



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024
at Elgin Town Hall**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Brian opened the meeting, welcomed all and explained that as Alastair is on holiday that he will chair this meeting.

Item	Content	Actions
1. Police Scotland	No representative available	
2. Previous Minutes	Proposed: Steve Christie Seconder: Alison Stockley	
3. Matters arising	None	
4. Stagecoach	David informed the meeting that he had heard that there is no longer a local manager for Moray area and that any managerial matters shall be undertaken from Inverness.	
5. Review of Scheme for CC's	Debra Duke our CCLO introduced this item and explained that the review of the scheme is undertaken on the run up to Community Council elections (next is in 2025) This review has been started early as it is a lengthy process and there was originally uncertainty as to when the General Election (Gov't) would be held. Items discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information contained in the scheme• Handbooks• Guidance information – produced separately for ease of working and to reduce size of overall document• Boundary changes – Elgin has seen significant growth in housing which has encroached into neighbouring CC areas – do we claim them or pass to relevant CC's• Finance of CC's• Constitutions	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of meetings – on line or face to face 	
6. Financing of CC's	Each CC has been tasked to draw up a list of items/costs for running their group. This was agreed by the Joint Community Council and will be reviewed at their next meeting. Even if some items are not specifically claimed for by a CC they should be listed as all are relevant for demonstrating how much it costs to run the Community Councils. Steve has done some work on Elgin's part explaining that some items he had done a costing exercise for in order to provide figures. This will be finalised and sent to Debra in due course.	Steve
7. Correspondence & Finance	None Report previously circulated – All bills paid to date	
8. New Members	Our Search for new members is always ongoing, and there is an aspiration to attract some younger members such as Katherine & Kian. It was noted that often youngsters are only interested if they see immediate results to things which are appealing to them. It may help to look at Pupil / Parent Councils as a means to attracting younger members, citing the Duke of Edinburgh Awards for volunteering as a 'hook'.	Joyce Graham
9 Planning	James spoke about the planning application for the Town Hall and the recent consultation on the same. He will be entering a submission of support for the project on behalf of the CC	James
10. Seagulls	We continue to push forward with our plans as to how best to deal with our feathered adversaries. Brian received information relating to gull number, but the consensus is that these figures are skewed as they don't seem to tie up with what we know. Brian, Alastair, Joyce, Alison and Steve along with Anne and Richard Mitchell will meet up to look at these figures in more detail. Brian is keen that we have more understanding of this and that we are sure of the figures before we write to the Scottish Government Minister with responsibility for gulls within their brief.	
11. Resilience	Work on this has taken place, the outcome being that there is to be a change of plan. It is felt that a scheme of monitoring and reporting is more achievable than that of buying a trailer and loads of equipment. Elgin could be split into areas and a person from each could be nominated to 'keep an eye' on things such as power outages, flash flooding, icy roads/pavements etc. Information could be fed to a central point who in turn will contact the relevant persons for dealing with it. We would also liaise with local health providers such as Community Nurses and provide 'Go Bags' for those	

	deemed to be vulnerable. The recent decision to withdraw winter fuel allowances has also given us something to think about to ensure that the elderly don't go cold this winter.	Brian
12 .HIE	Before he left Alastair circulated some information on Community Wealth Planning. As he is more knowledgeable on this, we shall keep it on the Agenda for next month.	Alastair
13.NHS Grampian	We have confirmation that members from the Dr Grays management will join us at our next meeting. Any questions for them should be forwarded to either Brian or Steve before the end of the month so that we can give them advance sight of them and provide us with answers.	ALL
14. Remembrance Sunday parade	It was agreed to purchase two poppy wreathes for Remembrance Sunday – anyone wishing to march at the main parade in Elgin should let Alastair know.	
15. Elected Members	<p>Sandy Keith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corporate Communications team have been looking at various bequests from years gone by such as the Craig Moray Bequest Fund – these contain wording from the time, but which makes them restrictive now – plan is to try and make these less restrictive so that funds can be dispersed as appropriate • The new cemetery for Elgin has been granted planning consent. Should people with a Moray connection, but who no longer reside here pay more to be interred here? The rates for 2nd or 3rd internments (same lair) remain the same, the internment of ashes costs less. • Housing – consultation on the grass cutting scheme for those council residents unable to do this themselves due to age/disability. The costs of facilitating this scheme have risen considerably – hence the consultation as the scheme needs reviewed. 	
A.O.C.B	<p>Dave Allan – Elgin Sports Community Trust</p> <p>In the three years since its launch the Gleaner Arena has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 individual users • Ladies / girls football teams • Respect amongst users • The pavilion is nearing completion • Had many requests as to how to make a trust like this work from other areas • Is inclusive to all regardless of status 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped with addiction and mental health issues <p>The trust is now hopeful that we will again support them as they look to obtain further ground next to the arena with the aim to build an indoor facility to create even further inclusion from the community. The application has not been submitted yet.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 7pm, ELGIN TOWN HALL	

Attachment A

Attendance record

NAME	ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alastair Kennedy Chair		●
Brian Irvine Vice Chair	✓	
Steve Christie Treasurer	✓	
David Chapman	✓	
James Wiseman	✓	
Katherine Bowditch Minutes		
Kian Wyne		
Alison Stockley	✓	
Joyce Bremner		●
Graham Jarvis		
		●
Amber Dunbar Cllr Moray Council	✓	
John Divers Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Sandy Keith Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Jereme Fernades Cllr Moray Council		●
Debra Duke CCLO Moray Council	✓	
Hazel Lawson Press	✓	
Sean Angus Press		
Diane Burgess	✓	
Dave Allan – Elgin Sports Community Trust	✓	
Mr & Mrs Richard & Anne Mitchell	✓	
Allan Bell	✓	



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Finance Report

September 2024

Opening Balance	£4,918.02
Expenditure	
5 th Bob Fuller web design & hosting	£x,145.17
6 th JCC – refund for hall hire 21/08	£x,x60.00
23 rd Elgin Town Hall – venue hire	£x,x42.00
Total expenditure	<u>£x,247.17</u>
Income	
13 th Moray Council S00075 grant payment	<u>£1,161.76</u>
Current Balance	<u>£5,832.61</u>

Report prepared by Steve Christie 30th September 2024