

## The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 7.00pm

### 1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES. (\* Associate, \*\* Youth)

- 1.1. **OFFICE BEARERS:** Alastair Kennedy, Chairman; Jim Wiseman, Vice Chairman; Steven Christie, Treasurer;
- 1.2. **MEMBERS:** Hazel Lawson; Pat Paterson; Eddie Wallace;
- 1.3. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Graham Leadbitter; Laura Cameron CSU; Sylvia Jamieson CSU; Rachel Deveney Police Scotland;
- 1.4. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr John Divers; Cllr Paula Coy; Cllr Ray McLean; Cllr Maria McLean; David Chapman\*; Sheila Cochrane, Secretary; Douglas Clark; Jack Wright, Stagecoach; Jeff Gable; Aileen Marshall;

### 1.5. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and remarked at the low turnout from members.

### 1.6. Police Report

Jamie Day is the community Police Officer carrying out pop up Police service in libraries, supermarkets and schools. Rachel Deveney of Police Scotland outlined how he had been working with schools and communities recently.

The search for a missing person in Lossiemouth highlighted the Police use of drones and social media.

There were a number of attempted break-ins in Elgin.

Parking at schools has been addressed particularly at St Sylvesters where an education approach was taken. Parking in the High Street around Marks and Spencers was also tackled using a ticketing approach but it was thought to be not effective.

### 1.7. New Elgin LOIP

Laura Cameron and Sylvia Jamieson gave an update on the New Elgin LOIP work that has been going on. Issues tackled in the area include parking, seagulls and unemployment. Sylvia and Laura went in to some detail about how these initiatives were progressing with support from the community, the Council, Police Scotland and employers.

There was a discussion about the seagull reduction and the effect on other areas of town. Cllr Graham Leadbitter gave an update on the proposed expansion of the scheme across Elgin giving some sight of the end of the problem. The Moray College annexe is a source of concern and roosting seagulls.

A community garden is being created with help from REAP including areas for herbs, vegetables and soft fruit. It was noted that Paul Briggs had been involved in the LOIP activities.

Working with Ashgrove and New Elgin Public Hall and the Elgin and District Men's Shed will create a hub and place for repairing and knowledge sharing.

A fete will be hosted in the Dovecot Park on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and the Community Council and others are invited to take a stand to show their support for the event.

For further information see New Elgin Community on Facebook.

### 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Steve Christie seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### 3.1. V E Day

Confirm whether Jeff was looking in to some piping event

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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service consultation is ongoing and can be found online for those who wish to respond.

It was noted that there is a forthcoming change in the senior staff of the IJB and this should be monitored to continue dialogue.

### 4. AGENCY UPDATES

#### 4.1. Fairtrade

Eddie Wallace gave an update on the recent visit by Fairtrade delegates from Malawi who gave an interesting presentation in Elgin about how they have benefited from Fairtrade and in particular their model for sharing the benefits with farmers and communities.

### 5. ELECTED MEMBERS' UPDATES

Councillor Graeme Leadbitter gave brief outline of the budget decision touching on protection of frontline services, reinstatement of grass cutting to 2018 levels and keeping toilets open till autumn at least.

There was a discussion on participatory budgeting and how it will be used in the coming year.

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT .....Office Bearers

Steve Christie agreed to be banker for the New Elgin LOIP group using the Community Council accounts. It was agreed to move to internet banking to facilitate this and other transactions more easily. Alastair, Steve and James to arrange this.

### 7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

#### 7.1. Dial M For Moray

The report by Douglas Clark was highlighted.

#### 7.2. Development Trust

A meeting is to be attended in Forres to find out how to progress the setting up of a Development Trust.

#### 7.3. Decarbonising The High Street

The result of our discussions on the material supplied by the Moray Council Planning Department was sent to Gary Templeton.

#### 7.4. Participatory Budgeting .....All

Training on the use of the electronic platform which is a PB/engagement tool called CONSUL. The training is on 14th April 2020 from 7.00 pm in the Town Hall. We propose to hold our meeting a week later on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

#### 7.5. Common Good Fund ..... Jeff Gable

Held over to next meeting

### 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING ..... [Action: Alastair Kennedy]

An update on local health issues was suggested.

### 9. AOCB

#### Website ..... Hazel Lawson

Hazel to contact Bob Fuller for assistance accessing the website.

#### Old Mill

The state of the Old Mill was raised..

### 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting.