

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13th June 2017 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'), Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, Douglas CLARK, Catriona GRAY Aileen MARSHALL Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Ben HENDRY (P&J) Sgt Sean JONES (Police Scotland), Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), David CHAPMAN*, Cllr Paula COY, Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach)</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 9th May 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Aileen Marshall with no objections and were adopted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Page 1 item 3b – Lighting up the Cathedral. The subgroup hasn't met yet.</p> <p>Page 2 item 3f – Elgin City FC plans for Borough Briggs Stadium (on Boroughbriggs Road), we were expecting to receive a letter from the trust but this has not arrived yet.</p> <p>Page 2 item 4c – Alastair Kennedy to request Community Warden attendance. Contact made and to be followed up.</p> <p>Page 2 item 4e(1) – Woodlands strategy report was submitted.</p> <p>Page 2 item 4e(2) – Open Space strategy consultation. Alastair Kennedy feedback that there were no adverse comments.</p> <p>Page 2 item 4g(4) - It was pointed out that the bus timetables at the bus station and bus stops were not correct. There was a discussion on who was responsible for this. Alastair Kennedy had agreed to arrange for a representative of the Public Transport Unit to attend to discuss this with Stagecoach but Iain Catto had now circulated details of a meeting where this was discussed and provided the necessary information.</p> <p>Page 4 item 8a – Operational plan special meeting. Invite for website designer to advise us re running a website / Facebook etc was discussed at the special meeting. Alastair Kennedy had contacted a web designer and would invite him to a meeting next week 20/6/2017 venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Page 4 item 9a – Pitgaveny Estate open day. Several members attended and said it was a good event.</p> <p>Page 5 item 10 - SCOTTISH RURAL ACTION. Alastair Kennedy to raise the need for a Moray representative with the JCC. This was discussed further.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>AK</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Sgt Sean Jones read highlights from the Community Safety Report particularly a number of break-in thefts of tools and one person was charged after being found in possession of stolen property.</p> <p>Iain Catto said that Police attendance at community councils varied across Grampian as do the reports. Alastair Kennedy said that a survey of the format of the Community Safety Report will be carried out soon.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advertised that Fire and Rescue were offering CPR training.</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was an extended discussion on the future of the group and increasing its membership. <p><u>Out-of-Hours Service 5/6/17</u></p> <p>Completely separately I attended one of several Discussion Groups on a Review of the Out-of-Hours Service in Moray. This was organised by Craigforth on behalf of <i>Health & Social Care Moray (H&SCM), NHS Grampian and Moray Council</i>.</p> <p>Many interesting points were raised, some of which have come up previously in Elgin South Forum. I have asked for feedback and info on how to access the final document.</p> <p>Although presented as a review, reading between the lines they are looking for savings, probably associated with the H&SCM deficit.</p> <p>One to watch I think!</p>	
e.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>Training should be available for community council reps after the elections. Iain Catto to take this to the JCC.</p>	IC
f.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Cllr John Divers gave an update on the High School.</p>	
g.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></p> <p>Elgin South Group Meeting 7/6/17</p> <p>Main points from the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Attendance: Christine Clerk, Linda McKenzie, Aileen Marshall. Apologies Marilyn Kelly. <u>Doocot Park, Dog Waste Bin</u>. Christine had spoken to MC who said the bin had been removed because of 'abuse'. There are no other bins of any kind in the vicinity and dog waste bags are being left lying around. Christine will monitor. <u>Noddy Walks</u>. The route markers have been taken down. It seems that this was designed as a (very) temporary installation. Some local walkers are disappointed to see them go – particularly as they didn't get round all of them. Would any sort of re-instatement be possible? <u>Roadway through The Wards</u>. The road surface is becoming increasingly pot-holed. Although there is a cycle path nearby, some cyclists are wary of using it in some circumstances. It is also confusing that there is a designated mixed use pavement for about half the length of the road. Potholes are a particular hazard for cycles and motorcycles. It is hoped that some amelioration could be done, perhaps after the heavy traffic associated with the level crossing works is out of the picture. Next Meeting Wednesday 5th July. <p><i>Aileen Marshall</i></p>	
h.	<p><u>YOUTH</u></p> <p>No Representative</p>	
i.	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p> <p>Grant Lodge AGM is on 21st June 2017 at the museum at 7:30pm. There was a discussion on the community asset transfer and likely costs of releasing from the deed of trust.</p>	
j.	<p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
k.	<p><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>3/05/17 I met with Ian Douglas and Michelle Gillibrand to discuss the problem a couple at Roseisle are currently having with what is supposed to be a Core Path but which is partially mapped wrongly. It also runs down the inside of their back garden close to their house and invading their privacy in my view.</p> <p>3/05/17 There was a follow-up meeting arranged as a de-brief for the earlier Participatory Budgeting event. Responses were good with a few commenting on the slight difficulty in finding the area for parking. Having received the last relevant information I was then able to complete the required report to the Scottish Government on the funding accessed from the Community Choices Fund. The report was somewhat onerous as there were lots of links to photographs and film, some of which is on the PB Scotland website and some</p>	

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	<p>on the Improvement Services website.</p> <p>9/05/17 This of course was our normal meeting.</p> <p>11/05/17 This was the evening of the JCC meeting where there was a presentation on "Mens Sheds" as the subject had arisen at the last meeting.</p> <p>16/05/17 We held a special meeting of ECC to discuss how to improve the manner in which we are able to reflect the views of the public. It was a successful meeting and Ian Todd, CSU manager facilitated the discussion. A number of actions were agreed.</p> <p>18/05/17 I attended a meeting of SPICE. The date of the next litter pick was agreed.</p> <p>23/05/17 This was a meeting of the Community Engagement Group. Members got the information that the Lead Officer post was no longer to be funded. I am struggling to maintain my attendance at these CEG meetings and I believe that without a dedicated Lead Officer the CEG will make very limited progress.</p> <p>25/05/17 A sub-group of the JCC held a meeting to discuss how to once again advertise and encourage people to stand for Community Councils at the next election.</p> <p>26/05/17 I was delighted to give the opening speech at the official launch of the new LEADER programme in Moray. The event was held at Morayvia in Kinloss and about 90 people attended.</p> <p>27/05/17 I attended the drop-in session about the Pitgavenny future plan. This was held at short notice for various reasons, not least of which is a 300% cost for such an application.</p> <p>29/05/17 I attended a meeting of the Moray Forum. Much of the time was spent discussing a paper on the future of Area Forums which will go before the CEG at its next meeting.</p> <p>31/05/17 Although Community Councils are not really part of the Third Sector I attended a meeting in the Williamston Hall, organised by tsiMoray on "Shaping the support for a thriving & influential third sector. I noted Iain also attended. I thought it was a good meeting with lots of good discussion.</p> <p>06/06/17 Today was a Development meeting of the Community Engagement Group. I have to say I find it very difficult to see where this group is heading. Recently it was announced that the Community Planning Officers Group – CPOG – an unelected body, had decided not to continue funding the role of Lead Officer. For me that was the last straw and I wrote to the chair of the CEG making it clear that if there was to be no lead officer I would be seriously considering my future attendance/membership of the CEG. At this meeting I reiterated that, although progress has been abominably slow at least some progress had been made with Fabio Villani as Lead Officer. I'm convinced that if he is no longer in that role the group will grind to a halt. I've also got a major problem about such decisions being taken behind closed doors with no consultation (again) with the group. I have suggested to the community reps that we meet separately to discuss where we go from here.</p> <p>If anyone wishes further information on any of the above please get in touch.</p>	
I.	<p><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
6.	<p><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>SPICE and Keep Moray Beautiful</u></p> <p>SPICE Litter Pick was cancelled due to heavy rain.</p> <p>KMB next meeting 21/6/2017</p>	
b.	<p><u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></p> <p>Next meeting 22/6/2017 which is a special meeting where Rhona Gunn will discuss the Moray Growth Deal.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy requested a donation of £100 to help fund a promotion of community council elections. There were no objections.</p>	AK/SM
7.	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The grant has been received in the sum of £1,142 setting the balance at £3,384.51 on the main account.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked for ideas on changing the exiting method of funding Community Councils. James Wiseman referred to the previous report of the Moray Forum</p>	
8.	<p><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>PAIN CLINIC</u></p> <p>Catriona Gray reported the Pain Clinic was still operational although there were issues with delays in repeat appointments.</p>	

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9.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advertised that Fire and Rescue were offering CPR training. There were no bids for this training.</p> <p>Training should be available for community council reps on licensing. Iain Catto to take this to the JCC.</p>	IC
10.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the new LEADER programme has been launched and LEADER is now open for business.</p> <p>Seafarers Merchant Navy Day is on 3rd November 2017.</p> <p>Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree: In celebration of the launch of the new Tree Charter on 6 November 2017, 800 Legacy Trees will be planted across the UK. Legacy Trees will be accompanied by a small plaque about the Tree Charter.</p> <p>Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is currently working with What Works Scotland, with support from Scottish Government to explore how Community Councils can be even more relevant in Scotland's evolving policy context.</p> <p>Iain Catto commended the good practice of the Findrassie engagement group.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked if the flood alleviation works had operated correctly and it had.</p> <p>Public exhibitions of the dualling of the A96 are to be held on Monday 19th June 2017 – 12 noon – 7 pm Elgin Town Hall, 1 Trinity Pl, Elgin, IV30 1UL Tuesday 20th June 2017 – 12 noon – 7 pm Elgin Town Hall, 1 Trinity Pl, Elgin, IV30 1UL Wednesday 21st June 2017 – 12 noon – 7 pm Bellie Church Hall, The Square, Fochabers, IV32 7DG Thursday 22nd June 2017 – 12 noon – 7 pm Forres Town Hall, High St, Forres, IV36 1PB</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a hustings for the Elgin North By-election before the end of June 2017. Alastair Kennedy to secure a venue and issue invitations.</p>	All AK
11.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 11th July 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
12.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	