

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Mary WALL, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Jane MARTIN (CCLO), Willie FINDLAY (Community Safety Officer), Sergeant Ali Bruce, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), David MacKAY (P&J), Catherine SINCLAIR (minutes), John CALDER (KCR FM), Gary TEMPLETON (Planning), Joe GEOGHEGAN (Springfield), Robert GRANT (Springfield), Kenny SHAND (Springfield), Tim SIMPSON (Springfield), Rowena MACDOUGALL (Planning), Kathryn EVANS (Moray Sports Centre)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Maureen MANSON, Gordie WELLS, Iain CATTO, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes). Steven MILNE, Bryan WATSON.</p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Jane Martin, CCLO and John Calder, KCR FM. Jane has been in post since November. As a previous Chair of Keith Community Council, she has an appreciation for the hard work done and challenges faced by Community Councils. She has been developing a complaints procedure. The handbook is available online, on the main Community Council page on The Moray Council website. The handbook will be updated in time and 1 (or more if necessary) copies circulated to each Community Council. Updates will also be circulated electronically.</p> <p>John Calder attended to interview Gordon about Elgin Community Council for Moray Matters, broadcast on Tuesdays, 8-8.30pm on Tuesdays.</p>	
c.	<p><u>SPEAKER – Elgin South Design Update</u></p> <p>Joe Geoghegan gave an update on the master plan, which is available for comment on The Moray Council and Springfield websites. Consultation runs until 8th July and comments should be made to The Moray Council. The masterplan shows a green, open design made up of 3 'villages'. Due to the long-term nature of the development (30-40yrs) it has some flexibility and will be reviewed over time. Phase 1 – the eastern development of around 870 houses, 2 school sites and the sports centre will shortly be subject to a detailed planning application.</p> <p>Regarding a question on renewables – all houses will have e.g. air source heat pumps and/or solar panels to meet silver building standards. Renewables will be individual to each house to offset other emissions.</p> <p>Regarding a question on environmental impact, there are biodiversity standards to be met. Springfield have commissioned environmental impact assessments to protect wildlife, particularly along the burn and in the periphery. One area that is prone to flooding will be developed as a meadows area.</p> <p>Regarding questions on Police and NHS Grampian, The Moray Council is working on strategy and long term infrastructure plan with public sector agencies, via the Community Planning Partnership. Police and NHS Grampian will be consulted with over the implications of an increase in numbers of households in Elgin. Based on household projections, NHS Grampian foresee the need for another GP surgery by 2020. Concerns were raised that the level of policing in Elgin has not increased for decades.</p> <p>Regarding a question on the Western Link Road – this is no longer in the capital plan and alternatives will be explored. Springfield and The Moray Council transport consultants are working together to assess the overall impact of the development and phase 1 in detail.</p> <p>The Moray Council Transport Strategy will be looking at alternatives to the Western Link Road. There will be a key stakeholder event June 24th and a wider engagement including drop-in exhibitions and travel surveys until July 31st. A draft plan is to be prepared by October 2016.</p> <p>The cemetery site has been checked and is ideal.</p> <p>Kathryn Allan gave an update on the sports centre. The exterior has been redesigned with the final design to</p>	

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	be released to the public on 11 th July. £14million of funds are needed to complete the project in a single phase. An appeal for capital will be launched. Applications totalling £7million have been made to Scottish Government and Sport Scotland. If necessary the centre can be built in 3 phases with the core building taking in revenue. The internal design is complete and will have conference and meeting room facilities as well as sports halls, studios, pitches, tennis courts and a running track. Partnership working with public and third sector organisations is planned, to ensure facilities are used to the fullest. It is aimed the sports centre will be self-sustaining for 30-50 years.	
2.	<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Aileen Marshall with no objections.	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING.</u> Page 1 item 3a – Heritage centre would like minutes Page 1 item 3g –Invite Ken Kennedy, Lands and Parks, Moray Council to speak about the Elgin environment maintenance – Alastair is awaiting a reply Page 2 item 5d – Illinois gift has been sent. Eddie Wallace to send photo of the gifts to Alastair Kennedy to send to Councillor Cree c/f Page 5 item 12 –Older People's Reference Group met and a report has been circulated. Aileen has nothing to add and appreciated some feedback received. To be added to agenda under Community Planning and Aileen will continue to circulate reports.	GM EW/AK
4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u> See Report. Highlights include successful action against drug suppliers and the recovery of a large amount of stolen property following the execution of a search warrant. There has been a very slight increase in violence with 14 out of 20 assaults detected and 6 being pursued.	
b.	<u>STAGECOACH</u> No Report – see Roads & Transportation	
c.	<u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u> There have been 10 neighbour disputes, 4 abandoned vehicles, 3 dog fouling incidents, flying tipping and noise incidents The youth issues reported last month seem to have abated, due to good work carried out with partners and businesses affected. Operation Typhoon against dog fouling is ongoing with random, plain clothes patrols at various times of day in identified hotspots. Dog owners and walkers can sign up to the Green Dog Walker scheme, be issued with materials and inform owners about responsible ownership. Dog fouling requires only one witness (to make a report within 7 days of the incident) for an £80 penalty to be issued. The public are encouraged to report incidents. People need to be informed that they can put dog mess in any bin - Willie will arrange more publicity of this message. Fly tippers received a fixed £200 penalty. If the cost of clear up is more than this, the Council have to foot the bill. Serious cases can be taken to court by Police or SEPA.	
d.	<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> Accessible Housing Consultation – Aileen will ask James to submit the response Proposed Traffic Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places – Eddie Wallace responded. He received a response to the query about what happens when bays are no longer in use, which he will circulate Scottish Boundaries Commission – 5 th review of Electoral Arrangements – no further action Community Planning Partnership engagement consultation. It was agreed that Community Councillors respond individually while Alastair will feed back that the questions are too broad for a collective response. Moray Woodland Strategy Stakeholder event 21 st June, 6-8pm at Horizon Scotland, Forres Enterprise Park – Jane Martin passed on a plea for all Community Councils to attend tsiMORAY – Our Communities Matter – circulated Carry on Caring – Gordon asked everyone to look at this, aimed at supporting a better life for unpaid carers SCDC – consultation on regulations and statutory guidance in relation to Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act – Participation Request. Under the Community Empowerment Bill any	AM EW ALL

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	community group can put in a request that the local authority participates in their project. Gordon advised it reading the document and survey. Housing Land Audit Consultation – not relevant to Community Councillors	
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<u>PLANNING</u> No update	
b.	<u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u> Alastair to speak to Gordie & Bryan. In the meantime if anything comes up, forward to Catriona.	AK
c.	<u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u> Eddie and his wife Sheena have joined the Fair Trade group. The group plans to publish a leaflet of Fair Trade suppliers in Elgin for the food festival in Elgin. There was no objection to Elgin Community Council funds being used for printing costs providing Elgin Community Council appears on the leaflet.	
d.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u> Eddie received a memo and apologies from Craig Woodall, which he will circulate. Gordon has had no reply to his email so Eddie will follow this up and report back. It was agreed any questions for Stagecoach be sent to Roads and Transport committee. Updates: As of 4/7/16 the No 11 from Inverness to Elgin will reduce from half hourly to hour service but will alternate with the No 10 so a half hourly service will remain. The No 38 in Buckie town will be withdrawn but there will be changes to the No 35 to minimise disruption. After withdrawal of the Kingston service, it is very much appreciated that The Moray Council has put in a bus as this is a vital route. A meeting with Abellio Scotrail is scheduled for 5 th July to meet with the new Chief Officer	EW
e.	<u>ELGIN ILLINOIS SUBGROUP</u> See 3 above – can be removed from agenda	
f.	<u>YOUTH</u> No update	
g.	<u>LICENSING</u> No update	
h.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u> The AGM was Chaired by Grenville Johnston. It is necessary to ascertain an end use for Grant Lodge in order to develop a viable business plan. This would enable The Moray Council to consider whether it is worth pursuing permission required from the courts to make changes to the governing Trust Deed. The idea of student use was suggested the Chair will contact Moray College to discuss. This could provide an income stream and enough space to accommodate other suggested uses.	
i.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u> No update	
j.	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> Will be circulated for next month.	AK
k.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> See consultations	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	

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a.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></p> <p>Further discussion on local traffic issues. The cycle track is about to be officially opened and is a great asset.</p> <p>Discussion on the implications of charging to use St Giles toilets. This may lead to increased pressure on nearby Comfort Scheme participants and their withdrawal from the scheme. Gordon had also received comments that people will not pay for toilets in a poor state. There are no signs on the baby changing room or disabled toilets. Alastair will try and get some answers.</p> <p>There are no updates on other points. Move to Committee Reports.</p>	AK
b.	<p><u>SPICE</u></p> <p>The Eight Acres flowerbeds are coming together well thanks to a lot of hard work from committee members. Glen Moray are providing barrels.</p> <p>There is a litter pick this Saturday to cover the Wards. Registration is at 9.45am in Cedarwood car park. Steve is developing a leaflet explaining how to deal with drugs related litter.</p> <p>The High Street planters look good. Steven Duff has spent a lot of time weeding them and REAP has planted up several.</p>	
c.	<p><u>JCC</u></p> <p>The complaints procedure (2 stage procedure, guidance notes, SPCO guidance on giving an apology and on resolving conflict) was discussed at JCC and adopted and will be finalised for issue to Community Councils. It will also be on the Community Councils part of The Moray Council website. All to read final copy.</p> <p>The first Participatory Budgeting event was very successful with £60,000 allocated to groups by a democratic voting process. Eighty-three applications totaling £317,600 were received. The next working group meeting is 15/6/16. Next year local authorities will have to spend 1% of budget according to Participatory Budgeting.</p>	ALL
d.	<p><u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLANNING</u></p> <p>With James Wiseman - ongoing</p>	JW
7.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p><u>New Elgin High School</u></p> <p>Aileen, Catriona and Iain have formed an Education committee – to go under Committee reports.</p> <p>The High School works are progressing well and community engagement seems to be good.</p>	
8.	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
9.	<p><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>FLEECES</u></p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
b.	<p><u>PAIN CLINIC</u></p> <p>Data is being collected on the time between first and further appointments and appropriate numbers of treatments, with the aim of asking Scottish Government to make these NHS targets. Only the time from referral to first pain clinic appointment is a target at present.</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u></p> <p>Alastair has responded and is waiting a suitable time for a meeting with Innes Community Council.</p>	
d.	<p><u>SANDY ROAD LITTER</u></p> <p>Complete</p>	
10.	<p><u>EVENTS</u></p>	

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	<p><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></p> <p>Met 13th June. Work is ongoing.</p>	
	<p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>Mediation training has been arranged with Martyn Kirwan. There will be 3x3 hour sessions. Ideally Jane would like at least 2 community councillors from each community council to attend – dates to be finalised after summer. Jane can arrange other training on request.</p>	
11.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Greenfingers are to be congratulated on a very good plant sale.</p> <p>Community Council engagement with the public – discuss ideas as to how to better engage at next meeting</p> <p>William Henderson will become an associate member of the Community Council</p> <p>Moray Food Bank delivered 1013 parcels in the last year to 1871 people – 2% of Moray's population, which is in line with national statistics. Forty-four different agencies made referrals. The commonest cause for referral (18%) was benefit change.</p> <p>Seagull droppings on pavements in High Street need washed off.</p> <p>Catriona has received several positive comments about the SPICE flowerbeds</p> <p>Steven suggested a push to get a helipad for Elgin. The new helicopter is so large it needs a lot of clearance and has previously landed at Morriston and Cooper Park, which can take time to clear.</p> <p>There has been no update on the High Street Fountain. Alastair will follow up with Cllr Leadbitter</p> <p>Tesco will be starting a food share initiative where community groups that can regularly use waste food can register and collect waste from Tesco at 8.30pm. Please circulate to community groups that may be interested.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AK</p> <p>ALL</p>
12.	<p><u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u></p>	
	<p>It was agreed to pass the following issues to the Scottish Rural Action:</p> <p>1. The widespread problem of Seagulls</p>	GM
13.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 12th July 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____