

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.00pm

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| 1. | <u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth) | <u>ACTION</u> |
| a. | <p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Eddie WALLACE, Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY Aileen MARSHALL Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND, Tim BETTS (Community Warden) Ben HENDRY (P&J) Angela McCARTHY (Police Scotland), Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach) Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot) Iain HAMILTON (AECOM) Jo DUCK (AECOM) Pat DOUGLASS (MC Sustainable Travel)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Gordie WELLS, Cllr Kirsty REID,</p> | |
| b. | <p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>SPEAKER – ACTIVE TRAVEL</u></p> <p>Iain Hamilton of AECOM gave an outline of their commission to develop an active travel hub in Elgin. It will provide a focal point for travel information, connection to transport routes and links, and to provide other services to support active travel. A number of locations are being considered and the team wish to have the Community Council's view of the proposal. Various ideas were discussed including, showers & toilets, secure bike storage, connection to railway and bus, Grant Lodge as a potential location, use of empty unit in High Street or use of area at UHI Moray. Funding requires work to be done by 2018. It was noted that the active travel map has to be updated. Any further ideas to be forwarded to Pat Douglass.</p> | All |
| 2. | <p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Steve Christie with no objections.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3d – 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. Alastair Kennedy / Steve Christie – Remove item</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 4d - 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. Not done, remove item.</p> <p>c. Page 3 item 5f - The Empowering Schools Unit in the Scottish Government launched a Governance Review of early years and schools education. Education group to decide if or how to respond. Aileen Marshall / Iain Catto Catriona Gray – Iain Catto is hoping to attend the consultation in Aberdeen on 24th November.</p> <p>d. Page 5 item 10b - Planning training to be considered for the forthcoming local plan consultations – Alastair Kennedy - Done</p> <p>e. Page 5 item 11b - Alastair Kennedy to order Remembrance Day Wreaths. Done</p> | IC AK |
| 4. | <p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p> | |
| a. | <p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>See Report.</p> | |

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| | Alastair Kennedy highlighted the JCC meeting with Police Scotland continuing regular reports and attendance at meetings. | |
| b. | <p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Craig Woodall highlighted recent timetable errors. Online timetables have been updated and paper versions are being printed. An issue with Megabus service from Glasgow not being seamless at Inverness. Issues were raised with the buses in Spynie Street and Craig Woodall took away complaints raised by Pat Patterson and Councillor Patsy Gowans. Eddie Wallace advised that he was going to investigate service issues at Larch Court. Craig Woodall confirmed that they had addressed some parking issues in that area.</p> <p>There was a discussion about bike racks on buses and that the ones funded should be regularly seen on the specified routes but are not. Gordon Methven raised the issue of the toilets being closed in Inverness when people arrived for the early Megabus departures.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy thanked Craig Woodall for attending ECC meetings and for acting on feedback from ECC.</p> | CW CW |
| c. | <p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>Tim Betts outlined the work of the Community Wardens in Elgin this month highlighting removal of 24 abandoned vehicles and use of CCTV for identifying dog fouling incidents. A news-letter is due to be published by the Community Safety unit by the end of the year.</p> | |
| d. | <p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>PRS for Music – Remove from agenda</p> <p>Moray Council Budget Consultation – Done</p> <p>BT proposal to remove phone boxes consultation – No action</p> <p>Notice of Review of the Moray Council Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. – JCC Subgroup has worked on this. AK to circulate the JCC report.</p> <p>Parking Strategy – next consultation session on 30/11/2016.</p> <p>Transport Strategy -Stakeholder consultation results to go to full Council on 7/12/2016 before going out for public consultation.</p> <p>Community Eye services review – The Health and Wellbeing committee to have a look to see if it is possible to send a collective response.</p> | AK |
| 5. | <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated) | |
| a. | <p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>IC reported that the next meeting of the Pitgaveny stakeholder group is on 1/2/2017</p> | |
| b. | <p><u>FAIRTRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>The Fairtrade group have been invited to attend the Elgin Academy Farmers Market on 16/12/2016 and again for one of the Elgin Christmas Farmers Market, date to be confirmed.</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>No specific update on current issues.</p> | |
| d. | <p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>No updates</p> | |
| e. | <p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>No updates</p> | |
| f. | <p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Linkwood Primary School is likely to be completed in April 2019.</p> | |
| g. | <u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u> | |
| | Aileen Marshall reported some bus timetable issues. The group is looking into some accidents believed to have happened at the railway station. | |

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| h. | <u>YOUTH</u> | |
| | No update | |
| i. | <u>GRANT LODGE</u> | |
| | Next meeting 14/11/2016 and the AGM is in December 2016 | |
| j. | <u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u> | |
| | No update | |
| k. | <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> | |
| | <p><u>Chair's report for November meeting.</u></p> <p>As I was away just before the last meeting I was unable to offer a report so I have included last month's activities here.</p> <p><u>15/09/16</u> I attended a LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) development day at Horizon Forres. This was only the second meeting of the LAG. I had agreed previously to be interim chair of the LAG but was persuaded at the development day to take on the chair with the stipulation that it was subject to review in 6 months.</p> <p><u>17/09/16</u> Along with a number of other members I visited the drop-in consultation on the proposed development at the eastern approach to Elgin. Members responded to an email request for their thoughts and I responded to the consultant and owner incorporating these thoughts. The comment which came up most often was to give consideration to ensuring the development was sympathetic to the fact it is an entrance into Elgin so requires decent architecture and or screening.</p> <p><u>19/09/16</u> Along with Steven who was representing SPICE I attended a "Litter seminar" which had been called by Richard Lochhead MSP. There were 6 CCs represented along with a number of other agencies including the Moray Council and SEPA. It was agreed that a Moray-wide group would be set up to look at how progress can be made if there is a broader influence and areas work in conjunction with one another.</p> <p><u>21/09/16</u> I attended a follow-up meeting of the Participatory Budgeting (PB) Working Group in Portknockie village hall. The feedback the group has had and the opinion of the consultant who had input was that the initiative had been very successful. We have now accessed £46,500 from the Community Choices Fund for another PB exercise which will be done under the theme of "Social Isolation".</p> <p><u>22/09/16</u> The JCC had formed a sub-group to look at whether there were any changes required to the Scheme for Community Councils prior to it going out for consultation which normally happens close to CC elections. However, we felt it should not end up as a rushed exercise. The group got through the whole exercise at one sitting which was great and the JCC is thankful to those who attended.</p> <p>The proposed changes will now go to full Council following which a consultation with CCs will take place.</p> <p><u>23/09/16</u> The Community Engagement Group (CEG) held a group development day which the community reps hi-jacked and discussed what they wanted to discuss rather than what officers wanted to discuss. It ended up being a fruitful meeting.</p> <p><u>26/09/16</u> Myself and the LAG Vice chair met with Fabio Villani of tsiMORAY to discuss some LEADER business. We organised a time-scale for things like advertising and recruiting staff.</p> <p><u>06/10/16</u> We held a special meeting to discuss the budget consultation and a number of other subjects including the Resilience Plan. It was a good meeting and I responded to the consultation after a number of ideas were agreed.</p> <p><u>11/10/16</u> Elgin CC meeting</p> <p><u>13/10/16</u> Because there had been rumours doing the rounds about the future of police reports and attendance at CC meetings the JCC held a special meeting. Chief Inspector Stewart Mackie came along and clarified that there were NO intentions of police no longer attending meetings. He was quite clear that such connection with the community is valued by the police. There was eventually an agreement that police reports will change and we'll get a monthly report which will be more about the Community Safety Partnership with a focus across Moray but with some limited local information. Reports are time consuming for the police with individual reports taking at least an hour each to compile so it was agreed that a more generic report will require less resources.</p> <p><u>17/10/16</u> Steven and I met with members of Elgin Rotary Club as they wish to become involved in the Eight Acres flower bed which SPICE currently maintains as it offers an ideal spot for the club to advertise its presence in Elgin. The Rotary Club offered some ideas which were agreeable to some partnership working will take place soon.</p> <p><u>18/10/16</u> I met with others to review the LAG business plan for the forthcoming LEADER programme as it was written when the Moray Council was expected to be the "Accountable Body" for the new programme. However, that has changed and tsiMORAY will now take on that role.</p> <p><u>19/10/16</u> I travelled to Edinburgh to attend a two-day conference run by the Scottish Government on Participatory Budgeting. It was an interesting two days. I was interviewed about how our previous PB Exercise had gone – for Brighton Radio. Despite my best efforts I'm not sure how much the residents in Cornwall will</p> | |

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| | <p>understand!</p> <p><u>25/10/16</u> Because the JCC had now received the funding from the Community Choices Fund I met with an officer from the Community Support Unit (CSU) to discuss what support might be available to the group on taking this PB initiative forwards. That support will be very limited until December as much of her work had been delayed until after the PB exercise was finished.</p> <p><u>25/10/16</u> I went along to a meeting of Friends of Grant Lodge board as the AGM is due to take place next month. There was little new business however apart from organising the format for the AGM which will take place on Wednesday 7th December from 6.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Elgin Museum hall.</p> <p><u>27/10/16</u> It is almost time for a new consultation on the Local Development Plan. There had been a presentation on the next steps from Gary Templeton and Emma Gordon at the recent CEG meeting. I was invited to meet Emma who wishes to offer the same presentation at the next JCC meeting. The instruction leaflet that was developed between the department and ECC after the last consultation will again be used. The communities and developers will be invited to give their ideas on where future development should take place.</p> <p><u>1/10/16</u> To ensure no duplication happens and in the spirit of partnership I attended the Moray Forum meeting. There was a presentation on Community Learning and Development and how CLD gets rolled out in Moray. The members will respond to a review of the suitability of Area Forums as the vehicles set up some years ago to deliver Community Planning on the ground. There are currently only four forums still in existence. Much good work continues to be done on Community Transport by the Moray Forum and the Transport Steering Group recently received an award for their work as volunteers.</p> | |
| I. | <p><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>ECC grant received from Moray Council.</p> <p>Annual data protection registration fee is due.</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>ECC CONSTITUTION</u></p> <p>No update but see Consultations.</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></p> | |
| a. | <p><u>SPICE</u></p> <p>See Minutes circulated.</p> <p>Steve Christie is now Chair of the Moray Litter Forum.</p> <p>Leaflets have been prepared on drug litter and litter pick risk assessments have been produced.</p> <p>The Rotary Club is now redesigning the Eight Acres Flower Bed.</p> <p>AGM is being planned.</p> | |
| b. | <p><u>JCC</u></p> <p>The JCC won a grant from Community Choices Fund for participatory budgeting on reducing social isolation.</p> <p>Next meeting is Thursday 10th November 2016.</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLAN</u></p> <p>No Update</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Grant received, #1 A/C = £4,078.72.</p> | |
| 9. | <p><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></p> | |
| a. | <p><u>FLEECES</u></p> <p>Eddie Wallace is arranging with Dallas Designs and only one additional size to get.</p> | |
| b. | <p><u>PAIN CLINIC</u></p> <p>Ongoing</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u></p> | |

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| | Remove from agenda. | |
| 10. | <u>EVENTS</u> | |
| a. | <u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Ongoing | |
| b. | <u>TRAINING</u> No new needs | |
| 11. | <u>A.O.C.B.</u> A complaint was received about the state of the garages at Lesmurdie. Cllr Patsy Gowans spoke to Richard Anderson about this issue and got health and safety signs erected. Steve Christie reported that there was a litter issue in the area including drug litter. Aileen Marshall advised that there was an excellent exhibition of old photos at the St Giles Centre. James Wiseman noted that the Drouthy Cobbler, Elgin was on the short-list for a Hands Up For Trad award. | |
| 12. | <u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u> No issues to take to Rural Parliament. AGM is on 9/12/2016 at Perth. Gordon Methven wishes to stand again as a director. | |
| 13. | <u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 13 th December 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin. | |
| | <u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting. | |

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

ELGIN

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1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

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

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
ElginSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Drugs

On 17 October 2016 a drug search warrant was executed at an address in Longwood Walk, Elgin and a dealer quantity of Cocaine along with a personal quantity of Cannabis was recovered. The value of the drugs was in the region of £2300. A 36 year old male has been reported to the procurator fiscal for drug dealing.

Acquisitive Crime

On 30 October 2016 two bicycles were stolen from an address in Brechan Rig, Elgin. The bikes were a ladies style conventional bike in white and blue colours and a gents mountain bike with a black and white frame.

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Overnight on 5/6 November 2016 a van was broken into on Roseisle Drive, Elgin and a number of items were stolen from within including a Makita drill.

Violence/Domestic Abuse

There were 11 reports of domestic abuse in Elgin over the last month. 6 of the cases have resulted in someone being reported to the Procurator Fiscal and 5 are still under investigation.

There were 17 assaults reported in Elgin in the past month and 15 of those investigations have resulted in someone being reported to the procurator fiscal. None of the assaults were serious.

On 3 November 2016, 3 males, aged 47 years, 23 years and 18 years committed a disturbance outside Elgin Sheriff Court. They resisted arrest and appeared at court from custody the following day.

Roads Policing

On 12 October 2016, an 18 year old male was found to be driving a motorcar on Alexandra Road with no excise or insurance. His car was taken possession of by the police.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Between 30 October and 2 November 2016 someone drove a motor car onto a football pitch at the Morrision playing fields and caused damage to the pitch rendering it unusable. Anyone who saw the incident is asked to contact local police on 101.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

For the next Elgin Community Council meeting a joint community partnership update will be submitted containing information from the Police and other services. It is hoped that this will provide the Community Councils in Moray with a wider source of information and contributions from a greater number of community partners.

Elgin Inspectors:

The Inspectors at Elgin are Graeme Allan and Paul McCruden.

Your team is based at Elgin Police Office

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

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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 and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at 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

PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

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