



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

7pm at Elgin Community Centre

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting and welcomed those present

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests	No guests present this month. April- Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson	
SSEN	<p>This month we are joined by Scott Quinn and Kirsty MacNamara from SSEN. They are here to discuss housing associated with the proposed new powerline which is needed as part of a major upgrade to the national grid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ One of the largest upgrades to the network in years○ Aware of housing emergency -don't wish to take on housing to the detriment of local communities○ Around 7000 workers, (approx. 4000 over the current workforce) to work on the project about 1/3 of these will require housing during the work○ SSEN aim to deliver about 1000 new houses across the area – Highland to Aberdeenshire○ The proposed housing will consist of a range from 1bed up to 5 bed properties and many will have dual occupancy for workers and subject to a code of conduct for ALL occupants during the tenure.○ SSEN will lease the houses from developers for up to 7 years after which they will be offered to LA's and RSL's at a discounted rate, also means that both LA's and RSL's can get more houses quicker than they are able to develop themselves.○ The plan is to construct 201 new houses across Moray with 37 of those being in Elgin, 77 units in Lhanbryde with 50% being offered to the council and the remainder being offered for sale. A further 63 units would be constructed in Keith.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the end of the contract the houses will be offered in a phased release depending on the terms of the lease. ○ Are the houses a bribe to allow for the new powerline – NO the houses will be built anyway as if the upgrade goes ahead homes for the workers will be required from the offset. ○ A community benefit of £220k/kilometre is anticipated – Could this be disseminated via PB? ○ Improvements to the grid would cut down on constraint payments to the windfarm operators. 	
1.Previous Minutes 10th February 2026	Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Ron Cameron	
2. Matters Arising	None	
3. Finance Correspondence	All bills paid and account up to date Circulated via email	Steve B
5. Planning Licensing	James explained that he will be making an oral submission at the forthcoming planning hearing for the Dykeside Quarry application and urge for its refusal Will ask for a pre consultation notice regarding the entrance into the proposed new store for Aldi. Nothing	
6. Levelling Up Neighbourhood Board Cooper Park	Work on the pond is due to start within the next couple of weeks. Alison gave an update on the Cooper park and the draft master plan. A new Pump Track, a wild flower boulder park, she also stated that plans for a boardwalk on the pond have not been particularly well received.	
7.Elgin Christmas lights.	Preparations well underway for our first consultation meeting with the businesses.	
8. Resilience	As Brian is unavailable – no update this month	

9. Gulls	<p>As always, this issue is ongoing, signs of an early start to the breeding season are visible.</p> <p>The subgroup to meet ASAP and it is hoped that Jonathan will be in attendance at that meeting. The aim is to prioritise the survey areas for the drone.</p>	
10. NESCCC	<p>There were mixed feeling on this from the JCC meeting with some of the groups looking to get involved and others with no opinion. Elgin CC have no overall desire to get involved.</p>	
11, Website	<p>Steve has emailed Bob Fuller with instruction to pull the website.</p> <p>Will look to increase our usage of Facebook and will add both Brian and Ron as admins.</p>	
12. Hustings	<p>With the forthcoming election for the Scottish Parliament drawing closer – we will organise a Hustings for the Moray Candidates.</p>	Steve
13. Elected Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors have set the budget for the next year • Ther will be no extra holiday for the World Cup • Economic Development – 5th Best roads in Scotland • New library opening hours Mon -Thurs – 10 -7, Friday 10-4, and Sat 10 -12 • The New Stem Center has been well received and well used. The CC members to request a visit 	Alastair
14. AOCB	<p>Diane: Agenda item – Planning and new developments and the impact on amenity space, and environmental impact surveys</p> <p>New Wave – a synthetic running track for Elgin – area to be identified (Deanshaugh ?)</p> <p>Sam: Housing for medical students – has been challenging to get housing for medical students – next intake due soon. Is the UHI accommodation in Bishopmill available?</p>	James MAY agenda
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 12th May @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

Attendance record

Meeting date **10th March 2026**

NAME		ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell		√	
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	√	
Alison Stockley		√	
Anne Mitchell			x
Brian Irvine			x
David Chapman			x
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		x
Jereme Fernades	Cllr Moray Council		x
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		
Kirsty MacNamara	SSEN	√	
Scott Quinn	SSEN	√	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

1st -28th February 2026

Opening Balance 01/03/2026	£6,155.10
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Minutes February	£0.040.00
<u>Expenditure total</u>	<u>£0,040.00</u>
<u>Income</u>	
<u>Income total</u>	<u>£ZERO</u>
Reconciled Account Balance on 31st March	<u>£6,175.09</u>

Prepared by Steve Christie 31st March 2026

Accounts audited 24th March (copy attached)

Reconciled Balance **£6175.09**

Opening Balance 12/03/2025		£5,302.61
Income		
• Moray Council grant payment		£1,161.76
• Moray Council grant payment		£1,149.98
Total income		£2,311.74
Expenditure		
• Minutes x 10 @ £40.00		£400.00
• Venue hire ETH		£456.00
• Information Commissioner		£052.00
• Poppy Wreathes		£032.00
• Ink for printer		£063.49
• Website costs		£090.58
• Microsoft office		£059.99
• Paper for printer		£043.48
• Sponsorship – Elgin Christmas tree		£200.00
Total expenditure		£1,397.54
	Balance	£6,216.81
Closing balance 11/02/2026		£6,216.81
Bank balance on 28/02/2026		£6,175.09
Surplus		£41.72

Prepared by Steve Christie 23rd March 2026