

**Elgin Community Council Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 10 November 2020**  
**7pm**

**Guest Speaker** - Jamie Hogg (NHS Grampian)

Jamie Hogg gave a very well prepared and detailed response to questions which had been given in advance. The questions were about waiting times, some specific treatments eg cataracts and Parkinson's, recruitment in the NHS, Ambulance Service performance, flu vaccinations and The Oaks. Members found this highly informative as it dispelled some popular myths. The management of Covid was better understood regarding routing of patients to ARI. The attraction of Moray's low covid rates along with quality of life and size of hospital have resulted in improved recruitment in all areas.

**Welcome** - Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

**In Attendance** - Alastair Kennedy, James Wiseman, Sheila Cochrane, Douglas Clark, Eddie Wallace, Steven Christie, John Divers, Ray McLean, Maria McLean, Jamie Hogg.

**Apologies** - David Chapman, Graham Leadbitter, Jack Wright, Sean McAngus.

**Previous Minutes** - The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Douglas Clark. There were no objections and the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Matters Arising** - The letter to Moray Council Planning and Developers about environment issues was circulated for comment.

**Planning and Development** - James Wiseman outlined submissions made regarding a plot at Elmfield Road, Elgin and the viability of retail in Phase 1 of the Findrassie Development.

**Common Good Fund** - Pending

**Moray Growth Deal** - Steven Christie highlighted the concerns which he had previously circulated.

**Community Development Trust** - Douglas Clark agreed to take this on but not immediately.

**Agency Updates**

*Stagecoach - Although Jack Wright was unable to attend the meeting he very kindly sent us this update which was read out:*

'In terms of an update - passenger numbers continue to rise, Moray and Aberdeenshire getting placed in Tiers 1 and 2 respectively seem to have helped grow confidence along with some positive messaging that public transport is clean, safe and ready to use.

The eagle eyed amongst us will have noticed a portakabin in place at Elgin Bus Station, this is to be used for our drivers breaks to enable the waiting room to reopen. The portakabin is not quite ready yet due to power supplies etc which is something we are working on, with the current aim of opening the Travelshop and

waiting room in early December. The travel shop window will operate on reduced hours in line with others in the Bluebird area.

Festive timetables have been agreed with the council and should be available shortly. Predominantly Saturday services with additions as needed. Early finishes as usual on Xmas Eve and NYE. Special services on 26th and 2nd.'

**Elected Members Update** - There was a discussion on the recent unease within the Council which has now been resolved.

The response to the dealing of the Covid 19 outbreak in schools has been appreciated by families of those affected.

There was a discussion about young people's social responsibility in relation to the wearing of masks, social distancing and litter.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting** - The Common Good Fund and Moray Growth Deal were suggested.

**AOCB**

**Date of Next Meeting** - Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 7.00pm