



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Minutes for a meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7pm in Elgin Town Hall

Police Scotland

- Email sent to police
- Nothing back yet

Stagecoach

- No contact
- New manager
- David Chapman to make contact with stagecoach

Recruitment of New Members

- Chairman Pete to be spoken to to see if interested

Finance

- No bill from the Elgin town hall for June
- No real change
- Visit from ex-member, Pat, involved in Fairtrade
- Pat is no longer able to continue and is the only member left
- There is some funding (£382.18) that she wants to get back
- Idea to present a copy of the minutes to try close the account

- Invite Pat to close the account on our records?

Elgin Town Board

- Ian Findlay Path Fund
- £1.68 million, third year
- Gives an opportunity to improve Elgin's paths
- Possible to partner up with someone
- Alistar to contact relevant groups/people

Parking

- Seems to be getting better on the highstreet
- Batchen Street comes and goes
- Police have issued over 400 tickets so far
- The £10,000 has made a huge difference
- Parking on the pavement on certain streets was allowed if parking on the road caused obstruction
- Lack of parking has the potential to affect contractors denying work due to the lack of accessibility
- Police matter, they are to be contacted for clarification
- North Street to reopen again
- Work in South Street to be finished soon, but is running over time and budget

- Batchen Street is due for road works

Elgin Town Board

- ETB is to give the police £10,000
- Means more police in Elgin for as long as the funding lasts

- Very low on the agenda
- All meetings have been in confidence except for 2
- No minutes released since April 10th
- Two sets have been put up on the MyMoray sites

The previous agendas were printed out so the members could see what kind of things the Elgin Town Board talk about

- New Elgin Hub received funding from the Scottish Government
- Buckie Hub not happy
 - Did they ask for funding?
- Elgin Town Board want to clean the high street
- The property owners won't let anyone near the trees on the roof
 - Does damage to the property if it gets removed
 - Also does damage to the property if it remains
 - Risk of someone being injured if the trees remain
 - Public liability, doesn't this affect their insurance?
 - Some of the owners don't live in Elgin
 - Elgin bid had contacted the owners
- A lot of the properties are sublet

Gulls

- Nature Scot has a process that can be followed to get the issue sorted
- Nature Scot has been here before, agreeing that it was an issue before back tracking
- Lost contact

- Sonic devices felt like they had made a massive difference
- Drones and hawks were also used to try to deter them
- As soon as they were switched off, they all came back
- Increase of gulls in the whole of Moray
- Their purpose is to prevent nesting
- Last year there was a decrease and this year there was an even further decrease
- It takes 5 years to break a nesting pattern
- They are nesting until the end of July
- Nesting habits have changed already
- They're not laying they last 1-2 eggs until later

- Nature Scot say if the proper deterrents are carried out and are not effective, you can get a licence
- It is so very difficult to get a licence

- Pest controllers are having meetings with Nature Scot
- The licence for nest removal for an individual house is £70
- Numbers were in decline in their natural habitat but have risen in urban areas
- This is a country wide issue
- There are much less young gulls compared to two years ago
- The numbers in Forres and Buckie have potentially doubled
- Write to the Minister of Agriculture
- Graham to contact them

Communication

- Kept domain name for another year
- Ask Kian whether he can help with some of the IT stuff

Planning

- Nothing recently

Bridge at Newmill Road

- What is offsetting the £1.3 million cost for the bridge
- Adds to the budget deficit
- Green Fingers being being closed
- Separate issue
- Should have been set up as a social enterprise

Community Councils

- Funding meeting date set for Wednesday 21st August

Resilience

- Brian to sit on the meetings again

St Giles Centre

- Lift is still working but the escalator is broken
- The age of the lift was an issue for parts

Dr Gray's

- People are being sent to Aberdeen for appointments
- Would like an explanation
- Recruitment is a big factor
- There are 20 vacancies in Elgin
- Updates on Dr Gray's joining up with inverness?
- Follow up to the visit to the Community Council was never followed up on

- To be contacted
- Lots of services have been lost
- MRI scanner was one of them

Elected Members

- There was a meeting at Bishopmill Primary School about schools in the local area
- Elgin, Forres and Buckie school capacities are very full
- Affordable housing paper was pulled due to the election period
- Will come back in September time
- Extra community warden was approved
- Already had two but used to have 8
- Some were made redundant

- The byelection in Elgin South must happen in the next 8-12 weeks

ACOB

- Eight Acres Update
- Must be under same ownership
- It is a commercial decision as to whether it will open again
- Moray is getting a third of a million pounds
- Meeting for engagement to happen soon

Date of the next meeting: 13th August



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Finance – Statement of account

Period covered – 1st June – 31st July 2024

Opening balance on 1st June - £5,350.41

Expenditure SC minutes £x,040.00

AK MS office £x,059.99

Total expenditure £x,099.99

Closing balance on 31st July £5,250.42

Statement prepared on 7th August by Steve Christie

Appendix 1



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Attendance record

Meeting date **16th July 2024**

NAME	ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alastair Kennedy	✓	
Brian Irvine	✓	
Steve Christie	✓	
David Chapman	✓	
James Wiseman	✓	
Katherine Bowditch	✓	
Kian Wyne		
Alison Stockley	✓	
Joyce Bremner	✓	
Graham Jarvis	✓	
Peter Bloomfield Cllr Moray Council		●

Amber Dunbar	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
John Divers	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Sandy Keith	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Graham Leadbitter	Cllr Moray Council		
Jereme Fernades	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Debra Duke	CCLO Moray Council		●
Hazel Lawson	Press		●
Diane Burgess (attending)		✓	