



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2025
at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair called the meeting to order, welcoming those present to our new venue for the duration of the Town Hall Refurbishment

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
<p>Guest: Community Wardens</p>	<p>Mark Crowley (Elgin South) and Sophie Dinak-Martin (Elgin North) Mark and Sophie have come along to the meeting to introduce themselves and to explain their role as Community Wardens. They explained that issues they deal with include Anti-Social Behaviour, dog fouling, neighbour disputes, noise nuisance and more. There is little for youths to do in the evenings so a Youth Bus is being introduced from April this will include gaming facilities etc on board to entice the youths to get on board rather than tread the streets.</p>	<p>Will come along, when possible, to give updates.</p>
<p>Guest: Vermin control</p>	<p>Emma Teasdale – Specialist Vermin Control Emma has joined us to explain her role with S.V.C and in particular seagulls. She has been carrying out gull work on behalf of Moray Council / Elgin BID for 5 years and is instantly recognised by the gulls when she appears on site. Emma said she was not surprised at our poor responses from Nature Scot (NS) and explained that S.V.C are equally frustrated by this. The application for a licence to deal with gulls takes over an hour to complete and only one in eight applications are successful. Gull take 7 years to reach maturity, but the young gulls stay close by the parent birds forming colonies, and once a nest has eggs within it is difficult to gain any licence to deal with this nor any of the birds. Bird poop carries many diseases, and bird aggression</p>	

	<p>is put down to their diet which is very different to that which they would have if at sea.</p> <p>If more people raise issue regarding gulls with NS then it may provoke change as to how they operate and grant permissions.</p>	
1.Previous Minutes	<p>Proposed: Graham Jarvis</p> <p>Seconder: Anne Mitchell</p>	
2. Matters Arising	<p>The letter to the NHS Grampian Board is in draft bur requires some amendments, Steve is aiming to catch up with Joyce for some information.</p>	Steve
3. Road Safety	<p>Brian had mentioned that the recent road safety event which he attended was very informative. He had also mentioned that information which he had been told about the decriminalization of parking was contrary to what we had been told. Perhaps Brian & Joyce could liaise on this issue</p>	Brian Joyce
4. Finance	<p>Report circulated with minutes; no questions raised.</p>	
5. Planning	<p>Nothing to raise</p>	
6. Levelling Up	<p>Graham Jarvis has agreed to represent ECC on the board</p>	Graham
8. Planning	<p>Nothing to raise this month</p>	
9. Interment Changes	<p>We recently found out that it is proposed to make changes to the interment system as run by moray Council. The proposed changes would see two funeral being held at 10.40 am and two at 1.10pm Monday to Friday effective from 3rd March 2025. It is felt that there should have been public consultation on this and that the consultation with Funeral Directors that lasted seven days was woefully inadequate.</p> <p>Post Meeting</p> <p>Conversation on this issue continues with concern being raised at the lack of consultation, and that of looking at solutions to the problems. We understand that the Burial Team is under resourced but could a solution be to train some operatives from Lands & Parks to prepare lairs as required thus relieving the pressure on those who currently do that role. Alastair to write to the Council Leader about this</p>	Alastair
10. Resilience	<p>The next step will be to organise an event to publicise resilience</p>	Resilience committee

<p>11. Elected Members</p>	<p>Amber The traffic lights at East End School will be monitored to see if there are any issues which need resolved. There is no requirement for the lights to ‘bleep’ such as those at Dr Grays. It has been noticed that several drivers have looked to turn down Batchen Street from the top end. Better signage maybe required whilst part of South Street is closed off for demolition works.</p> <p>Sandy Moray Councillors voted by majority not to take part in the forthcoming ballot for the continuance of Elgin BID. Instead, the ballot will only include the businesses which operate within the BID area. The jubilee cottages on Elgin’s Victoria Crescent will be renovated and returned to general housing stock.</p>	
<p>13. AOCB</p>	<p>Public convenience’s With the closure of the St Giles Centre there are no public conveniences within the centre of town. There are a number of businesses which participate in the comfort scheme and allow people to use their conveniences.</p> <p>Ladyhill Monument (lights) Alastair has noticed that there are no working lights on the monument. Steve recalled reading a planning application to replace the lights with colour changing LED ones but couldn’t remember when. Will do some research and forward the information to Alastair</p> <p>Traffic Lights The traffic lights at the busy crossroads next to the Mansefield Hotel may need their sequence reviewed following a recent accident. It is felt that the sequence is either too fast or slow depending on the drivers perception.</p> <p>New Turbines - Blackhills Battery Storage – Brownmuir A couple of members have attended the consultation event being held with regard to new turbines at Blackhills and battery storage at Brownmuir which would have a 10yr battery life.</p>	<p>Steve Alastair</p>

	<p>Author – can anyone explain to me the following with regard to renewable energy :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why are they consulting on the erecting of more turbines and battery storage, when they are being paid extortionate amounts to keep the turbines off because the grid cannot manage the power.• We are still paying the highest rates in Europe if not the globe for electricity despite there being a forest of turbines on our doorstep.• A plan to build new houses in Elgin South has been postponed as the electricity grid in the area would not be able to support such a scheme.	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 11th March 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date 11th February 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		
Mark Crowley & Sophie Dinak-Martin	Community Wardens	✓	
David	P&J	✓	
Sean Angus	Press		
Jim Talbot		✓	
Pat Patterson		✓	
Emma Teasdale – Specialist Vermin Control		✓	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

February 2025

Opening Balance	£5,424.61
<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>£5,342.61</u>

Report prepared by Steve Christie 2nd March 2025