



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025

7pm at Elgin Community Centre

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

As this is the inaugural meeting of the 2025 – 2029 term for Elgin Community Council, Debra Duke, Community Council Liaison Officer (the Moray Council) took the chair and opened the meeting welcoming both new and returning members.

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests Debra Duke CCLO	Debra took the floor and covered the induction process for Community Councillors. She then took nominations for the following roles of office: Chair: Alastair Kennedy, Proposed by Steve Christie Seconded – unanimously Carried - Alastair Kennedy elected as chair Vice Chair: Brian Irvine, Proposed by Alastair Kennedy Seconded – Steve Christie Carried - Brian Irvine elected as Vice Chair Secretary: Steve Christie, Proposed by Alastair Kennedy Seconded – Ron Cameron Carried - Steve Christie elected as Secretary Treasurer : Samuel Zizighi, Proposed by Olusegun Adebayo Seconded – Brian Irvine Carried - Samuel Zizighi elected as Treasurer Planning contact - James Wiseman – elected as the Community Council contact for planning issues and consultations with the Moray Council. The constitution was unanimously agreed and a copy signed	

	Debra then covered some key details and information, mentioning the role of the JCC which meets on 11th December at 7pm. She then handed the chair to Alastair, who thanked everyone for their confidence in him and for electing him as chair.	
1.Previous Minutes 9th September	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Diane Burgess	
2. Matters Arising	12. Community Council Elections – may come back to this at a future meeting. 13. Social event – Brian to organise and report back 14. Topics for new term – 20mph zones, £20m/ 10 years, boundary changes & ECC, use for Deanshaugh pitches	
3. Finance	The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid. Accounts will now be audited and prepared for hand over	Steve B
5. Planning	James reiterated what he explained at the previous meeting, that although Leiths have mitigated against all objections to the Dykeside application – not all questions have been answered.	
6. Levelling Up Neighbourhood Board Cooper Park	Graham is happy to continue as the CC rep on this group. Work on the café in the park should start Jan-Feb 26, and work on the South Street project is ongoing. Alastair and Brian to continue as CC reps A group has been set up for works taking place in the Cooper Park – Alison will be our rep on this group	Graham Alastair Brian Alison
7.Elgin Christmas lights.	A lot of work has taken place, with the project to see a Christmas light display really starting to take shape over the past month or so. The group have purchased the first consignment of new lights which came to nearly £6.5k these are being attached to the trees around St Giles Church. The original lights have been transferred to the care of ECC and will be placed in storage, with only the Christmas tree lights being required this year.	
8. Resilience	Brian informed us that all of the paperwork is now complete, the funds are in place, and he is waiting for confirmation of resilience training which is being organised by the Council.	

9.A Seagulls	The Seagull summit held in Inverness on 23rd September is widely seen as a waste of time, it is not anticipated that anything of any comfort to 'seagull sufferers' will come out of it. Steve mentioned that one of the stakeholders that did get invited to that meeting was the RSPB who would understandably take a stance of protecting seagulls. The thinking now is to hold a summit/seminar in Moray but to be INCLUSIVE not EXCLUSIVE as the Inverness one was. It was agreed to set up a subgroup to organise the Moray event which will ideally need to take place before the start of the next breeding season. Those who want to take part in the group are. • Alison • Brian • Anne • David • Steve Steve will organise a first meeting and send details to the others.	Steve
9.B Seagulls Drone Survey	Prior to the end of the last CC term, Douglas had arranged with his neighbour about carrying out a drone survey of Elgin Academy. This has now been done and although it was done at the end of the natural breeding cycle of seagulls there were 36 active nests on the academy roof. It was agreed to invite Jonathan (drone operator) to the next meeting to present his findings. It was discussed that perhaps a wider drone survey of Elgin would provide useful information for the proposed event as mentioned in 9 A. albeit as pointed out by Cllr Divers there is a possibility that Nature Scot would refute the findings. Douglas will invite Jonathan on our behalf.	
10. Project Spending	Often when speaking to members of the public, and even members of the CC there is confusion as to which fund is paying for what. As there are many new projects about to start it would be good to get an oversight as to where the funding for each comes from. We will arrange for Gary Templeton to attend the January meeting and tell us.	
11. Elected Members	Sandy. – Estate walkabouts were conducted during September / October these help when identifying any concerns or required works to HRA property A full day meeting took place to discuss the proposed Hydrogen plant (Aberlour) which was rejected The Ayebus has been officially launched – 122 users so far The stem centre at Elgin Library is nearing completion.	

	Amber. Has been appointed as the deputy leader of the council and was a finalist in a recent young councillor event. The closure of Bishopmill Bridge has raised traffic issues elsewhere in the town, which Amber has been dealing with. Peter. Recently spent time with Police Scotland on patrol, which he said was an eyeopener – how the officers responded to different types of crime. John. Mentioned that solar panels have been installed on the councils building at Greyfriars Street.	
12. AOCB	Alastair – agenda items – reminded members that if they had any items they felt should be on the agenda to forward them to Steve for inclusion. Douglas – asked if we had ever received a response from Stagecoach regarding Elgin Bus Station, and service routes. The answer was NO – Douglas to follow this up.	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE (subject to confirmation)	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **9th September 2025**

NAME		ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell		✓	
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	✓	
Alison Stockley		✓	
Anne Mitchell		✓	
David Chapman		✓	
Douglas Clark		✓	
Diane Burgess		✓	
Graham Jarvis		✓	
James Wiseman		✓	
Olusegun Adebayo		✓	
Ron Cameron		✓	
Samuel Zizighi		✓	
Steve Christie	Secretary	✓	
Amber Dunbar	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Elaine Kirby	Cllr Moray Council		
Jereme Fernades	Cllr Moray Council		✓
John Divers	Cllr Moray Council + Avril	✓	
Peter Bloomfield	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Sandy Keith	Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Debra Duke	CCLO Moray Council	✓	
Mark Crowley, Sophie Dinak-Martin	Community Wardens		
David	P&J		
Sean Angus	Press		
Douglas Clark		✓	