

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.00pm

1.	Sederunt and Apologies. (* Associate, ** Youth)	ACTION
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Ann GLOVER, Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John Divers, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND, Andrew MacKIE (Community Warden) Sgt Gav Farquhar (Police Scotland), Ben HENDRY (P&J), Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot) Michael MACLEAN Sophie WARD</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Andrew GRAY Donnie MacLEAN, Cllr James ALLAN, Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach). Cllr Kirsty REID,</p> <p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 11th November 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Gordie Wells and seconded by Eddie Wallace with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3a – REAP, Elgin Scheme No update.</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3b – Gifts from Illinois Ongoing with Anne Glover. Reciprocal gift to be sent.</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3c – Christmas lights See Agenda.</p> <p>d. Page 1 item 3d - Membership, ideas on how to increase it</p> <p>e. Page 1 Item 3f - Community engagement. Meeting with Gary Templeton to be arranged. Meeting held 20th January 2015, discussed Developer obligations and Rural Groupings. Alastair Kennedy read out his report on the meeting. A launch event is planned with the JCC.</p> <p>f. Page 1 item 3g – Elgin High School James Wiseman & Alastair met High School project team and management to discuss resolving the ESAF/ECC objection which is now resolved.</p> <p>g. Page 2 item 4e – Local Development Plan No Update still with the Reporter. Reporters request for further information on the WLR was noted.</p> <p>h. Page 2 item 6b – Fair Trade £80.00 donation to be made. Pat Paterson to provide details.</p> <p>i. Page 2 item 6c – Parking on roads verges A96 and Edgar Road See Committee Reports</p> <p>j. Page 3 item 6e(2) – Social Media Link Facebook page to Moray Council website and tie in with KCR interest - Done</p> <p>k. Page 4 item 11b – Access to Streets training See agenda</p> <p>l. Page 4 item 12f – Cathedral Lighting up the Cathedral, originally raised by ECC, was also raised as an idea at the charrette and was of interest to flood alleviation team.</p>	

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4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – PS Gav Farquhar</u></p> <p>A serious drugs find resulting in seizure of controlled drugs and an individual being reported for supplying drugs.</p> <p>A fixed Penalty Notice was issued for an incident where a person refused to leave licenced premises.</p> <p>Theft of Pigeons at an estimated value of £15,000 and four incidents of theft by house breaking.</p> <p>Road casualty prevention activity lead to 12 reports and 5 ongoing cases.</p> <p>There was one case of public indecency.</p> <p>Four staff have been allocated to assaults and domestic violence.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on police priorities for the current consultation on multimember ward plans. There was general support for Gordon Methven to respond to the consultation based on the information he circulated and outlined at the meeting.</p>	
	<u>Licencing Matters</u>	
	<u>None</u>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH – Krystian Kaczala</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
c.	<u>SCOTTISH WATER</u>	
	Remove from agenda but reinstate on an adhoc basis.	
d.	<u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – Andrew MacKie</u>	
	<p>One month in post in Elgin and reported the following activity: -</p> <p>5 Neighbour disputes, 1 acceptable behaviour Contract relating to noise, leaflet and poster campaign in Spynie Street regarding litter.</p> <p>There was a discussion about feeding seagulls which is a current issue. Andrew MacKie explained the difficulties of encouraging the right behaviours amongst older people who in some cases may be house bound and may feed gulls by way of friendship. On the other hand there are people who maliciously encourage gulls by feeding. Fast food outlets are going to be targeted in relation to litter and seagulls. Councillor Patsy Gowans added that schools are tackling the issue of pupils feeding seagulls.</p> <p>A discussion followed on the inadequacy of FPN fines for Litter, Dog fouling and fly tipping.</p>	
e.	<u>CONSULTATIONS</u>	
	<p>Local Development – see matters arising</p> <p>Brown Muir Wind Farm – No Update</p> <p>Health and Social Care Integration – Alastair Kennedy advised that the first part had been missed by ECC.</p>	
5.	<u>Community Concerns</u>	
	Remove from agenda because all issues are going to AOCB anyway.	
6.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>New Elgin High School: See 7a Elgin South Area Forum below.</p> <p>Brown Muir Wind Farm: No update.</p> <p>Consultations: One requested for Allan Milnes if R&T wish to make comment about boundaries.</p>	
b.	<u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u>	
	Anne Glover outlined the work done by her and her friends recently at Ladyhill and she explained the extent of the dog mess issue at Ladyhill and asked for any assistance from the Community Warden.	

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	The Fair Trade group are getting ready for Fair Trade fortnight which is 23/2/15 to 8/3/15. Posters have been printed and events have been planned including a speaker at the Gallery in Elgin Library on 24 th February 2015 at 5:30pm. The speaker is from Mauritius and is involved in supplying school uniforms.	
c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION – See Report</u> The R&T committee have started attending the Moray Disability Forum. BEAR Scotland are tackling verges on east road in respect of car dealerships unauthorised use of the verge. Boundaries are to be enforced. Anyone able to obtain photographs should forward them to the R&T team. James Wiseman to provide details of a planning contact.	
d.	<u>YOUTH.</u> No Report	
e.	<u>Christmas Lights – Gordie Wells</u> A quiz night is planned for the 6 th March in the Drouthy Cobbler with Graham Leadbitter as the Quiz Master. Other activities are planned including a pamper night in April. Sponsorship is being sought from businesses and through the Moray Marafun. Next meeting of the Christmas Lights committee is scheduled for 3/3/2015 at 5pm. Alastair Kennedy proposed giving a donation to the Christmas Lights fund. Bryan Watson seconded it with a proposal that £250 would be an appropriate show of support to encourage others to donate. It was supported unanimously.	
f.	<u>Grant Lodge</u> The Grant Lodge Trust are awaiting charitable status from OSCR.	
g.	<u>Social Media</u> Facebook: - Bryan Watson reported that we now have 454 followers and he is considering running a further promotion next month. However, he also pointed out that our posts are seen by 2,500 people. Twitter: - Bryan Watson advised that Twitter had only got another 5 – 6 followers probably due to the different nature of Twitter, it is mainly about re-tweeting posts.	
h.	<u>WLR Subgroup</u> Gordon Methven reported that the WLR subgroup met on 20 th January and went over the history of the WLR. Another meeting is to be arranged.	
i.	<u>Members Business</u> Alastair Kennedy reported the discussions at the Community Engagement group about funding of Community Councils, Forums and Community Associations. Community Associations had withdrawn because the funding source was too small. Forums and Community Council's felt the status quo was the best way forward. Gordon Methven reported that ECC has applied for membership of the rural parliament.	
j.	<u>Chairs Report</u> See Report	
k.	<u>Secretary's Report</u> See Report	
7.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u> See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk New Elgin High School was discussed and response concluded. Health and Social Care Integration workshops were attended. Membership has dropped recently mainly due to peoples individual circumstances. 6 attendees and about 14	

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	<p>members and half attend the meetings. Anyone interested in being an active member of the Elgin South Forum or knows anyone who might be interested then contact James Wiseman.</p> <p>ESAF/ECC objection resolved. James Wiseman outlined the value generated against the cost of the participants time. ~£600 for a major safety improvement was extremely good value.</p> <p>Next month we'll have a report on the Town Centre Charrette event 26th January 2015.</p>	
b.	<p><u>SPICE</u></p> <p>See Minutes circulated.</p> <p>Next meeting early March.</p> <p>Notice boards for posters have been obtained using the Beautiful Scotland funding and will be deployed.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy noted that the litter in Elgin appears to be at a shocking level now and he appealed to the public for help.</p> <p>Gordon Methven outlined a problem with the location of a litter bin at the back of Farm Foods and Councillor Patsy Gowans undertook to raise it with the proper department.</p>	
c.	<p><u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></p> <p>Next meeting Thursday 12th February 2015 and will showcase the Findhorn Kinloss Community Council's Resilience Plan and how it was achieved.</p>	
d.	<p><u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report</u></p>	
	<p>Gordon Methven and Andrew Gray attended the meeting on 26th January and reported its success but the lack of funding was evident along with a lack of commitment to timescale.</p>	
8.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>New Elgin High School – See Planning</u></p>	
	<p>Councillor John Divers expressed delight that the New High School which he had championed had been approved at the planning & Regulatory Services Committee.</p>	
b.	<p><u>Elgin Academy</u></p>	
	<p>No Report</p>	
c.	<p><u>Primary Schools</u></p>	
	<p>Rezoning of schools in Elgin will be consulted over 30 schools days and is likely to include two new school zones.</p> <p>Gordon Methven raised the issue of lack of teachers which Councillor John Divers advised is an national problem being discussed at that level..</p>	
9.	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>All budgets on track taking account of tonight's commitments and the awards ceremony.</p>	
10.	<p><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS</u></p>	
	<p>No Update</p>	
b.	<p><u>ELGIN FUND COOPER PARK</u></p>	
	<p>The planning application is now approved but the Charrette didn't recognise the value of this project.</p>	
c.	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p>	
	<p>Meeting is in the museum on 15th January 2015.</p>	
11.	<p><u>EVENTS</u></p>	

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a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u>	The steering group met on 2/2/2015 and decided to run an awards ceremony next year with the same categories tentatively on 21/11/2015 at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre.
b.	<u>TRAINING</u>	Mediation training is back on the radar and will expected to be delivered shortly. Alastair Kennedy described the need for it in relation to other Community Councils.
12.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u>	<p>Anne Glover advised that the Public/Patient Participation Group have a nurse to collect feedback and this month the feedback has been 1) staff don't introduce themselves, 2) food is bland and 3) wards are noisy at night. Hospital grounds are going to be smoke free and staff will not be allowed to smoke while in uniform but Ward 4 is excluded. Councillor Patsy Gowans raised an issue about patient notes not matching patient care. Anne Glover to circulate Agenda and Notes/minutes from the meetings.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace raised concern at the misuse of the Blue Badge system. There was a discussion on various aspects of the scheme and how it is used. Councillor Leadbitter said that any complaints should go to Bill Ross the Transportation Manager.</p> <p>A visit is proposed to the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme on 19/2/2015 at 2PM. Names to Alastair Kennedy ASAP.</p>
13.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	7:00pm Tuesday 10 th March 2015 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.
14.	<u>CLOSE</u>	There being no further business the Chair thanked wished everyone compliments of the season and closed the meeting at 20:43.

CITATION: These Minutes were adopted as a True Record of Proceedings:

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____