

Welcome and Apologies - Alastair Kennedy welcomed everybody to the meeting.

In Attendance - Sheila Cochrane, Eddie Wallace, Alastair Kennedy, James Wiseman, Pat Paterson, Graham Leadbitter, Douglas Clark

Apologies - Paula Coy, Steven Christie, David Chapman, Ray McLean, Maria Mclean, John Divers

Police Report - Police were not in attendance due to the use of Zoom however the Community Safety Report had been circulated.

Previous Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by James Wiseman. There were no objections and this was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising -

Stagecoach - Douglas Clark has drafted a letter to be sent to Stagecoach - action Alastair Kennedy.

Tesco - Sheila Cochrane had contacted Tesco on behalf of the Community Council and as a customer about online charges for delivery. We were advised that this is a national policy and could not be locally varied.

Wildflower Meadows - Douglas Clark highlighted that local authorities are looking at the benefits of wildflower meadows versus grass. Colin Bell will be at the next meeting and can discuss this further. Douglas Clark agreed to contact the Scottish Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Community Council for input into this discussion.

Membership - Alastair Kennedy intimated that he had received a resignation from Jeff Gable. There was a discussion on how best to increase membership. It was proposed that an advert be placed in the Northern Scot. Douglas agreed to write a press release for this - Alastair Kennedy to investigate Facebook feedback.

Garden Refuse Collection - Various concerns were raised about garden refuse collection and in particular the situation arising when leaves from the trees of neighbouring properties fall into the garden of someone who does not have a garden/garden refuse bin. Food waste can be disposed of via the green bin without charge however where a permit has not been purchased, council operatives will check that the contents of green bins do not overtly contain garden waste.

Planning - No actions this month

Moray Council Corporate Recovery Plan - Members to respond individually

Moray Growth Deal - Members were invited to the JCC Zoom Meeting on Thursday 10 September where more information on the Growth Deal would be presented.

Town Centre Concerns - Steven Christie had raised a number of points about the Town Centre which are to be added to next month's Agenda.

Parking - The reintroduction of parking charges was discussed. If this is to progress, a solution is required regarding the sanitation of ticket machines. Douglas Clark highlighted solutions that are used in Europe including a parking App.

Reports and Updates -

JCC - The next meeting of the JCC will be held on 10 September

Transform Scotland - Douglas Clark reported that Elgin Community Council was the only Community Council paying into this forum. Their work on policy development with the Scottish Government is worthwhile. Whilst some of the topics are for city areas, having at least one body to represent rural Scotland is valuable. It was agreed to continue this membership at thirty pounds per annum and Alastair thanked Douglas for his willingness to take this on.

Future Agenda Items - Fairtrade Update, Town Centre Concerns

AOCB -

Remembrance Sunday - It was agreed to purchase wreaths and attend the ceremony on 4 November.

Flu Vaccination - It was highlighted that Linkwood Surgery may not provide the flu jab in-house - further investigation required.

Everybody appreciated the difficulties of the current situation. Douglas Clark proposed a vote of thanks to all those who were able to continue contributing to Elgin Community Council.

Date of next meeting - 13 October 2020