



*The City and  
Royal Burgh of  
Elgin  
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

**Alastair called the meeting to order, welcoming members, guests and reading the apologies**

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
<b>Guest:</b> <b>Diane Anderson</b> <b>James Smith</b>  <b>Both Roads dept.</b> <b>Moray Council</b>	<p>There are to be changes to the disabled parking within the Town Centre area. The new incoming Chief Executive has asked that communities are informed of the changes. Disabled parking spaces will be rearranged, those in Commerce Street shall be removed and replaced by new spaces to the west of the Plainstones area. The other spaces remain unaffected by the changes which have been welcomed by Irena Patterson an advocate for disabled parking across Scotland.</p> <p>Graham asked if the spaces would be open to abuse by non-disabled drivers, <i>it is unlikely due to them being located in a more public space than they were in Commerce Street.</i></p> <p>Jim asked about the possibility of diagonal parking, <i>not feasible due to width of streets.</i></p> <p><b>Further info available via: <a href="mailto:traffic@moray.gov.uk">traffic@moray.gov.uk</a></b></p>	
<b>Sandra McAllam</b> <b>James Sinclair</b> <b>James McKay</b> <b>Carol Anne Campbell</b> <b>James Grant</b>	<p>Residents of the Glassgreen housing estate (Elgin South) have been incensed by the delivery of a letter from a new factoring agency – Taylor Martin, which informs them that the estate which they all thought was one estate is actually TWO estates. Identified by colour <b>blue</b> and <b>pink</b> these estates although similar in size attract differing levy's of factoring charges. The <b>blue</b> area are also responsible for the maintenance of the children's playpark adjacent to the</p>	

	<p>north of the development, a decision they find to be unjust as the playpark when in use is open to all members of the public.</p> <p><i>Unfortunately, we as a CC are unable to get involved in individual factoring arrangements, however we maybe able to provide support when it comes to dealing with the council.</i></p>	
<b>1.Previous Minutes</b>	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b></p> <p>Proposed: <b>Brian Irvine</b></p> <p>Seconder: <b>Alison Stockley</b></p>	
<b>2. Matters Arising</b>	<p>A delegation from the NHS board shall attend our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>A list of questions has been sent to them to allow for information to be gathered.</p>	
<b>3. Road Safety</b>	<p>Brian has been keeping a record of issues he has encountered and also those he has been told about. stuff. <i>Since the meeting Alan Bell has agreed to take on the Road Safety reporting etc.</i></p>	
<b>4. Finance</b>	<p>Report circulated with minutes; no questions raised.</p> <p>Copy of the Minute signed and dated was given to Pat Patterson so that she can close the Fair Trade Elgin Account.</p> <p><i>Those funds have now been transferred to our account. B</i></p>	
<b>5. Planning</b>	Nothing to raise	
<b>6. Levelling Up</b>	Nothing to report	
<b>7. Licence Application</b>	No issues raised regarding the recent application for a Thai Restaurant in Batchen Street.	
<b>8. Resilience</b>	As previously mentioned, Brian has been working on a new version of the resilience booklet for Elgin, this is now complete, and printing costs are being sought.	
<b>9. Library Consultation</b>	<p>The Elected members present were asked about the reversal of the decision to close libraries – Overwhelming public support against closures – there may be some co-location of some libraries in the future.</p> <p>Joyce mentioned surveys and that low responses can still drive changes</p> <p>Alison – We live in a world of surveys</p> <p>Surveys if important should be postal – not everyone is pc savvy</p>	

	We have been 'consulted to death' regarding the A96 – yet nothing ever happens.	
<b>10. Seagulls</b>	Following the gull count which was conducted at the end of March the information was sent to NatureScot. <b>At the time of publicising these minutes no response has been received.</b> It will come as no surprise that NatureScot have been told to 'get their act together' albeit a bit late in the day.	
<b>11. Brown Bins</b>	Only 15 households took up the split payment option – not worth the resource. Could the fee be added to council tax – would have to be opt in Incidents of fly tipping are down – only 3 prosecutions Elgin is still the only waste centre that requires a booking	
<b>12. Elected Members</b>	Due to a quiet spell with very few meetings the Councillors have nothing to report.	
<b>13. AOCB</b>	Alastair asked Jim Talbot if he was mindful to be co-opted onto the CC committee, he said he was, and all members present agreed to proceed with Jim's co-option.  Alan asked about the £52 charge for brown bin permits when Aberdeen City Council have a zero charge. The cost to Aberdeen is zero as it is perceived that as a city council there will be less green waste to dispose of, and local authorities have a duty to uplift food waste. It was also noted that some people in Moray believe that a permit is required to have the brown bins emptied, hence why food waste is ending up in the green bins.  Brian mentioned that Pat Munro hire have dredged part of the Tyock burn however they have encountered a problem which needs to be resolved before they can complete the work.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	

**A****Attendance record****Meeting date 8<sup>th</sup> April 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		✓	
Steve Christie	Treasurer	✓	
Jim Talbot		✓	
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		✓
Mark Crowley & Sophie Dinak-Martin	Community Wardens		✓
Diane Anderson & James Smith	ROADS Moray Council	✓	
David	P&J		
Sean Angus	Press		
Pat Patterson		✓	
Sandra McCallum		✓	All Residents of the Glassgreen housing est.
James Sinclair		✓	
James McKay		✓	
Carol Anne Campbell		✓	
James Grant		✓	



*Attachment* **B**

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**Finance Report**

**April 2025**

**Opening Balance** **£6,464.37**

**Expenditure**

Elgin Town Hall **£x,x42.00**

Minutes **£x,x40.00**

Service Charge **£x,xx4.25**

**Total expenditure** **£x,x86.25**

**Income**

**Interest collected** **£x,xx9.99**

**Grant payment -Moray Council** **£1,149.98**

**Donation – Elgin Fair Trade** **£x,392.13**

**Total Income** **£1,552.20**

**Current Balance** **£7,930.22**

Report prepared by Steve Christie 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025