

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY William HENDERSON, Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Sgt Angela McCARTHY(Police Scotland),</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Maureen MANSON, Mary WALL, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach)</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Andrew Gray with no objections.</p> <p>Gordon Methven reported that the CCLO had agreed that it was no longer necessary to keep paper copies or signed paper copies of the minutes.</p> <p>Iain Catto suggested offering any formally kept copies of minutes to the Moray Heritage Centre for their potential historical value. Alastair Kennedy to contact Sheila Campbell at the Heritage Centre.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>AK</p>
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>Aileen Marshall was co-opted having notified her request at the last meeting and being proposed by Alastair Kennedy and seconded by Andrew Gray.</p> <p>There is a meeting about a replacement for the No 34 bus service from Lhanbryde in the Lhanbryde Hall on 15/3/2016 at 7pm.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked if there was any progress on splitting the Fair Trade and Environment Committee from the Leisure and Recreation Committee.</p> <p>The Elgin Railway Station steps will be available 24/7 but the lifts will only be open between the first and last trains.</p> <p>Illinois gifts – No update.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>EW</p>
4.	<b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b>	
a.	<p><b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b></p> <p>See Report.</p> <p>Sgt Angela McCarthy highlighted the ongoing investigation in to the tacks on the road at Bezack Street.</p> <p>Two new Inspectors are appointed for the Elgin Area: Insp. Graeme Allan and Insp. Paul McCruden. Gordon Methven advised that a meeting had been requested by the Inspectors to establish what the Community Council wanted from the monthly reports. Members to pass comments to Gordon Methven.</p>	All / GM
b.	<p><b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b></p> <p>No Update</p>	

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c.	<b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></b>  No Report	
d.	<b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b>  School Rezoning – Iain Catto noted the low attendance at the Elgin events. Cllr John Divers said that was the trend across all the events. Iain Catto and Aileen Marshall to draft ECC response and circulate it for comment.  James Wiseman to coordinate response to developer obligations consultation by 4/5/2016. Members to send thoughts by email and JW/IC/AK to meet.	All / IC  All / JW
5.	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>  James Wiseman had responded to the Masterplan consultation for Elgin South however, the developer asked that the plans not be widely publicised so a comment was added to permit comments when the plans become public for consultation.	
b.	<b><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b>  Fair Trade Fortnight is ongoing and various events have been held. A big breakfast event was very successful in raising awareness as were a number of stalls throughout the town where the Fair Trade committee promoted Fair Trade to maintain the town's accreditation.  Alastair Kennedy to invite Ken Kennedy to ECC.	AK
c.	<b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u></b>  The following projects are financed by Transport Scotland and carried out by BEAR Scotland and includes comments on active projects.  <b>1) A 96 Reiket Lane R/A to Ashgrove Road</b>  Having completed a survey using a deflectograph and checking the skid resistance the necessary remedial works will take place at the above location. The work will be carried out over night and each section will be completed eg Lane off and reinstate before opening to traffic at approx 0530 hrs in the morning. Date and time to be agreed  Advance works are to be carried out at the junction of Ashgrove Road/A96 at Burger King to investigate as to why it floods and possibility of blocked drains.  <b>2) A96 Tesco R/A - Urgent remedial Works</b>  Resurface the Tesco side of the roundabout where it has fretted away.  Hope to start work ASAP in the next 2 weeks.  <b>3) A96 Safety Audit - Foot/Cycleway</b>  Safety audit to take place following the construction of the above. There is a question mark over the type of kerbs at the above location. At the moment they are splayed and perhaps they should be half batter  <b>4) White Lining / Road Marking</b>  This operation is being carried out at various locations on the A96 and A95  <b>Edgar Road Carpark</b>  There was a discussion on the outcome of the investigations and disappointment that nothing was being done to improve the carpark surface.	EW / DC
d.	<b><u>ILLINOIS Gifts</u></b>  No Update	EW
e.	<b><u>YOUTH.</u></b>  No Update	
f.	<b><u>LICENSING</u></b>  A volunteer is being sought for a Licensing Forum for Moray. Iain Catto volunteered to do it if no one else	All

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	from across Moray was interested.	
g.	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>	
	No Update	
h.	<b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b>  Bryan Watson reported the increasing success of the Facebook page and requested photos to post.	BW
i.	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>  Chair's report for March meeting.  04/02/16 I met with the CCLO to discuss a draft Complaints Procedure for Community Councils.  09/02/16 The JCC was invited to take the lead on a Participatory Budgeting initiative. Moray Council have allocated £120,000 over the next two years and the first year's funding has been matched by £65,000 by the Scottish Government. I attended an initial meeting to decide who else should be invited to get involved.  10/02/16 I attended a further meeting with the CCLO prior to bringing the draft Complaints Procedure to the next evening's JCC meeting.  11/02/16 Along with Gordon and James I attended the JCC meeting at which there was a presentation given on the "Moray Connected" project. This is about members of the public being able to access many more services through a fresh new Moray Council website. Members are urged to feed back their thoughts on this and to fill in the feedback survey, see <a href="http://www.moray.gov.uk/connected">http://www.moray.gov.uk/connected</a> or email <a href="mailto:connected@moray.gov.uk">connected@moray.gov.uk</a> to reach the team. John Calder, Keith Community Radio is back to better health, was in attendance and will resume his visits to Moray's Community Councils to help raise the profile. Sylvia Jamieson, CSU officer, gave a presentation on the Participatory Budgeting initiative.  15/02/16 Along with Gordon and Steven I attended a meeting on the Moray Community Awards. We were delighted to have use of the Northern Scot's meeting office. Gordon will expand at the ECC meeting.  16/02/16 I attended a joint meeting of Grant Lodge Trust and Friends of Grant Lodge to discuss where we are with the possible changes required to the Deed of Trust for Grant Lodge.  19/02/16 Along with Associate Member George Littlejohn I attended a meeting with MSP and Cabinet Minister Richard Lochhead to request support in lobbying for further improvements than what are proposed for the Inverness to Aberdeen rail link. We were congratulated on the huge amount of work that has been done to date on this subject.  22/02/16 I was invited to attend Buckie and District CC to discuss communication within the organisation. Two or three members are not on email which creates difficulties in sending and receiving information. One who is not on email is the current chair. I was pleased to report that all ECC members are on email – although not all respond to email.  24/02/16 Along with David I attended a meeting on Access to Streets. This is an ongoing piece of work and part of which was the previous audit of Elgin High Street from the perspective of a disabled person.  03/03/16 Along with the Roads and Transportation Committee and George Littlejohn, I attended a follow-up meeting with Gerry Fahrquharson and Stacey Lynch of Network Rail/Abellio Alliance.  03/03/16 In the evening I attended a further meeting of the Participatory Budgeting Group in Aberlour.  07/03/16 I have my quarterly meeting with Roddy Burns to discuss any problems and get any news about what's new within Moray Council.	
j.	<b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b>  Gordon Methven had attended the AGM of Scottish Rural Action and reported that it was receiving good attention from the Scottish Government and suggested that an item be added to our agenda specifically for discussing and noting anything that has to be taken to the Scottish Rural Parliament.	GM
k.	<b><u>NON-ATTENDANCE BY COOPTED MEMBER</u></b>	
	There was a discussion about members who have not attended or participated for a while. It was said that inactive members prevent potential members making useful contribution. Alastair Kennedy to review and contact individuals to ensure all members participate.	
6.	<b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></b>  No Update	

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b.	<b><u>SPICE</u></b>  See Minutes circulated.	SC
c.	<b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy reported that a draft complaints procedure is being circulated. Iain Catto suggested contacting Ellon Community Council which is currently dealing with a difficult complaint which will involve holding a hearing.  Alastair Kennedy said that Moray Community Planning Partnership wanted to engage with every member of the community via Community Councils inviting agencies to attend meetings to ask 6 questions to allow them to gauge people's priorities.	AK  AK
d.	<b><u>EMERGENCY AND RESILLIENCE PLANNING</u></b>  Andrew Gray advised that James Wiseman would be leading the implementation phase of the emergency and resilience plan which is being finalised. James Wiseman to set implementation timescale after final plan is passed across.	AG/JW
7.	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>New Elgin High School</u></b>  Turf cutting set for Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016.	
b.	<b><u>Elgin Academy</u></b>  No update	
c.	<b><u>Primary Schools</u></b>  No Update	
8.	<b><u>COOPER PARK TENNIS COURTS</u></b>	
	Alastair Kennedy read out a letter from Elgin Lawn Tennis Club requesting support for improvements to the Tennis Courts at Cooper Park to enable them to use the facility for their match programme over the next 5 years.  Iain Catto pointed out that 5 years was too short for many funding sources to consider worthwhile. It was also stated that the Cooper Park deed of trust may not support a longer term plan. Cllr Patsy Gowans said that she felt it was important to retain tennis which has traditionally been located in the park to stop erosion of available activities if not for tennis itself. The question was raised about whether any upgraded facilities would be available for the public or just the tennis club? Cllr John Divers recalled that Community Justice was at one time going to refurbish the tennis courts but the money was diverted to the Morriston Playing fields.  It was thought that this matter may have moved on since the letter was submitted so an update is to be sought from the club.	AK
9.	<b><u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u></b>	
	Following an invitation from Innes Community Council to a meeting about community benefit from wind and solar power developments. Iain Catto declared an interest that he worked for a charity that advised on such matters and recommended attendance. Anyone interested in attending should give their names to Alastair Kennedy to advise Innes CC.	All / AK
10.	<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>  Steven Milne reported that all spending was on track and another budget meeting is to be arranged.  A/C No 1 has a balance of £3,930.	SM
11.	<b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>LIGHTING UP ELGIN CATHEDRAL</u></b>	

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	Remove from the agenda.	
b.	<b><u>REFUGEE PLANS</u></b>  The Councillors gave a high level update on the progress of refugee families arriving in Moray.	
c.	<b><u>EIGHT ACRES FLOWER BEDS</u></b>	
	Remove from agenda	
d.	<b><u>FLEECES</u></b>  Members to advise Gordon Methven of their chest size and preferred colour of fleece so that all can be ordered at one time.	All / GM
12.	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b>  At a recent meeting of the Community Awards Committee it was agreed not to hold an awards ceremony in 2016 with a view to moving the time of year so as not to clash with other awards ceremonies.  Next meeting of awards committee is to be on 21/3/2016	GM
b.	<b><u>TRAINING</u></b>  Training on the Community Council Scheme for new members is to be available shortly.	AK
13.	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>  There was a discussion on the deferment, yet again, of the pain clinic. Members expressed their disappointment at the apparent lack of a clear commitment, failed promises and no real progress on provision of a pain clinic in Moray. Whilst there was a current commitment to deliver a service by the end of March there seemed no real possibility of this being delivered however, it was agreed to wait until the end of March and if no pain clinic service is forthcoming then Elgin Community Council should write to Pam Gowans, Malcolm Wright and Richard Lochhead to request action.  In response to a question by Bryan Watson, Cllr John Divers gave an overview of today's decision by Moray Council to remove the "free after three" parking provision. A request was made to minute our disappointment at today's decision.	CG / AK
14.	<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>  7:00pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
15.	<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**ELGIN**

**8 March 2016**

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### **1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

#### **- Ongoing Investigations in Elgin**

Since the February 2016 Community Council meeting there has been one incident of tacks being spread on the road in the New Elgin area. A man was detained for questioning regarding this crime series but was released without charge. Police enquiries are continuing.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any other crimes in the Elgin Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Elgin Police Office.

### **2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Our multi member ward plans are designed to address your priorities, which are:

#### **Community Focus**

Elgin based officers can be alerted to issues in your neighbourhoods by means of email. Messages should be sent to

[ElginNorthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ElginNorthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

[ElginSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ElginSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

During the month, amongst other things, Elgin-based officers have devoted effort to issues raised by the community including:

Reports of anti-social driving in and around the Alexandra Road area.

#### **Road Safety and Road Crime**

On 16 February 2016 a 36 year old male was found to be drunk driving on Trinity Place, Elgin.

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Enquiries are ongoing to identify the driver of a car which caused a collision on the A96 outside the Eight Acres Hotel on 20 February 2016 where the car sped away from the scene. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

Several anti-social behaviour fix penalty notices have been issued over the past month, mainly for minor offences committed in the centre of Elgin.

### **Drugs**

On 11 February 2016 several drug search warrants were executed in Elgin. Personal quantities of controlled drugs were recovered and several people have been reported to the procurator fiscal.

On 16 February 2016 a 36 year old male was charged with dealing Cannabis in the centre of Elgin.

### **Violence**

There were 38 reports of assault made during the month, none of which resulted in serious injury.

On 17 February 2016 a male was assaulted by a 30 year old male with a pool cue in premises in the town centre. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

On 3 March 2016 two males were assaulted by a male brandishing a large metal pole. A 38 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## **4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Prevention activity is increasing in importance. With the darker evenings, Police Scotland are reminding householders to be aware of not leaving their houses in darkness when they are out. Occupants are encouraged to use lights on timers to give the impression that a house is occupied. Consideration should also be given to fitting security lights. We are keen to pass the message to our community that, although Elgin and the surrounding area is a safe place to live, with very low crime rates, the likelihood of becoming the victim of theft can be greatly reduced by taking a few moments to make sure that property is secure.



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The 'After Dark' initiative will be running during the winter months whereby officers will put notes through the doors of houses which are unlit and obviously unoccupied to remind householders to take care.

### **Elgin Inspectors:**

The Inspectors at Elgin have recently changed with Graeme Allan and Paul McCrudden both taking up posts.

Your team is based at ElginPolice Office

Contact us: In a non-emergency – **101**

Once an incident has been recorded a decision will then be made, dependent on the circumstances as to which officer is best placed to address the problem.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND**

Police Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at [facebook.com/policescotland](https://facebook.com/policescotland)

### **CRIMESTOPPERS**

If anyone has any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call the Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity anonymously. They can be contacted via the website at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### **PARENTLINE SCOTLAND**

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (0800 28 22 33) and email service [parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk](mailto:parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk) for anyone with concern about a child. [www.parentlinescotland.org.uk](http://www.parentlinescotland.org.uk)