

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Gordon METHVEN(Chair), Oliver BAYLIS, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY, Ann GLOVER, Maureen MANSON, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Sgt Sean JONES (Police Scotland), Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach). Catriona GRAY, John ROBERTSON (P&J)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Cllr James ALLAN, Iain CATTO, Gordie WELLS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Gordon Methven welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Andrew Gray with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Abelleo's failure to run 7:25am train – Steven Christie to circulate response from Richard Lochhead. Resuscitation Conference – Bryan Watson to attend. Eight Acres Flowerbed – Cllr Kirsty Reid is progressing discussions with Glen Moray Distillery Manager Seagulls Nuisance – See environment report</p>	
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>See report.</p> <p>Tacks on the road at Anderson Drive New Elgin causing tyre damage is still ongoing and being investigated.</p> <p>3 Instances of house breaking were noted. Sgt Sean Jones issued a reminder about the danger of leaving insecure premises or unlocked cars as they are tempting targets for criminals.</p> <p>Parking at Elgin Community Centre and at various schools is being addressed.</p> <p>Driving without seat belts or while using mobile phones was again targeted.</p> <p>24 calls of antisocial behaviour were reported during the month.</p> <p>Anne Glover said that the lollipop lady at New Elgin School seemed to have difficulty keeping order with the complex traffic situation at that location and asked if anything could be done about this. It was thought not. Cllr John Divers had noticed that the situation was made worse by parents ignoring the drop off area rules.</p> <p>Gordon Methven had attended a meeting with the Justice Secretary in Elgin Police Station and was asked if we had been given guidance / instruction by police in Moray to enable us to understand the statistics they provided. It was agreed that we did not need guidance on how to understand the statistics.</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Krystian Kaczala reported that he was still working on the real time timetable signage and hoped the system would be operational soon.</p> <p>Road works have cause d many delays in the area particularly Aberlour and Inverness town centre. Further</p>	

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	delays are expected in the near future when 18 weeks of road works starts in Keith. Service 35 has changed at Banff due to the opening times of the Banff Academy.	
c.	<u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u> No Report	
d.	<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> 1) Scottish Government – Fairer Scotland www.fairer.scot conference Glasgow 16/9/2015. No one offered to attend. 2) Foundation Scotland – Achieving impact with Community Benefit Alexander Graham Bell Centre 29/9/2015. Alastair Kennedy and Gordon Methven to attend. 3) Moray Council Draft Homeless strategy – Individuals to respond if they wish. 4) Covesea Road change of road priorities – No comment	
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<u>PLANNING</u> James Wiseman reported that we participated in the Elgin South Long Master Planning workshop. An update was circulated recently on Brown Muir wind farm.	
b.	<u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u> Anne Glover had obtained a quotation for painting the railings at the Ladyhill. There was a discussion about other ways of getting the work done. Deferred to discuss with Alastair Kennedy. Anne Glover also noted that the Lady hill walk has been done really well and Pat Patterson reported that the dangerous balustrades were being attended to. Pat Patterson outlines the discussions she had on the problem of the seagulls. After some discussion Cllr John Divers outlined other agencies looking at this problem and advised a concerted approach. Pat Paterson to ensure that Elgin Community Council is involved in this. Mary Wall reported that the food and drink festival went really well. Pat Patterson and Mary Wall had attended the sustainability forum whose AGM is on 26/9/2015.	
c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u> R&T committee are looking for planning details of the car dealerships on East Road. They have not had a response and feel ignored. They intend to escalate the investigation. Eddie Wallace advised that they have challenged Abelleo on their lack of disabled facilities.	
d.	<u>YOUTH.</u> No Report	
e.	<u>LICENSING</u> No Report	
f.	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> No Report	
g.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	EGM 1/10/2015	
h.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	
	Gordon Methven reported that Social Media was going well and we await a report from Bryan Watson	

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i.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> See report	
j.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> See Report	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u> See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk	
b.	<u>SPICE</u> See Minutes circulated. SPICE is being restructured into focus groups.	
c.	<u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u> Tracey Rae has been replaced temporarily by Ian Todd until a replacement is appointed.	
d.	<u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTEs – No report</u> No update	
e.	<u>EMERGENCY and RESILIENCE PLANNING</u>	
	A draft resilience plan was circulated by Andrew Gray and a workshop is proposed for early October.	
7.	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
a.	<u>New Elgin High School</u> Gordon Methven read out the letter from Pat Leonard of the Elgin High School Parent Council. Gordon Methven to write a supporting letter.	
b.	<u>Elgin Academy</u> No report	
c.	<u>Primary Schools</u> No report	
8.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> No Report	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS</u> No report	
b.	<u>LIGHTING UP ELGIN CATHEDRAL</u> No update	
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Nomination forms are now available but nomination by Facebook are preferred. Nomination forms will be live till the end of the month.	

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b.	<u>ELGIN FESTIVAL</u>	
	CCC have a festival plan and the Community Council efforts will support that.	
c.	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	Further mediation training is proposed.	
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> David Chapman asked how many refugees would be housed in Moray and what pressure that is likely to put on services such as the food bank. Cllr Kirsty Reid suggested the number was not set but likely to be in the order of 30 people and it is hoped they will come with skills that Moray is short of. David asked if there would be any change to that given Moray's previous status in relation to the plan to cater for potential volcanic disruption refugees from Iceland which was in circulation in the 1960s? Pat Paterson noted difficulties crossing the High Street at Poundland and asked if a crossing should be considered. It was thought that this would not be possible due to the bend. Steven Christie noted that the Affasair group had met with the CEO of the NHS and were pursuing a pain clinic in Moray. Cllr Divers noted how long such requests had been going on for. It was understood that the NHS had spent £100k on Pain Clinics in Aberdeen Gordon Methven raised an observation that disabled people on the trains were being given wrong information specifically, which end of the train to go to when a train splits in Inverness.	
12.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 13 th October 2015 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
13.	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Gordon Methven

Date: _____