



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2024
at Elgin Town Hall**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting welcoming all attending.

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
1. Police Scotland	Unfortunately, no representative available, Andy is ill. Monthly Police report is being written – released soon	
2. NHS GRAMPIAN	Due to long term illness this item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.	Schedule
3 Previous Minutes	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: David Chapman	
4. Matters arising	Bus Revolution – Steve Robertson to be invited to the meeting in January to discuss M Connect etc.	
5.Stagecoach	<p>It was noted that Douglas has received a fairly comprehensive response to his recent letter to Stagecoach. Although we don't wish to appear as the local whinging group there have been further issues raised regarding Stagecoach and bus travel.</p> <p>The recruitment of drivers appears to have been shelved, and there have been redundancies. The depot at East Road is to close and only one mechanic to cover Moray area (concerns raised) and we are hearing that the Inverness based manager has resigned. There have been a number of changes lately following the acquisition of Stagecoach by a German company.</p> <p>There was also concern raised regarding Anti-Social Behaviour at Elgin bus station aimed at both Staff and members of the public.</p>	Douglas to write to Stagecoach for further information on these issues

6. Review of Scheme for CC's	Boundary Changes – Alastair has spoken to Debra regarding our thoughts on this. Eily Webster (planning) maybe able to provide further information.	Invite Eily Webster as speaker
7. Correspondence & Finance	None Report previously circulated – All bills paid to date B Bank changing the way Treasurer accounts operate 2025	Steve
9. New Members	New members issued with co-option forms these will be passed on to Debra once completed	Steve
10. Planning	Nothing to raise this month	
11. Seagulls	The Councillors have made their request for a review of the licensing system – for nest/egg removal – no response yet CC members have a meeting arranged with Richard Lochhead, as they also pursue control methods for these birds.	Ongoing
12. Resilience	Brian addressed members and made the point that Elgin is behind other Moray groups in the formation of resilience groups. Elgin will have a different model compared to other groups, but it will be none the less important. A final push will be made to recruit volunteers, failing which a resilience group in Elgin is unlikely. Email to be circulated	Brian Steve
13 .HIE	Community Wealth Building – Alastair to invite the council officer responsible for CWB along to explain this to us, he has some knowledge but feels she would explain it better.	Alastair ONGOING
14. Parking	There have been a significant amount of parking tickets issued since Elgin Councillors agreed additional funding via the Common Good Fund (£20,000) Whether or not we will see a long term effect from this -waits to be seen. Gates – The gates at the foot of Batchen Street are a temporary measure and they will be replaced by bollards. It is unfortunate that the Batchen Street businesses appear not to have been consulted nor informed of the gates being installed.	
15. Remembrance Sunday parade	Alastair was the only ECC member who took part this year. There was discussion regarding the acquisition and installation of some benches at the New Elgin cenotaph, as some of the more infirm members of the community find it difficult to stand for too long during the memorial service. Contact: Lands & Parks for information (first step)	Alastair

<p>17. Elected Members</p>	<p>Peter Bloomfield: North East Sensory Services – members don't use British Sign Language, but they do lip read. Guide dogs for the blind are accepted in most places whereas Sensory dogs are not – under review The buzzer system at Elgin Police station is not of much use for those who are hard of hearing – review requested Public venues hearing loops don't work with modern hearing aids – less expensive Bluetooth systems are favourable – (a revamped Elgin Town Hall for example)</p> <p>Amber Dunbar: The benches have been removed from the area behind Halfords store – need to be located Moray Woman's Aid – Reclaim the Night -25th November Elgin Plainstones (men invited too) Estate Walkabouts on Housing Revenue Account areas have been taking place – projects identified include the cleaning of communal spaces</p> <p>John Divers: Estate walkabouts also taking place – Elgin South There has been a decrease by approximately 1600 brown bin permits issued, although not a significant change in revenue from same – most likely due to the cost of permits being raised to £50/year</p> <p>Sandy Keith: ED&I committee – discussed the Tourist BID – ballot for renewal July – August 2025 Corporate committee – looking at a digital strategy for schools as staff are having to go in early to switch on PC's etc to ensure they are ready for use by first class of the day. May require significant IT improvements Cap on Capital expenditure (different from revenues) Levelling up funding has been approved</p>	
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<p>18. A.O.C.B</p>	<p>Graham J High School extension meeting – poor attendance overall, mention of the proposed extension being available for community use however we think it is unlikely due to a number of constraints.</p> <p>Brian I During a conversation with a female pupil of EHS it was made known that some of the female lavatory facilities are constantly out of order or used by girls for vaping - can something be done about it.</p> <p>David: Findrassie forum – a further 268 houses to be built, the proposed school has been put back and is under review Elgin ASG school estate meeting is online.</p> <p>Steve: The Birnie action group against the proposed sand quarry, have called for an amnesty during the Christmas period, and have asked Leiths not to lodge a planning application during this time.</p> <p>Alastair: The New Elgin & Pinefield area community space – The LINK is due to be opened on 30 November.</p> <p>Diane: Concern raised regarding 2 serious accidents on Elgin’s Morriston Road in close proximity, Some drivers are exceeding the speed limit New housing on the A941 as you leave Elgin towards Lossiemouth – the speed signs are 2-3 hundred yards out of place – increasing the likelihood of an accident Diane asked to write to the Traffic Police for their views on speeding, the placement of signs and accidents.</p> <p>Edgar Road is also an area which requires review – a new garage has seen an increase in pavement parking on a busy junction. And recent road improvements have had little affect on traffic movement from Edgar Road – Wards and vice versa.</p>	<p>Diane</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 7pm, ELGIN TOWN HALL</p>	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **12th November 2024**

NAME		ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell		✓	
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	✓	
Alison Stockley		✓	
Anne & Richard Mitchell		✓	
Brian Irvine	Vice Chair	✓	
David Chapman		✓	
Douglas Clark		✓	
Diane Burgess		✓	
Graham Jarvis		✓	
James Wiseman		✓	
Joyce Bremner			✗
Katherine Bowditch	Minutes		✗
Kian Wyne			✗
Steve Christie	Treasurer	✓	
Amber Dunbar	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Elaine Kirby	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Jereme Fernades	Cllr Moray Council		✗
John Divers	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Peter Bloomfield	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Sandy Keith	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Debra Duke	CCLO Moray Council		
Hazel Lawson	Press		✗
Sean Angus	Press		
Louise Laing		✓	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

November 2024

Opening Balance	£5,742.61
Expenditure	
4 th Elgin Town Hall	£x,114.00
13 th Minutes	£x,x40.00
Total expenditure	<u>£x,154.00</u>
Income	
<u>Nil</u>	
Current Balance	<u>£5,588.61</u>

Report prepared by Steve Christie 3rd December 2024