

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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'), Iain CATTO,            Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Catriona GRAY            Aileen MARSHALL Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON,            Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Kirsty REID,            (Community Warden) (Police Scotland),            Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot)</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Andrew GRAY, Mary WALL, Gordie WELLS,            Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND, Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach)</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>SPEAKER – Fire &amp; Rescue by Davie Meldrum</u></b></p> <p>Davie Meldrum, Group Manager of Fire and Rescue Scotland gave a strategic overview of the Fire and Rescue Service in Moray today focusing on their objectives of safety and wellbeing, improving local and national outcomes, and improving community resilience through a modern fire and rescue service. Davie gave an insight into current performance and future needs.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Iain Catto and seconded by Catriona Gray with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>Gordon Methven has delivered the historical minutes to Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Iain Catto, David Chapman and Eddie Wallace attended the new Pitgaveny Estate Findrassie stakeholder group.</p> <p>Gordon Methven raised the question of noxious weeds to Scottish Rural Action.</p> <p>PRS FOR MUSIC CONSULTATION: Alastair to look into the possibility of holding a training session locally. Steve Christie to circulate original email about the consultation.</p> <p>The policy on resignations was changed via the JCC.</p> <p>Special meeting with Police Scotland will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.</p>	<p>IC/DC/EW</p> <p>SC</p> <p>All</p>
4.	<p><b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b></p> <p>Sgt Morag Clark read the monthly report featuring 3 drugs raids, a number of thefts, 18 cases of domestic violence, 1 stabbing, 3 drink driving and a number of antisocial behaviour incidents.</p> <p>Police report to be forwarded in due course.</p>	<p>Police</p>
b.	<p><b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b></p> <p>No Report</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></b></p>	

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	The Community Warden attended the meeting but had to leave before he could deliver his report.	
d.	<p><b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Elgin Transport &amp; Parking Strategy stakeholder consultation was attended by ECC members.</p> <p>PRS for Music has launched a formal consultation on a newly proposed tariff to simplify the licensing of its members copyright music within premises owned and managed by or on behalf of local authorities and town and other councils ("local authorities"). – Alastair to look into the possibility of holding a training session locally.</p> <p>Proposal for Elgin Mart Site. – Special meeting attended.</p> <p>Moray Council Budget Consultation discussed at special meeting. Alastair Kennedy to circulate the response he submitted on behalf of the Community Council if it can be retrieved.</p> <p>A96 Dualling Hardmuir To Fochabers (Western Section) 'Meet The Team' Events, OCTOBER 2016 Thursday 6 October 2016, 12 noon – 7pm Elgin Library, Cooper Park, Elgin, IV30 1HS</p> <p>Formal Consultation - Taxi Fare Review 2017 was discussed at a special meeting and a response was submitted.</p> <p>BT proposal to remove phone boxes consultation was discussed.</p>	AK
5.	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<p><b><u>PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>Jane Martin's email of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 about Community Council responses to planning applications was circulated and discussed. There were no issues with the way planning is handled in Elgin Community Council.</p>	JW
b.	<p><b><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b></p> <p>The Fair Trade group are holding a stall at the Elgin Academy farmers market and the Elgin Christmas Market.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p>Eddie Wallace referred to the following report circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Roads and Transportation Committee report for Elgin Community Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Attendance at meetings etc:</u></b></p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> September-I attended the Moray Disability Forum AGM. New members elected, David and I remain in committee. Further changes and reconstruction is under way. Part of the debate included the return of the Access Panel.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> September-Findrassie Development. The landowners want to develop the Findrassie Forum with the intention of involving the appropriate communities during the design stages. They are determined to keep a firm grip on the development from the start to completion. Well presented.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> October- attended presentation on the duelling the A96.Display much as before, no more than we already know.</p> <p>6th October- I attended a Moray Disability Forum meeting, electing officers.</p> <p><b><u>Event</u></b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> September-Eddie Wallace attended in the Crown Plaza, Edinburgh the <i>Community Transport in Scotland: enabling preventative and accessible public services event</i>.</p> <p>The session was opened by the Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands who took questions from the floor before moving onto another appointment.</p> <p>Courtesy of Holyrood Events I have attached the presentation material used by each of the presenters, with links below. The session exhibited various problems and the solutions derived by each of the presenters, as seen in the material. Also on show is the many hurdles they have to jump because of the legislation now in force on volunteer work e.g. to get a driver. Their enthusiasm is boundless with their solutions limited by the financial constraints. We in Moray are in the forefront of providing a community transport system, especially when you consider our geographic layout and the commercial bus operators not providing a service. The Dial-a- Bus has come a long way and is still growing.</p> <p><b><u>Presenter display material</u></b></p> <p>Dear Edward Wallace,</p> <p>Thank you for participating in Holyrood's <b>Community Transport in Scotland: enabling preventative and</b></p>	

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	<p><b>accessible public services</b> event on 13/09/2016.</p> <p>Please find below, links to the available speaker presentations:</p> <p>10.25 <a href="#">John MacDonald</a></p> <p>11.40 <a href="#">David Gray</a></p> <p>12.00 <a href="#">Graham Dunn</a></p> <p>12.20 <a href="#">Nicola Moss</a></p> <p>13.40 <a href="#">John MacDonald</a></p> <p>13.50 <a href="#">Chris Conroy</a></p> <p>14.05 Brian Martin <a href="#">presentation</a> + <a href="#">script</a></p> <p>In addition, as suggested by the Minister at the event, we will aim to pass on any questions to the Minister's office that was not answered on the day. Please send any questions to <a href="mailto:Alexander@holyrood.com">Alexander@holyrood.com</a> as soon as possible.</p> <p>To be entered into the quarterly prize draw, if you have not already done so, please <a href="#">click here</a> to complete the event evaluation form. Your feedback is vital in helping us to shape future events, so please do take the time to tell us about your experience.</p> <p>Thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming you again to a future Holyrood event!</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Holyrood Events  <a href="mailto:conference.admin@holyrood.com">conference.admin@holyrood.com</a>  0131 285 1636</p> <p><b><u>Work in Progress:</u></b></p> <p>Parking in the Duffus Road-progressing.</p> <p><b><i>Produced by Elgin Community Council Roads and Transportation Committee on 9/10/16</i></b></p> <p>There was a discussion about the A96 meet the team event with mixed feelings on the value of it.</p>	
d.	<p><b><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></b></p> <p>No recent meetings held.</p>	
e.	<p><b><u>LICENSING</u></b></p> <p>Iain Catto referred to the following report circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Licensing report for Elgin Community Council – 11 October 2016</b></p> <p><u>Licensing applications</u></p> <p>Since the last meeting there has been one licensing application intimated to the Community Council:</p> <p><u>Wetherspoon's public house, The Muckle Cross, High Street, Elgin</u></p> <p>Wetherspoon's obtained planning consent for an outdoor drinking area to the side of the premises, and the application was to vary the licence and associated operating plan to reflect that. The operating plan is also amended to allow children and young persons on the premises from opening until 9pm Sunday to Thursday and until 8pm Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>No comment was offered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Iain Catto</i> 8 October 2016</p>	
f.	<p><b><u>EDUCATION</u></b></p> <p>The Empowering Schools Unit in the Scottish Government launched a Governance Review of early years and schools education and would like to hear our views. Attendance at Inverness on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1000 – 1300 at the MacDonald Drumossie Hotel and Aberdeen on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1000 – 1300/1800 – 2100 at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre. Education group to decide if or how to respond.</p> <p>The following update on the construction of New Elgin High School and planning for Linkwood Primary School was circulated on 29/9/2016 by Steve Christie.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Elgin High School New Build &amp; Linkwood Primary School planning</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Progress reports for Elgin Community Council</p> <p>Aileen and I attended a meeting in relation to Elgin High School's new building and the planning for what will become Linkwood Primary School.</p>	IC/AM/CG

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	<p>Also present were: Andy Simpson – current head of Elgin High; Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Culloch – New Head of Elgin High; Deborah Brands – Principal Accountant; Cllr John Divers; Nick Goodchild; Shona Leese; Cllr Graham Leadbitter; Graham Jarvis; Mary Dow – EHS Parent Council;</p> <p><b>PROGRESS – ELGIN HIGH</b></p> <p>The works on the new building are currently on schedule, this has been aided by good weather, good delivery of materials etc. and a good health and safety record.</p> <p>The Steel frame is nearing completion in the teaching block and is complete in the sports centre where work has been ongoing to install the roof. The ground works have went well, also contributing to the good progress made on both blocks. Once work starts on the internal fit outs progress may appear to be slower but as the work will be sheltered from the elements it should continue at a steady pace.</p> <p>The schedule is for the entire new building to be handed over on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017</p> <p>Then phase two will commence to demolish the existing school and clean up the site with the third and final phase then taking place to install the new sports fields etc.</p> <p><b>Planning for Linkwood Primary School</b></p> <p>Ground work investigations will be undertaken to establish which construction methods can be used on the site of the new school, and a design competition will be held to design the layout, classroom sizes etc. The new build has to be affordable and £11.5 million has been budgeted for it.</p> <p>A full site planning application for the site which will also include the new sports centre and housing is expected to be submitted in November. Work on the site will be dependent on this application and how quickly the developer can build the required infrastructure on site.</p> <p>If all goes to plan Linkwood Primary School could be opening to pupils after the summer break in 2019.</p>	
<b>g.</b>	<b><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>h.</b>	<b><u>YOUTH</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>i.</b>	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>j.</b>	<b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>k.</b>	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>l.</b>	<b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b>	
	No Report	
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>ECC Constitution</u></b>	
	Action completed	
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b><u>SPICE</u></b>	
	<p>Steve Christie attended the Litter Summit at Lhanbryde.</p> <p>SPICE will attend the Moray wide litter forum.</p> <p>It's Your Neighbourhood has awarded SPICE level 5 Thriving.</p> <p>The litter pick on 1/10/2016 yielded 12 bags of litter.</p> <p>Next meeting of SPICE is on 17/11/2016</p>	
<b>b.</b>	<b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>	

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	<p>The next meeting is the special meeting with Police Scotland to be held on Thursday 13/10/2016.</p> <p>Gordon Methven reported that the chair of another association of community councils he met at the Rural Parliament is interested in meeting up with the JCC to discuss good practice.</p> <p>Iain Catto reported that police officers he spoke to at the Rural Parliament suggested Police Scotland would be more engaged with community councils following the recent appointment of a new Chief Constable.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the JCC, Assoc of Village Halls and the Moray Forum had obtained £46.5k for participatory budgeting for social isolation.</p> <p>JCC has looked at the whole Community Council scheme ahead of a report to be submitted this week.</p>	All
c.	<p><b><u>EMERGENCY and RESILIENCE PLAN</u></b></p> <p>Five people volunteered to be part of the resource structure for the Emergency and Resilience Plan.</p>	JW
8.	<p><b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Main A/c stands at £3,650 with a number of cheques to clear.</p> <p>#2 A/C stands at £1,328</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action £150 was approved for payment.</p> <p>Transform Scotland membership at £75 and £30 per year was agreed.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>FLEECES</u></b></p> <p>Eddie Wallace undertook to pass on the order to Dallas Designs on Gordon's behalf.</p>	EW
b.	<p><b><u>Pain Clinic</u></b></p> <p>No update</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>Community Benefit</u></b></p> <p>No update</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>EVENTS</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b></p> <p>No Update</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>Mediation training ongoing.</p> <p>Planning training to be considered for the forthcoming local plan consultations.</p>	AK
11.	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy had written a letter to Moray Councillors regarding the proposed loss of changing rooms at Deanshaugh playing fields. Cllr Patsy Gowans confirmed that they had not received the letter. There was a discussion on the need for football pitches and the rather sudden change away from providing facilities suggested previously would be provided.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy to order Remembrance Day Wreaths.</p>	AK AK
12.	<p><b><u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u></b></p> <p>Gordon Methven and Iain Catto gave a report on the recent Rural Parliament which they attended. Gordon Methven to circulate a report.</p>	GM
13.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	

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14.	<b><u>CLOSE</u></b>  There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	
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