



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

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

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting welcoming all attending.

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
1. Previous Minutes	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Alison Stockley	
2. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Wealth Building – January Meeting• Stagecoach – following the comprehensive reply Douglas received to his previous email, it was felt that a follow up letter is required as it is still unclear as to when the waiting room is either open or closed. Questions were also raised regarding anti-social behaviour at the bus station.• A response has been received to Dianes letter regarding speeding, surveys for which are actually conducted by the council and any relevant information is passed to the police. No plans currently in place to survey Morrision Road, however Cllr Fernandes will ask if it is possible for a new survey can be undertaken.• A recent news release from Traffic Scotland regarding raised junctions on Morrision Road – has highlighted a consultation on the same – consultation window is quite short – CC may have questions to ask.	

3. Boundary Changes	Alastair is to contact Ellie Webster regarding boundary changes as it is felt she may be the person with the most knowledge on the matter. It may require a specific meeting to be held to go over any changes.	
4. New Members	New members are always welcome, the younger age group are also welcome as often their views are not heard.	
5. Correspondence & Finance	Any relevant correspondence has been sent out to members for their information and response if required. Report previously circulated – All bills paid to date B Bank changing the way Treasurer accounts operate 2025	Steve
6.Planning	Nothing to raise this month	
7. Seagulls	The Councillors reported that they had received a response to their request to Nature Scot regarding seagulls, albeit a very derogatory one which suggests that persons using the Town center should carry an umbrella for their own protection against gull attacks. There was a lot of discussion on this issue and the response from Nature Scot, the Councillors have to be careful in any response to this (under their terms of office) however it was felt that a response is almost definitely required. The matter was further discussed at a private meeting of Community Councillors, and it is felt that as the Councillors are somewhat curtailed in how they respond that we as a CC could make that response if the Councillors are happy to share the reply from Nature Scot with us. We are less constraint as to how we respond.	CC members & local Councillors
8. Resilience	A total of five CC members have expressed interest in getting involved with the resilience group. Brian will be in touch in due course.	Brian Steve
9. Elgin Town Board	Following a change to the Westminster Government, the initial fear that the funding would be lost has been alleviated, the money is still available subject to some change. Elgin’s application has been held up as an exemplar by the Gov’t. Emma Gordon has changed job but should be recognised for her commitment to the application process.	
10. Elected Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our question regarding Council Tax – refer to the Council Website, Councillors would rather not be tied down looking for answers to these questions when FOI’s or the Council Website could provide us 	

	<p>with the information. However, on the matter of Council Tax:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The £5million shortfall is NOT part of the council debt. • The council tax freeze is seen as the reason for local authorities being in debt • 12 – 17% of C/tax forms part of the council budget <p>Peter: The hearing loop for the town hall was not in the original budget but may be replaced with a portable system depending on funding.</p>	
<p>11. AOCB</p>	<p>Library closures: The future of those libraries earmarked for closure is unknown. Cllrs have yet to reach an agreement on the issue. We feel that the consultation questions are somewhat loaded towards closure.</p> <p>Cloddach Bridge: The funding for the Cloddach bridge replacement was never signed off by the previous Gov't and is unlikely to be by the current one. This in effect is a saving of £3.4 million plus to the council.</p> <p>A96 Dualling: The debate on the dualling of the A96 rumbles on, All present agreed that it is of major importance to Moray for this to happen. The road as it is, is no longer fit for purpose – it's not consultation we need it's action to make the dualling a reality not just an in tray item on someone's desk.</p> <p>Elected members: Alastair thanked our elected members for their attendance at our meetings. Elgin is quite lucky in that sense as not all CC's have such a regular attendance from their councillors.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 7pm, ELGIN TOWN HALL</p>	

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Attendance record

Meeting date 10th December 2024

NAME		ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell		✓	
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	✓	
Alison Stockley		✓	
Anne 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		
Sean Angus	Press		
Apologies for 14 th January – Douglas Clark			



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

December 2024

Opening Balance	£5,558.61
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Elgin Town Hall	£x,x42.00
Minutes	£x,x40.00
Total expenditure	<u>£x,x82.00</u>
<u>Income</u>	
<u>Nil</u>	
Current Balance	<u>£5,506.61</u>

Report prepared by Steve Christie 5th January 2025