



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

7pm at Elgin Community Centre

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting and welcomed those present

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests	<p>Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson</p> <p>Gary and Diane have joined us this month to explain more about some of the projects in Elgin and which funds are being used in each case to cover the costs.</p> <p>There has been £70million worth of funding distributed across the UK and Elgin has been lucky to receive a share of the pot. Gary did admit that the communication could have been better with regard to building works etc as some of the projects get underway, he is however hopeful that this will improve and that the public will be better informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levelling Up Fund.• £18.8 million – South Street in Elgin, 5 properties demolished to make way for a mixture of commercial and residential properties, and the former Gordon Arms Hotel on the High Street is to be turned into a creative arts center which will feature a mixture of both creative art and physical art such as dance.• Active Travel in Elgin will also get a boost with new cycleways and a revised parking scheme for the disabled. Parts of the town center are already subject to existing pedestrian orders which will be enhanced with the installation of rise and fall bollards which will be in operation during key hours. Commerce Street will see the direction of travel reversed from north to south to south to north with no access directly from Moss Street, access will be	

	<p>from South Street only. A new cycle lane will be installed (both ways)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The taxi rank at the east end of the High Street (outside the former TSI office) will be reinstated. • The roundabouts on either side of the New Elgin bridge will be improved to enhance visibility and pedestrian crossings. • The former sawmill site on Linkwood Road will be improved and include a surface water scheme (ponds) to improve diversity in the area • Work in the Cooper Park has already started with the pond getting a makeover, the former toilet block will be converted to create a café, and the children’s play area will be enhanced with new equipment. • Moray Growth Deal • This £22 million funding package will see the Elgin Town Hall being improved (already started) and is due for completion in Spring 2027. The Grant Lodge is also in line for some major redevelopment after years of debate as to its future and use. Elgin Library has seen the introduction of an early years STEM center, and some funding will also be used to create ‘start up units as part of the South Street development. • Neighbourhood Board • £20 million worth of funding will be used in a town center regeneration scheme to bring life back into the center of Elgin. Further information on this can be found on the ‘My Moray’ website and it is hoped that a temporary portacabin will be sited in the Town Center to act as an information hub during the various projects. 	
<p>1.Previous Minutes 10th March 2026</p>	<p>Proposed : Ron Cameron Seconder: Alison Stockley</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising SSEN</p>	<p>Following their visit in March, Kirsty from SSEN has been in touch to say thanks to the members for their warm welcome and that they would be happy to pay a return visit later in the year.</p>	
<p>3. Finance Correspondence</p>	<p>Bills up to date , grant received from Moray Council, All correspondence circulated via email – no comments</p>	<p>Appendix B</p>

<p>4. Planning</p>	<p>James mentioned the application from ALDI to create a store in the Elgin Retail Park on Edgar Road. There is concern with regard to the entrance / exit from the site which already causes issues with traffic. We would like some consultation on this issue to find resolve.</p> <p>Cllr's John Divers and Jeremie Fernandes have both also raised issue with this.</p>	
<p>Licensing</p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>5.Elgin Christmas lights.</p>	<p>The group are continuing to make steady progress towards this years event and are busy organising some fundraising events.</p> <p>Cllr Divers, stated that although he is no longer on the BID Board he is confident that the remaining funds have been placed into abeyance should the businesses decide that they would like to see a new BID formed.</p>	
<p>6. Resilience</p>	<p>Brian mentioned that one of the biggest issues is encouraging people to get involved in the resilience group, something that was highlighted via a straw poll he conducted during a recent storm. He feels that the resilience group needs a major rethink as to how to make it work.</p> <p>There has also been conflicting information given regarding trees or other debris causing obstruction in the River Lossie. At the time of its completion we had been told that there were funds left to ensure any blockage of the Lossie would be dealt with, that now does not appear to be the case.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that as part of the flood scheme there was a huge hole dug at Calcots which acts as a sump during times of flood, many members did not know this.</p>	
<p>7. Gulls</p>	<p>There has been some confusion as Steve had thought that Jonathan was intending to be at this meeting.</p> <p>However, he can report that Jonathan has been working away in the background making enquiries ahead of any drone surveys. He has also been looking at gull data not only from local /UK sources but from across the globe.</p> <p>The £10k funding from Naturescot has been paid to the Council who are looking into how it can be used to benefit Moray Communities with gull issues.</p>	
<p>8. 20MPH Zones</p>	<p>There has been mixed reaction to these new zones from the public with the majority claiming that is both a waste of time and money as no one will adhere to the limits anyway.</p>	

	It was also mentioned that Police Scotland have received no additional funding to enforce the new limits. The scheme is to run for 18 months after which a consultation will take place as to the effectiveness.	
9.Hustings	Steve informed members that preparation for the forthcoming Hustings event were well underway. The event which takes place on the 20 th of April in Moray College will also feature a segment whereby candidates will be given 4 minutes to explain how they would tackle a topical issue which they will draw at random from sealed envelopes.	
10. Elected members	<p>Amber Sam had previously asked about accommodation for NHS staff who were at Dr Grays as part of their training programme. The former UHI student accommodation in Alba Place has just gone on the market for £1million – could that provide a solution? Agreement has been made to extend licensing hours during the forthcoming World Cup (football) A new local housing strategy has also been agreed.</p> <p>Jeremie The roads budget has been agreed, this will include resurfacing work on the A941 railway bridge between New Elgin Road and Moss Street.</p>	
11. AOCB	<p>Diane asked about the provision of amenity space and pathways when considering applications for new houses, as in some cases the increased footfall from new housing has caused existing pathways through woodland to become much wider to the detriment of the existing countryside etc. There is also no provision made for doggie bins and in cases where there is the local residents have to pay for these via factoring arrangements.</p> <p>Alison raised the issue of the deep clean whereby the Town Center was cleaned, unfortunately any sign of that happening has gone with the mess of seagull poop being as bad as ever. The litter bins are also in dire need of being cleaned as many of them are absolutely filthy and covered in stickers.</p> <p>The work on the Cooper Park pond is underway, but is the mud and sediment from the bottom of the pond going to be scraped up and removed ? Amber is to Ask Gary Templeton</p>	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 12 May @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **10th March 2026**

NAME	ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell	√	
Alastair Kennedy Chair	√	
Alison Stockley	√	
Anne Mitchell		X
Brian Irvine	√	
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	√	
Peter Bloomfield Cllr Moray Council		X
Sandy Keith Cllr Moray Council		X
Debra Duke CCLO Moray Council		
Mark Crowley, Sophie Dinak-Martin Community Wardens		
Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson, Moray Council	√	
David P&J	√	
Sean Angus Press		
Four members of the public	√	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

1 – 30 APRIL 2026

Opening Balance 01/04/2026	£6,067.10
Expenditure	
Minutes - March	£0.040.00
Envelopes for Hustings	£0.003.77
Elgin Town Hall (March)	£0.075.00
Elgin Town Hall (April)	£0.048.00
Bank Charges	£0.004.25
Expenditure total	<u>£0,171.02</u>
Income	
Moray Council grant payment	£1,149.98
Income total	<u>£1,149.98</u>
Statement balance on 3rd May 2026	£7,046.06

Prepared by Steve Christie 3rd May 2026