

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies</u> . (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GREY Ann GLOVER, Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Pam GOWANS (Speaker) Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, PC Alison THOW (Police Scotland), Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach). Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Maureen MANSON, Gordie WELLS, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker.</p>	
c.	<p><u>SPEAKER – PAM GOWANS</u></p> <p><u>Health and Social Care Integration.</u></p> <p>Pam Gowans outlined the history of health and social care integration, the challenge to find the right services at reasonable cost and the need for engagement with the public to prioritise areas of spend. The Integrated Joint Board starts to act on 1st April 2016 and is seeking to build engagement with Community Councils.</p> <p>She described the split of localities in Moray and how they were devised. The community can help by volunteering but the service should not be solely dependent on that. Pam pointed out that it was recognised that staff already go the extra mile.</p> <p>Members of Elgin Community Council highlighted the demand for services in Elgin giving some examples of services discussed previously. Pam requested details of areas to look at.</p> <p>Access to GPs and the role of A&E was discussed along with other challenges such as the co-location of staff working well together experiencing a clash of cultures between organisations.</p> <p>David Chapman asked why unused medication cannot be reused and Pam undertook to come back with answer.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Steven Christie with the following corrections.</p> <p>Item 5c the action was a future action.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3a – Cancellation of 7.25am train – response from Richard Lochhead to be circulated by Steven Christie. 6 Failures, 4 were due to Engine failure and 2 were due to train staff sickness.</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3b – Bryan Watson to attend the Community Resuscitation Conference being held on 18th October 2015.</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3c – Eight Acres flower bed – Councillor Reid has helped greatly with this.</p> <p>d. Page 2 item 4d(2) - Foundation Scotland – Achieving impact with Community Benefit at Alexander Graham Bell Centre on 29/9/2015 – Alastair Kennedy advised the event was cancelled</p> <p>e. Page 2 item 5c(1) – Car dealerships displaying cars on the verges of the A96 East Road – Ongoing with Eddie Wallace</p> <p>f. Page 3 item 7a- Letter to John Swinnie re Elgin High replacement project – Gordon Methven</p>	

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	<p>acknowledged as a well researched piece.</p> <p>g. Page 4 item 10 c – Iain Catto attended a community empowerment conference in Inverurie and will circulate a report.</p> <p>h. Page 4 item 11a – Refugee plans for Moray area – Moray Council are prioritising storage and vehicle training to enable refugees to arrive.</p> <p>i. Page 4 item 11b – Crossing at Poundland – Cllr John Divers took this up with Steven Cooper. It is thought to be difficult to achieve but Elgin Community Council should request a crossing to see what the response is.</p>	
a.	<u>CO-OPTION</u>	
	Catriona Grey was co-opted on to the Elgin Community Council with no objections.	
4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>See Report</p> <p>PC Alison Thow highlighted the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tacks damaging cars in New Elgin – ongoing and being investigated. • Moray wide vandalism is being reported • Parking and speeding is being targeted. • Litter problem at the skate park is being dealt with sensitively. 	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Kristian Kaczala said that he would be moving to Eastbourne in November and added that Moray was one of the best places he has worked. Alastair Kennedy thanked Kristian for attending the Community Council acknowledging his commitment to providing a good service. Everyone supported this.</p> <p>No service changes this month. Customer numbers are going down across Scotland.</p> <p>Pat Patterson related a bad experience with a driver on 9th September at 8:08pm. Kristian Kaczala asked Pat Patterson to email her query to Stagecoach and asked that any such issues be reported as a matter of urgency to get the best resolution.</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Elgin Main Post Office – Based on past experience it was considered to be a waste of time responding to this consultation.</p> <p>Moray 2023 – There are dates for the Moray 2023 consultation event and these have been circulated. Elgin 9/11/2015</p> <p>Gambling Act – Iain Catto is collating responses and has asked for responses by 13Nov 2015</p> <p>Gordon Methven read out an invitation to a consultation event for a 49.9MW solar farm at Milton Airfield. The event is in the Lhanbryde Hall on 27th October 2015 at 2:30pm.</p>	
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>Findrassie – Meeting on 19th October to get feedback.</p>	
b.	<p><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Anne Glover reported that she got the railings at Ladyhill painted.</p> <p>Anne Glover said that she would be resigning after the next meeting. Alastair Kennedy asked for the Community Council's thanks to Anne for her years of hard work to be minuted.</p> <p>Further to the discussion in previous months, Pat Paterson to contact Moray Council regarding a collaborative approach to the Seagulls problem.</p>	

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c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u>	<p>Eddie Wallace advised that there was movement on the car dealerships property lines on East Road.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace remarked at the condition of the skatepark and suggested contacting Sports Scotland for assistance in making it more of a hub to discourage litter etc.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace and David Chapman advised that they would be attending the Moray Disability Forum AGM on 23 Oct 2015.</p>
d.	<u>YOUTH.</u>	No report
e.	<u>LICENCING</u>	None to consider
f.	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u>	No Report
g.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	EGM to be held w/c 19/10/2015
h.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	No Report
i.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	No Report
j.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>	No 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 The November meeting is the AGM
b.	<u>SPICE</u>	See Minutes circulated.
c.	<u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u>	The next meeting of the JCC is 21/11/2015. The proposed changes to the constitution were rejected.
d.	<u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report</u>	Remove from the agenda
e.	<u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLANNING</u>	Andrew Gray outlined his proposal for a workshop to develop the plan and offer as training.
7.	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
a.	<u>New Elgin High School</u>	

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	No Report	
b.	<u>Elgin Academy</u> No Report	
c.	<u>Primary Schools</u> No Report	
8.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> The number 1 account is on target and number 2 is at £3,237.	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS</u> Remove from the agenda	
b.	<u>LIGHTING UP CATHEDRAL</u> Not progressed. There was a discussion on the lights on the Landshut Bridge.	
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Nominations are closed and the panel of Judges meets on 29 th October with the event being held on 20 th November 2015 at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre and all EC members are invited.	
b.	<u>ELGIN FESTIVAL</u> Not being progressed until CCC develop their plans.	
c.	<u>TRAINING</u> The training on 29 September was mentioned.	
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Remembrance Day parade attendees gather at 10am on 8 th November 2015. Wreaths ordered. Sandbags used for signs are littering the town. Ask Roads Department to identify the who was working where from NRSWA records. Stephen Christie asked if it was possible to delist a building to allow renovation? Iain Catto noted the Ukranian Choir Concert in St Columba's church and that it was a credit to Elgin to attract that standard of choir. James Wiseman noted that John Williamson had been promoted to 9 th Degree Grand Master in Tae Kwon-Do which is the highest grade in Tae Kwon-Do and there are only a handful of people in the world who are at that level. It is another success from Elgin. Cllr Graham Leadbitter highlighted the problem of checking streetlights and said that any failed streetlights could be reported and it is helpful to note the number on the lamp standard. Cllr Patsy Gowans said that the Childrens Hearings Scotland panel are recruiting and applicants can apply locally or online by 10/11/2015.	
12.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th November 2015 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
13.	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

ELGIN

October 2015

**Data Presented for the period 01/09/2015 -
01/10/2015**

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1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

- **Ongoing Investigations in Elgin**

Operation Abel - Enquiries are still ongoing into the damage caused to car tyres in New Elgin as a result of tacks being thrown onto the road. There have been several new incidents this month. We are working closely with Moray Council to try to resolve this issue.

Operation Regard - This is a Moray-wide operation focusing on vandalism.

Anyone with any information on crimes in the Elgin Policing Area should contact The Police Service of Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or call in person at Elgin Police Office.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR PRIORITIES

Our multi member ward plans are designed to address your priorities, which are:

Community Focus

Elgin based officers can be alerted to issues in your neighbourhoods by means of email. Messages should be sent to

ElginNorthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
ElginSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

During the month, amongst other things, Elgin-based officers have devoted effort to issues raised by the community including:

Parking issues in the area of the Community Centre.

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Parking issues and driver behaviour around schools, especially Bishopmill Primary School / Elgin Academy, and New Elgin Primary School.

Road Safety and Road Crime

Operation Cedar continues, with a particular focus on those who do not wear seat belts, and those who use mobile telephones whilst driving.

Elgin based officers have carried out speed checks in a number of areas using a hand-held radar speed detection device.

We recorded

- 3 offences involving the use of a mobile telephone.
- 10 offences involving failure to wear a seatbelt.
- 4 Careless driving offences.
- 4 offences involving drink or drugs.

Antisocial Behaviour

We received 28 calls reporting noisy neighbours.

Vandalism - we recorded 20 instances of vandalism. Our detection rate for this crime type is currently 30%. Vandalism is a notoriously difficult crime to solve.

Drugs

We recorded

- 10 offences relating to the possession of illegal drugs.
- 1 offence of possession with intent to supply.

Other Crime of Interest

Violence

36 crimes of a domestic nature were recorded during the month. 73% of these have been detected.

36 incidents of assault were recorded. There is no specific pattern to this type of offending which also includes domestic assault. 75% of the assaults reported to us have been detected.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Op Regard is a local initiative aimed at reducing and detecting crimes of vandalism. Every vandalism reported to us will be fully investigated. We will be increasing our patrolling activity in areas identified as being vandalism hot-spots. The campaign

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has had its media launch. During October, as part of this initiative, we will be conducting school watch patrols at local schools during the holidays. In the run up to Halloween, we will be contacting retailers to encourage responsible sale of fireworks and other items often used in incidents of antisocial behavior at this time of year.

Elgin Inspectors:

Inspector Ewan Strachan
Inspector Grant McCutcheon

Your team is based at Elgin Police Office

Contact us: In a non-emergency – **101**

Police Service of Scotland

The Police Service of Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at facebook.com/policescotland

CRIMESTOPPERS

If anyone has any information relating to crime, please call the Police Service of Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity, anonymously. They can also be contacted via their website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (0800 28 22 33) and email service parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk for anyone with concern about a child. www.parentlinescotland.org.uk