

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.00pm

1.	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
a.	<p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair),                      Gordon METHVEN(Sec'),                      Oliver BAYLIS  Iain CATTO    Steven CHRISTIE,    David CHAPMAN*,  Andrew GRAY    Ann GLOVER,    Maureen MANSON  Pat PATERSON,    Mary WALL,    Gordie WELLS,  Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS,    Cllr Patsy GOWANS,    Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,  Cllr Kirsty REID,    Cllr Mike SHAND,    Rosemary PINNELL  (Speaker),  Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach).                      Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot),  PC Brian DONALDSON (Police Scotland).</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Eddie WALLACE,    Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair),                      Steven MILNE,  Cllr James ALLAN,    Andrew MACKIE (Community Warden).  Donnie MacLEAN,</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>SPEAKER</u></b></p> <p>Rosemary Pinnell (Welfare Development Officer for Moray Council) addressed the meeting to raise awareness of the Welfare Network Portal which is a resource for people affected by the welfare reform measures such as Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payments. Rosemary Pinnell described how these measures worked in different scenarios highlighting the how hardship can arise. Although the portal offers useful contacts and tools to assist people in hardship the lack of internet access and a bank account can be a blocker to registration and getting help but Rosemary explained how this can be overcome for individuals. The Libraries offer internet access and some banks offer accounts</p> <p>The discussion that followed showed great understanding of the specific problems that can arise and the main unresolved difficulties being: - payments going to one family member who may then become ill; dealing with paper doctors certificates on an internet application; the role of personal assistants and self directed service users; frequency of payments and an individuals inability to budget.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Gordie Wells and seconded by Andrew Gray with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>Gifts from Illinois: Ongoing  Patient Participation Forum: Meeting Cancelled  Christmas Lights: GW to deposit cheque  Education Subgroup: Andrew Gray &amp; Oliver Baylis to form subgroup</p>	<p>AGI  AGI  GW  AGr/OB</p>
4.	<p><b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b></p>	

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	<p>See Report.</p> <p><b><u>BLUE BADGE SCHEME</u></b></p> <p>The R&amp;T committee have been told that enforcement of the blue badge scheme for the disabled is a police matter but they believe that may not be the whole story and are investigating.</p>	EW/DC
d.	<p><b><u>YOUTH.</u></b></p> <p>No report</p>	
e.	<p><b><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u></b></p> <p>Gordie Wells reported that the funds raised to date are £10.5k and the fundraising work is ongoing.</p>	
f.	<p><b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b></p> <p>Andrew Gray advised that a report has been received from consultants on the future of the building and is being discussed with John Ferguson, Community Planning and Development Manager.</p>	AG/AK
g.	<p><b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b></p> <p>No Report</p>	
h.	<p><b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>See Report</p>	
i.	<p><b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>See Report</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></b></p> <p>See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on <a href="http://www.yourmoray.org.uk">www.yourmoray.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>DR GRAYS</u></b></p> <p>James Wiseman reported that the Elgin South Area Forum had met with Richard Lochhead regarding NHS performance in Elgin and the role of Dr Grays in the new Integrated Health and Social Care. We shared our experiences of Dr Grays, the Childrens Ward, Aberdeen based consultants, lack of community hospitals and lack of expansion plans. We related a point made by Anne Glover about eye surgery which could be done in Elgin if equipment was provided. Whilst Richard Lochhead demonstrated he was on top of the situation having recently written to the Scottish Minister for Wellbeing and Sport on the subject of Dr Grays he said he found our comments useful.</p> <p><b><u>REGULAR MEETING</u></b></p> <p>At our regular meeting we had an interesting update from Anna Rodgers of the Fire and Rescue Service which as everyone knows does a lot more than putting out fires. Our next meeting will focus on the Schools Rezoning.</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>SPICE</u></b></p> <p>See Minutes circulated today 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the lack of a fence alongside the pavement on New Elgin bridge as there is a fairly steep drop in that area. Cllr Graham Leadbitter undertook to assist with identifying the responsible body.</p> <p>Steven Christie advised that this is Clean up Moray month and a litter pick is planned for 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Shaw Place (meet at Cottar Hoose at 10am), and another for Newmill Road (meet at the Landshut Bridge at 10am)</p>	

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c.	<b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>  Next meeting Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	
d.	<b><u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES</u></b>  No update	
7.	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>New Elgin High School</u></b>  Delays due to new funding rules have resulted in a delay to the school. An application to remove soil is being considered by SEPA.	
b.	<b><u>Elgin Academy</u></b>  No Update	
c.	<b><u>Primary Schools</u></b>  No Update	
8.	<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>  No Report.  Alastair Kennedy advised that there was a problem with the funding report submitted to the Moray Council. At present Community Councils and Area Forums' funding will remain as it is.	AK
9.	<b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS</u></b>  See Planning Committee above	
b.	<b><u>ELGIN FUND COOPER PARK</u></b>  Cllr Mike Shand reported that after much debate and a motion proposed by Cllr Graham Leadbitter and Seconded by Cllr Mike Shand the proposed amphitheatre is to go ahead.	
c.	<b><u>ELGIN CATHEDRAL</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy advised that he had no response from Historic Scotland on lighting up the cathedral. Cllr John Divers advised Alastair to speak to Bob Stewart who works with Historic Scotland.	AK
10.	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b>  Gordon Methven reported that funding for the community awards was progressing well. It was agreed that Elgin Community Council would sponsor the event to the sum of £200.	GM/SM
b.	<b><u>TRAINING</u></b>  Dates have been circulated for various training events.	All
11.	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy advised that a request had been submitted for Moray to host the Rural Parliament.	

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	<p>It was agreed that Alastair Kennedy would attend the Community Empowerment Conference in June 2015.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy outlined the Hitrans Travel Card scheme and provided a number of cards for people to take if required.</p> <p>Iain Catto asked if we should respond to the Scottish Rural Parliament Action Plan. Gordon Methven advised that he was seeking a group response via the JCC. Iain Catto offered to help.</p> <p>Oliver Baylis highlighted that some schools were closed on polling days which in recent years were quite prevalent and asked if this could be addressed. Cllr John Divers and Cllr Mike Shand said that security arrangements could limit the options available however, it was also noted that in other places a variety of venues were being used.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>GM/IC</p> <p>OB</p>
12.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>7:00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 20:33.</p>	

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

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_