <p><b>29/01/16</b> We were invited to attend a meeting with Network Rail as they wished to update us on the Aberdeen/Inverness line improvements. David, Iain, George Littlejohn and myself attended as did three Elected Members from Moray and one from Highland. An officer from Moray Council and several staff from Network Rail were also there.</p> <p><b>01/01/16</b> Due to our taking forward complaints to Richard Lochhead about the early train being cancelled on occasion, following a meeting between him and the CEO of Scotrail/Abellio, Phil Verster, Mr Verster agreed to come to Elgin to hear of that and other problems at first hand. We believe that the CEO went back with a number of problems for which he will be expected to find solutions and has agreed to return in the near future.</p>	

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	<p><b>02/02/16</b> Following earlier discussions at the Town Centre Charrette I was invited to attend a meeting of officers and users of Elgin Town Hall to look at ideas for improving the frontage and foreground of the building. Nine people met, one of whom is an architect with Moray Council and who has been tasked with progressing ideas for improvements.</p> <p><b>02/02/16</b> I attended Innes CC. I have been supporting Innes CC as acting chair for some months but I was pleased to hand over the chair to a member on the night as they are now working together and getting things done.</p> <p>If anyone wishes further information on any of the above items then get in touch.</p>	
k.	<p><b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>No report</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></b></p> <p>Aileen Marshall to circulate information to the residual members of Elgin South and link with them.</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>SPICE</u></b></p> <p>Steve Christie reported that 13 shops had adopted planters in High Street, Elgin.</p> <p>Next Litter pick 19 March 2016 at the Bailey Bridge by the Leisure Centre. Time to be advised.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>Next meeting Thursday 11/2/2016 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.</p>	
d.	<p><b><u>Emergency &amp; Resilience Planning</u></b></p> <p>A workshop was held and the plan is ready for the next step and being discussed next week.</p>	AG/JW
7.	<p><b><u>EDUCATION</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>New Elgin High School</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John Divers reported that the financial package had been agreed and the turf cutting is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>Elgin Academy</u></b></p> <p>No report</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>Primary Schools</u></b></p> <p>As previously mentioned a reply was submitted regarding the school re-zoning consultation.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that NO 1 A/c £3,500 and all budgets on track.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b></p>	
	<p>Fleeces are ongoing</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>EVENTS</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b></p> <p>Meeting due to discuss next event but awaiting a response from TSI Moray. Alastair Kennedy advised that Jackie will attend from TSI Moray</p>	GM

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b.	<b><u>TRAINING</u></b>  No requests for training	
11.	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>  Steve Christie asked for an update on the Post Office Consultation. No update was available.  Iain Catto attended Ballater and Crathie Community Council as part of his role with Foundation Scotland where he empathised with them on behalf of Elgin Community Council regarding the recent flooding events. Iain proposes to do the same at Inverurie Community Council later this week.	
12.	<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>  7:00pm Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.  Steve Christie tendered his apologies for the meeting.	
13.	<b><u>CLOSE</u></b>  There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

CITATION: These Minutes were adopted as a True Record of Proceedings:

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_