



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025
at Elgin Town Hall**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting welcoming all attending and wishing them all well for the new year of 2025.

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
1.Previous Minutes	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Secunder: Joyce Bremner	
2. Shannon Cresswell : Community Wealth Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wealth Building – Shannon has been in post for a few years • Partner agencies etc. include Tsi Moray, Chamber of Commerce, NHS Grampian and the Moray Council. • Key points: • Spending – encourage spending locally • Moray – Lowest local economy in UK (low pay) • Keep the young workforce in Moray • Ownership – support for small businesses • Land & Property – maximise return on L & P • Finance – capitalise, Credit Unions, Private Investment & Participatory Budgeting (M4M) • Additional • Strategy on the Moray Council website • Best Value – contracts achieve best value • Divide procurement – Smaller packages using local suppliers where possible, set aside a % of the budget for local procurement 	

3. Matters Arising	None	
4. St Giles Centre	<p>There has been widespread condemnation at the shock decision to close the St Giles Centre with only 2 weeks' notice, which some have stated as being illegal. The owner who accrued unpaid commercial rates in the region of £750.000, has argued about rates on empty units which are still liable. A number of the businesses are hoping to relocate, others will close indefinitely. External agencies are working to alleviate job losses.</p> <p>There has been little investment in the St G C for a number of years, faulty lifts, escalators and leaking roof to name but a few areas of concern,</p> <p>The bus station which is leased will remain in situ until an alternative site can be found.</p>	
5. Seagulls	<p>The response our Cllr's received from Nature Scot to their plea for licence changes is both shocking and insulting to the Cllr's and the general public. (can be viewed on MC website)</p> <p>The general feeling is that Nature Scot is not fit for purpose, and it was noted that they have had their budget cut by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Locally – we know the data on gull numbers is out of date. The breeding 'season' is out of sync and no longer confined to a couple of months. The behaviour of the birds is noticeably changing, whereby they are swooping for food all the time and not just when breeding.</p>	
6. Town Hall, Community Centre	<p>Elgin Town Hall closure has been delayed for a couple of months, and a licence application has been submitted for the Community Centre which is to become a temporary home to the town hall during the renovations to the existing building. Many are angry at this due to groups being forced out of the community centre which was deemed as not fit for purpose.</p>	
7. Finance	<p>Report previously circulated – All bills paid to date B</p>	<p>Steve</p>
8. Planning	<p>Nothing to raise this month</p>	
9. NHS – Ice Crews	<p>NHS Grampian are seeking to set up Ice Crews across Moray, following a trial of these in Aberdeen last winter. A community lead initiative would see members of the community tackling areas where snow / ice are problematic and hence aiming to reduce the amount of people attending</p>	

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	A&E for breaks & sprains due to slips / falls. Moray had the highest numbers of these during the latest cold snap. Brian will request further information on this from the NHS and look to see where this could tie in with our resilience group.	Brian
10. Resilience	A total of five CC members have expressed interest in getting involved with the resilience group. The first meeting has been arranged for Monday 27 th January at 2pm .	Brian Steve
11. Elgin Town Board	Alastair raised the formation of a Roads & Transport committee, which we have had in the past. This group would have full autonomy to hold their own meetings etc. Brian said he was interested, and it is hoped that others maybe too.	
12. Elected Members	Nothing to report as the Cllr's have recently returned following the festive break.	
13. AOCB	Jim Talbot: raised the issue that the pedestrian crossing (A96) near to East End Primary School, is not clearly visible to drivers approaching from the west. As this is on the A96 Cllr Dunbar will follow this up with Amey who have responsibility for it.	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 7pm, ELGIN TOWN HALL	

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Attendance record

Meeting date 14th January 2025

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	CCEO Moray Council		
Shannon Cresswell	Moray Council	✓	
David	P&J	✓	
Sean Angus	Press		
Jim Talbot		✓	



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Finance Report

January 2025

Opening Balance	£5,506.61
<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>£5,424.61</u>

Report prepared by Steve Christie 2nd February 2025