

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.00pm

<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair) Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair) Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer)</p> <p>Shelia COCHRANE (Secretary)</p>	
<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p>	
<p>Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,</p>	
<p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Kevin McPHERSON Police Scotland, David MacKAY P&J, Cllr John DIVERS,</p>	
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Iain CATTO, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Maria MACLEAN,</p>	
<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the poor weather.</p>	
<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8/10/2019 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Douglas Clark seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Remembrance Sunday was attended.</p> <p>Fairtrade Signage - Ongoing</p> <p>Lesser borough Briggs - Ongoing.</p> <p>Piping Event - Further discussion required on Victory in Europe 75 Anniversary Piping events are to be held across the country on 8th May 2020.</p>	<p>EW IC JG</p>
<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Sgt Kevin McPherson gave an overview of recent crime in Elgin.</p> <p>Three major incidents had been detected leading to charges ie the vandalism at the War memorial, the incident at Birkenhill wood and the robbery at Burger King. which included drugs, disturbances, theft and house breaking.</p> <p>There were 20 assaults, various drug offences and a number of thefts. Parking was also tackled with the ongoing operation Cedar.</p> <p>The response to vehicle idling will be education first then enforcement if appropriate..</p> <p>Regarding parking at road crossing points where drop kerbs are located should be reported on the day to 101 and Police will respond if available. This is in relation to last month's question about obstructive parking at Springfield medical centre off Thornhill Road.</p> <p>Sgt McPherson highlighted the work of the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV). Various positive experiences of PSYV were related by members. Anyone interested in joining should contact ElginNorthCPT@scotland.pnn.co.uk</p>	<p>Police All</p>
<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p>	
<p>The no 33 bus now goes via the new sports centre.</p> <p>Douglas Clark said that Stagecoach's non-attendance is disappointing. Sheila Cochrane clarified that Jamie Reid does get our emails and knows about our meetings.</p> <p>Douglas Clark volunteered to contact Jamie Reid for confirmation that the extended opening hours for the waiting room are now in operation.</p>	<p>All D.CI</p>
<p><u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u></p>	

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<p>There will be a delay in settling the budget allocation from central government due to the forthcoming General Election. Councillor John Divers also highlighted how inner city deprivation adversely affects funding in rural areas.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reminded everyone that the suspension of the Community Council Grants was due to be lifted. He also urged Councillors to scrutinise submissions by Council Officials because he felt that the temporary suspension of Community Council Grants was not clearly presented last time.</p>	
<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p>	
<p>The Treasurer's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no questions.</p>	
<p><u>REPORTS AND UPDATES</u></p>	
<p><u>SPICE</u></p>	
<p>The next meeting of SPICE is being arranged.</p>	
<p><u>JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS</u></p>	
<p>Next meeting is on 14th November 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed to adopt the JCC policy for protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults.</p> <p>Funding has been sought for £150k of Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>Work is continuing on energising communities with Clash Gour Wind Farm.</p>	
<p><u>FAIRTRADE</u></p>	
<p>The Elgin Fairtrade status has been confirmed.</p> <p>Discussions with BEAR about Fairtrade signage on the A96 are ongoing.</p>	
<p><u>CURRENT ISSUES</u></p>	
<p><u>Remembrance Sunday</u></p>	
<p>Alastair Kennedy reported a good turnout at both locations in Elgin.</p>	
<p><u>Lesser Borough Briggs</u></p>	
<p>The CAT Consultation ran from 22/9/2019 to 26/10/2019. It was thought that Elgin Community Council had not been consulted despite being a statutory consultee however, after the meeting Iain Catto confirmed that a response had been sent and was discussed at previous meetings.</p>	
<p><u>Transform Scotland</u></p>	
<p>Membership was renewed as agreed by emails.</p>	
<p><u>WWWWebsite</u></p>	
<p>The website launch has been delayed pending discussion on news input.</p>	
<p><u>Deveron Bus 340/341</u></p>	
<p>The response from the Scottish Government to our letter about the removal of the 340/341 bus service in Elgin was disappointing. Douglas Clark gave an overview of some of the concerns and it was agreed to take this further.</p>	
<p><u>Robin Road App</u></p>	
<p>Not to be taken up.</p>	
<p><u>Compensatory Planting Consultation</u></p>	
<p>It was agreed that Douglas Clark take this forward for the Community Council using his experience.</p>	
<p><u>Development Trust</u></p>	
<p>A meeting with DTAS was held on 15/10/2019. A further meeting is proposed.</p>	IC
<p><u>Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust</u></p>	
<p>A grant was obtained to continue treating Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed in the River Lossie catchment.</p>	
<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p>	

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	<p>The Gordon and Ena Baxter Trust is holding an event in Elgin Library on 18th November 2019 from 1pm to 4pm.</p> <p>There is an invitation for Community Council members to discuss the Corporate Plan on 26th November 2019 in the evening, venue to be advised (soon!).</p> <p>There was a discussion about rail performance and Alex Hynes apparently avoiding meeting affected travellers. Again examples were presented of cancelled services affecting passengers. Notably a cancelled train in Inverness lead to people be redirected to the public bus service with no consideration given to the capacity of the bus nor the welfare of those going to the bus. It was reported that approximately 50 people were trying to get on one bus. This is unacceptable. It was agreed to contact HSE for advice. It was also agreed to continue seeking a meeting with Alex Hynes via our MSPs including list MSPs.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Findrassie Forum is 27/11/2019 at 7pm for those invited.</p> <p>Elgin Youth Café is to be featured on a radio programme on Radio Scotland at 1:30pm on Thursday 14th November 2019.</p>	<p>JW/AK R&T</p>
	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 10/12/2019 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>	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.