



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026

7pm at Elgin Community Centre

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

As Alastair is on holiday Brian took the chair and welcomed all present

| ITEM | CONTENT | ACTIONS |
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| Guests | No guests present this month. March – SSEN April- Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson | |
| 1.Previous Minutes 13th January 2026 | Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Ron Cameron | |
| 2. Matters Arising | None | |
| 3. Finance | The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid. South Les Murdie Community Group have asked if we could manage their funds until they are able to organise a bank account. Steve has reiterated that this would be for the short term and that the group (SLMCG) will be responsible for the admin of their own income and expenditure. | Steve B |
| Correspondence | Circulated via email | |
| 5. Planning | James explained that he will be making an oral submission at the forthcoming planning hearing for the Dykeside Quarry application. However, as some of the Cllr's in attendance sit on the Planning Committee he did not go into to much detail. Elgin High School, Alison and Steve felt that the recent 'consultation' event was pretty much a 'Fait au Comple' and that they agree with Cllr Divers on the matter. James | |

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| | was also in agreement as we had been told from the initial planning stages that the school had been 'future proofed' should any expansion be required. | |
| Licensing | No licensing applications this month | |
| 6. Levelling Up | Work on the toilet block / café will start this month. Grant Lodge trust have been lucky in achieving further funding. | |
| Neighbourhood Board | | |
| Cooper Park | Work on the pond is due to start within the next couple of weeks. | |
| 7.Elgin Christmas lights. | Elgin Illuminations have asked that they be formally recognised as a sub group of the Community Council. This request was granted by ALL members present and E I will now be formally recognised as a sub group. | |
| 8. Resilience | Brian has heard from Kelly at Moray Council, there are some training opportunities coming up including 3 sessions via the Met Office and some free training on first aid via Moray Council. | |
| 9. Gulls | A last minute decision meant that Alastair and Steve attended the Naturescot event in Aberdeenshire. It was felt that NS have become a little bit more amenable to the plight of those who are bothered by gull nuisance. We hope to hear more on this over the course of this year with hopefully some positive reaction before the start of the breeding season in 2027. In Elgin we are aiming to survey 6 areas via drone, these areas would be surveyed twice – 1 st at the start of the season and 2 nd towards the end with a total budget of £600 being set for the surveys. Jonathan Heald to be contacted to see if he can undertake this work for us. | Diane, Douglas |
| 10. NESCCC | Steve and Brian will hear what the members of the JCC have to say regarding the letter from the NESCCC, later this week. ECC have no plan at present to make any comment on this until after we have our meeting with SSEN on 10 th March. | |
| 11, Website | Discussion was held regarding the website and its use. This being our second website, the first being set up by Aiden a number of years ago. Sadly, despite good plans for its use these have never really come to fruition. The year on year cost subject to increase and the general lack of use led to the decision to remove cancel the website in favour of | |

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| | increasing our use of social media. We should look at adding additional admins to our Facebook page. Steve to have a discussion with Alastair regarding admins . | Steve, Alastair |
| 11. Elected Members | <p>The 20mph zones – these will become active by the end of the month; there are differing views as to the merit of these zones.</p> <p>The STEM project at Elgin library is currently not available to the public with the initial aim being Schools, groups & clubs. The library will have reduced capacity for three weeks from 11th March to allow for an upgrade.</p> <p>Just Transition – there are 8 projects each receiving a proportionate level of the fund pot.</p> | |
| 12. AOCB | Brown bin fees – questions were asked as to the cost of permits for brown bins (garden waste) as food waste is a statutory collection. There were also calls to remove the appointment system at the Chanonry Recycling Center, this was introduced at the request of the Police as part of traffic management. | |
| NEXT MEETING | TUESDAY 10th MARCH @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE | |

A**Attendance record****Meeting date 10th February 2026**

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

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Finance Report

1st -28th February 2026

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| Opening Balance 01/01/2026 | £6,190.85 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | |
| Minutes January | £0.040.00 |
| <u>Expenditure total</u> | <u>£0,191.49</u> |
| <u>Income</u> | |
| <u>Income total</u> | £ZERO |
| Account Balance on 28th February | £6,150.85 |

Prepared by Steve Christie 1st March 2026