



*The City and Royal Burgh of  
Elgin  
Community Council*

*Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 7pm in Elgin Town Hall*

*Minute of August Meeting*

*2 Police Scotland*

- *No response*

*3 Elgin Town Board*

- *Been up and running for 12 weeks so far*
- *Started in April*
- *They now meet on a monthly basis*
- *£20 million to be given over a 10 year period*
- *They had 12 weeks to create a plan*
- *Every idea had to fall into one of three categories:*
  - *Safety and security*
  - *Town centre regeneration*
  - *Transport and connectivity*
- *The plan has already been submitted*
- *They have a detailed plan compared to others*
- *Most of the plan is now online at the MyMoray website*
- *Hope to provide whole plan soon*
- *-It was a community driven plan*
- *Over 500 people participated in the engagement*
- *380 responses on online survey*
- *over 1000 comments*

- *There were lots of different ways for the community to engage*
- *The Youth were a big target for this*
- *20% out of the 500 participants were young people*
- *Community priorities included*
- *Tidying up the town centre*
- *Concern over St Giles*
- *Café culture*
- *Pedestrianisation vs cars*
- *Cooper park*
- *Athletic track*
- *Not just for Elgin but for Moray*
- *More police/CCTV*
- *Antisocial behaviour*
- *Money has been allocated to Cooper park*
- *New play area*
- *Pump Truck*
- *New pavillion*
- *Money has been put aside for the St Giles Centre*
- *Vaccination/outpatient centre for the NHS*
- *Money for the new Elgin Hub*
- *For rent/staff*
- *Hot spot policing*
- *Youth provision*
- *Youth bus to engage with young people*
- *Should be up running in October*
- *Stagecoach donated a bus and a driver*
- *Youth bus not something that will have to be shared with the rest of Moray*
- *However there might be pressure to force it outside of Elgin*
- *Have reacted to what the community needs*
- *Looking to have more discussion on a town tidy up*
- *Capital Grant Scheme for business upkeep*
- *They are committed to projects beyond the allotted three years*
- *Aiming for a fully accessible play area in Cooper park*

- *Also want to improve lighting and CCTV in Cooper park*
- *Speaking to design agent to get a refresh for Elgin*
- *Taken inspiration from the Elgin Cathedral Architecture)*
- *A brilliant example of how people want to be involved*
- *It was a philanthropic gift that was donated*
- *Want three cameras*
- *Two in Cooper park*
- *One on Elgin Town Hall roof facing the car park*
- *The purpose of board is to facilitate the £20 million*
- *Antisocial behaviour will be the first issue tackled in the first year and is the main priority*
- *Waiting for feedback from the Government before releasing feedback plan*
- *Elgin bid have purchased a Street cleaner*
- *Elgin fountain doesn't work due to the size of the pump*
- *No change of water increases the risk of legionnaire's disease*
- *It is difficult to give updates due to the confidentiality surrounding it*

#### *4. Minutes of 16 July meeting*

##### *5 Matters Arising*

- *None*

##### *6 Recruitment*

- *Can have up to 18 members*
- *There can be as many associate members as we like*
- *Banners outside Elgin Town Hall could make it possible to let the community know that we meet every month*
- *No place set yet for when the Elgin Town Hall closes*

##### *7 Finance*

- *£5,3541*
- *£99.99 was spent*
- *New amount: £5241.01*

- *Request from elgin allotment group*
- *Their account has been closed by the bank*
- *Sub account has been open*
- *They are expected to manage their own books*

## *8 Parking*

- *Further £10,000 to go to the police to keep the momentum*
- *Bollards to stop people driving across the plain stones and Batchen Street from the growth fund*
- *Asking for better signage for Batchen Street and the plain stones*
- *Police say there is an improvement but there are serial offenders*
- *758 issued over all until the end of July*
- *General parking has improved*
- *Only 138 tickets issued of for the whole of last year*
- *People don't want to pay the £2 for the TK maxx so park at the retail park for free*
- *Aldi to be moving to the retail park*
- *Creates less incentive to park in the town car parks*

## *9 Gulls*

- *No help from nature Scot*
- *They aren't helping anyone on this issue*
- *Put a letter to Holyrood*
- *Suggested that a petition is levied*
- *Brian to contact other community councils outside of Moray to see if we can get more on board*
- *Support from businesses?*
- *See if Nature Scot can do a recount on the number of gulls by the Government*
- *The current data is seen to be outdated*
- *Gulls are still a protected species*
- *Gulls are affecting the other birds*
- *Even if we could do anything extra, the mass egg and nest removal can only happen on council houses*

- *Can't force private property owners to do anything*
- *Deterrents only move the gull to somewhere else*
- *Sonic devices used to deter nesting*
- *Sonic devices are working*
- *It will be about five or six years until we see a significant decrease*
- *Was warned that when the devices got turned off, there would be an increase in seagulls*
- *Kites should not be up for more than 30 minutes at a time*
- *They can become use to them*
- *No numbers this year for the eggs yet*
- *Councillors are doing as much as they can*
- *Up to the government to get it sorted*
- *Could a cull be possible?*

#### *10 Communication*

- *Kian to be an admin on the Facebook page*

#### *11 Planning*

- *New Cemetery was agreed to*
- *Open meeting for the Aldi being relocated*
- *Could affect Bishopmill people who can't drive negatively*

#### *12 ● Budget*

- *£1.3 million in deficit*
- *A lot of medical equipment and spending goes to Aberdeen*

#### *13 Community Council Funding*

- *Needs to be a more fair dividing of funding*
- *Meeting takes place on the 21st August*
- *There needs to be complete agreement before any changes can be enacted*

#### *14 Resilience*

- *Need to review funding for the new plan*

- *Hope to keep funding*
- *Flooding issue with outfall pipe is still not sorted*
- *Flooding engineers don't see the overgrowth behind Johnstons as a problem*
- *There is a path for for water to flow*
- *Sediment is not at risk of flooding*
- *All drains cleaned annually*
- *Should be done twice a year*
- *There is a pumping station at Asda controlled by Scottish water*
- *There is also a small pumping station at Lidl*

#### *15 NHS Grampian*

- *Nothing back*
- *Brian to chase them up again to follow up the March meeting*

#### *16 Elected Members Update*

- *2 years left for the old cemetery*
- *New cemetery should last around 150 years*
- *Bi election on the 7th November*
- *Count on 8th November*

#### *17 ACOB*

- *Noise from MacMoray*
- *Some money made should go to the Cooper Park Trust*
- *Bridge into Cooper Park was shut affecting wheelchair users negatively*
- *Something to be raised by the councillors*
- *No one knows why the roundabout near KFC was changed*
- *Relevant people to be contacted*
- *causing safety issues*

*Date of next meeting: 10th September*



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*Finance – Statement of account*

*Period covered – 1<sup>st</sup> August – 31<sup>ST</sup> August 2024*

<i>Opening balance on 1<sup>st</sup> August-</i>	<i>£5,250.42</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
<i>ICO</i>	<i>£x,040.00</i>
<i>Minutes</i>	<i>£x,200.00</i>
<i>JJC budgeting meeting Travel</i>	<i>£x,050.40</i>
<i>Total expenditure</i>	<i>£x,290.40</i>
<i>Closing balance on 31<sup>st</sup> August</i>	<i>£4,960.02</i>

*Statement prepared on 6<sup>th</sup> September by Steve Christie*