

*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026
7pm at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair welcome all present to the first meeting of 2026

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests	No guests present this month. Diary: February – Scotrail March – SSEN April- Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson	
1.Previous Minutes 9th December 2025	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Brian Irvine	
2. Matters Arising	Underpass – Alexandra Road -Amey responsible for railings and steps, Moray Council for cleanliness. Bushes – Asda Elgin – Nicola Moss investigating for responsibility, rats – issue for environmental health Wittet Drive/ Mayne Road – Elaine Kirby chasing this up – most likely to be house owners responsibility to have bushes cut back. Campervan - trial at Burghead, local CC claim to have no knowledge of this, claim refuted needs further investigation.	
3. Finance	The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid.	Steve B
Correspondence	North East Scotland Convention of Community Councils (NESCCC) see attached.	C
5. Planning	A James explained the PAN notice regarding boundary changes at the Findrassie site – no real concerns B The site near Spynie Care Home has become quite congested and unofficial shortcuts have been created which have encroached on existing amenity space leading to excess litter etc.	

<p>C</p> <p>Licensing</p>	<p>Elgin High School – site visit scheduled for Friday, James has no prior notification of the proposed plans / changes £19million to extend, £1.8million to alter room sizes</p> <p>No licensing issues</p>	
<p>6. Levelling Up</p> <p>Neighbourhood Board</p> <p>Cooper Park</p>	<p>} No Updates</p>	
<p>7.Elgin Christmas lights.</p>	<p>The event is deemed to have been a success, given that the organisers had little over 3 months to pull it off. Sadly 2 youths were seen to vandalise the main tree as yet they haven't been identified. Passed issues with the electrics have persisted – we aim to have these investigated and resolved.</p>	
<p>8. Resilience</p>	<p>Brian has published the second monthly newsletter and is still seeking new members to join the resilience team.</p>	
<p>9.NHS services</p>	<p>Disappointingly Orthopaedic services have still not fully resumed at Dr Grays despite reassurance given that they would be fully reinstated, patients are still being sent to either ARI or Raigmore hospitals for surgical procedures. This has led to people having to wait for space before receiving treatment. The Moray list has been combined with the Grampian list resulting in waiting times of at least 18 months for appointments. The national treatment center in Inverness will only accept patients where there are minimal chances of complications arising.</p> <p>Audiology – there is currently no training available for new Audiologists in Scotland. There are three consultants in ARI who only attend Moray when there are sufficient numbers of patients to be seen. The current waiting list at Grays is 4 years.</p> <p>North East Sensory Services have seen their contract in Moray end, and staff transferred to Health and Social Care. Very little warning was given of this happening, and it is feared that many of the services provided by NESS will be lost.</p>	

10. Gulls	<p>Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to postpone our Gull Seminar until later in the year.</p> <p>The Naturescot event in Fraserburgh has been rescheduled for 4th February.</p> <p>Sub group to look at what they would like Johnathan to do and which areas to survey.</p>	
11. Elected Members	<p>Not much to report as Cllr's are just back from leave, a meeting of the full council is to be held on the 28th Jan and has the proposed plans for EHS on the agenda.</p>	
12. AOCB	<p>Directors – under new plans current and new directors of companies will have to be verified by Companies House by means of digital ID, no ID = won't be accepted – plan likely to cause many issues.</p> <p>CC website – we have been paying a considerable amount each year for the hosting and domain name for our website which is very much not used. We need to make a decision as to whether or not we keep the website or just stick to Facebook. Put minutes on FB? Should be possible but bear in mind they would have to be passed by committee first.</p> <p>NB – this is our second website, and it has never really taken off. Social media seems to be more prevalent .</p>	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 10th @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **9th December 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	CCEO Moray Council		
Mark Crowley, Sophie Dinak-Martin	Community Wardens		
David	P&J		
Sean Angus	Press		
Douglas Clark			
Jonathan Heald			



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

1st -31st January 2026

Opening Balance 01/01/2026	£6,386.59
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Elgin Town Hall – venue hire	£0,048.00
Minutes November & December	£0.080.00
Ink	£0.063.49
<u>Expenditure total</u>	<u>£0,191.49</u>
<u>Income</u>	
<u>Income total</u>	<u>£ZERO</u>
Account Balance on 31st January	£6,190.85

Prepared by Steve Christie 1st February 2026

Dear Community Council Colleagues,

You may be aware that following the issue of the Unified Statement by Highland CCs, a number of Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City and Angus CCs convened to discuss support for their Statement. At the initial meeting **in October**, whilst wholly supportive, it was agreed that NESCCC would draft a statement more particular to itself. **A second** meeting was held in **December** to further discuss, finalise and approve the draft, a copy of which is attached for your information.

At our December meeting, it was proposed that an invitation be extended to CCs in Moray to join NESCCC and this was unanimously agreed. Whilst the issues related to renewable infrastructure developments may vary between communities, we believe that the voices of our communities and the CCs representing them are not being listened to. In summary, we are calling on the Scottish Government for a plan and a pause.

If you would like to support our Statement and for your CC to become a member of NESCCC please respond to this email. We would very much welcome your participation and, with a convention of CCs in the Borders planned for 17th January, add your voice to that of the growing number of unheard CCs in Scotland struggling with renewable infrastructure applications and the detrimental impacts on their communities and environment.

Please note that we are completely apolitical and are not supported by or affiliated to any political party. However, any solution clearly requires hard decisions from our elected MSPs. Accordingly, we will be seeking to identify which candidates standing for election in May are both supportive of, and will work towards, meeting the objectives of our Statement.

Best wishes,

Nicola Loosley (Feughside CC)
Steve McSwiggan (Tealing CC)
Peter Argyle (Torphins CC)



Unified Statement of the North East of Scotland Convention of Community Councils (NESCCC).

NESCCC is supported by (the 85)* Community Councils within the North East of Scotland, collectively representing over 700,000 residents in Aberdeenshire, Angus and Aberdeen City.

NESCCC wholeheartedly endorses the work done by Highland Community Councils to address the impact on communities of major renewable energy infrastructure developments.

NESCCC recognises the impact of climate change, the loss of biodiversity, the transition to renewable energy and the need to make more efficient use of energy. However, NESCCC does not accept the industrialisation of the North East of Scotland is necessary or represents a Just Transition. We also object to the ongoing operational impacts of such infrastructure on our landscapes and communities. We expect the Scottish Government, UK Government and Scottish Local Authorities to give weight to the vital importance of our communities' voices in these and other pertinent issues.

NESCCC is concerned that community consultation and engagement are inadequate, and local democracy is being overridden. Accordingly, NESCCC calls for all those elected to the Scottish Parliament, UK Parliament and Local Authorities to commit to acknowledging, supporting and protecting our communities and our environment at a national level.

NESCCC therefore calls on the Scottish Government to: -

1. Pause all major applications and pending decisions, given the impact upon our communities, until a clear National Energy Strategy is in place and Social, Environmental and Economic Impact Assessments are undertaken.
2. Establish an Independent Commission to examine the cumulative impact of all major renewable energy infrastructure developments, including transmission, storage and

generation, with all ancillary infrastructure, on our communities, landscape and regional economy.

3. Develop a cohesive National Energy Strategy for energy generation, storage and transmission, in full and meaningful consultation with communities across Scotland, with clearly defined, pragmatic targets and spatial planning.

NESCCC believes it is vital for **all** those elected to the Scottish Parliament to understand the real strength of local concern on this matter and work together to deliver change to a system that is heavily weighted against our communities' interests.

NESCCC puts this Unified Statement forward in good faith on behalf of the people we represent, in full expectation that the parties named will take cognisance of our communities' willingness to engage constructively in a Just Transition.

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