

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th December 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'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Sgt Stewart ERRINGTON (Police), Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Steven MILNE, Maureen MANSON, Cllr James ALLAN,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Pat Paterson with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3a – Cancellation of 7.25am train – Continue to monitor</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3c – Eight Acres flower bed – Councillor Reid is to contact Glenmoray Distillery.– Councillor Reid</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3d – Car dealerships displaying cars on the verges of the A96 East Road – Ongoing with Eddie Wallace and David Chapman</p> <p>d. Page 1 item 3g – Refugee plans for Moray area – Councillor Reid</p> <p>e. Page 1 item 3h – Crossing at Poundland – David Chapman advised that Eddie Wallace had written to the roads engineer. Eddie Wallace</p> <p>f. Page 2 item 4a(3) – PS Jones to research running lights and report back. PS Jones</p> <p>g. Page 2 item 4a(4) – PS Jones to research reports of a rise in domestic violence and report back – PS Jones</p> <p>h. Page 2 item 5b(3) – Reciprocal gifts for Elgin Illinois – All</p> <p>i. Page 2 item 5b(4) – Report on sustainability forum – Pat Paterson/Mary wall</p> <p>j. Page 2 item 5c(3) – Report on Moray Transport Seminar – Eddie Wallace/David Chapman</p> <p>k. Page 2 item 5c(5) – Crossing on the A96 at East Road – All</p> <p>l. Page 5 item 10b – Elgin Festival - Reminder to be sent to Jim Royan – Gordon Methven</p> <p>m. Page 5 item 11a – Fleeces – Gordon Methven</p> <p>n. Page 5 item 11b – Feedback on WLR to be circulated – Alastair Kennedy</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>KR</p> <p>EW/DC</p> <p>KR</p> <p>DC/EW</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>All</p> <p>MW/PP</p> <p>EW/DC</p> <p>All</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>AK</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>See Report</p> <p>Sgt Errington highlighted advice on drink driving and home security.</p>	

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b.	<u>STAGECOACH</u> No Report	
c.	<u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – See Report</u> No Report	
d.	<u>CONSULTATIONS</u> National Care Standards TSI Moray Compact Transportation for small developments in the country	
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<u>PLANNING</u> Discussed proposed response to planning applications 15/02020/APP and 15/02032/APP and response to be amended to reference “sensitive integration” and both are to be submitted as representations.	
b.	<u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u> The Fair Trade group are taking a stall at the farmers market in Elgin on 19/12/2015. Assistance was requested. Pat Paterson and Mary Wall gave a talk in Hopeman on Fair Trade. Elgin Academy have expressed an interest in running a Fair Trade event.	All PP/MW
c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u> Access to Streets was raised at the disability forum. ECC to assist with Street Audits.	DC
d.	<u>YOUTH.</u> No report	
e.	<u>LICENCING</u> No report	
f.	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> No report	
g.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u> No report	
h.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u> ECC Facebook page gets 10 visits a day and has a weekly reach of 3000 from 551 contacts.	
i.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> No Report	
j.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> See Report Gordon Methven added a comment about the rural summit.	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	

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a.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u> James Wiseman reported the South Forum was in abeyance. South Forum members to be offered link with ECC	JW/AK
b.	<u>SPICE</u> See Minutes circulated. Steve Christie highlighted the recent award from Keep Scotland Beautiful.	
c.	<u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u> The November meeting was poorly attended. The new CCLO is Jane Martin.	
d.	<u>RESILLIENCE PLAN</u> Meeting to be arranged for 2 nd or 3 rd week in January	AG
7.	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
a.	<u>New Elgin High School</u> High School progressing towards start on site April 2016. Finance is expected to be closed by February 2016.	
b.	<u>Elgin Academy</u>	
c.	<u>Primary Schools</u> Recent rezoning plan was approved by Moray Council.	
8.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> In the absence of the Treasurer, Alastair Kennedy reported that the grant had been received and ECC budget is on track.	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>LIGHTING UP THE CATHEDRAL</u> No Report	
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Gordon Methven reported on a successful Community Awards event. He complimented the Northern Scot on their excellent coverage of the event. A future event is being considered and the date is being reviewed.	
b.	<u>ELGIN FESTIVAL</u> Gordon Methven to forward thoughts on an Elgin Festival to Jim Royan.	
c.	<u>TRAINING</u> No Update	
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> 1) Alastair Kennedy mentioned the RAF involvement in conflict and wished to pass on our thoughts to the families of those on active service. 2) The new leader programme is recruiting a local action group of upto 25 members with interest in	

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	<p>rural affairs.</p> <p>3) Eddie Wallace proposed attending the Forres A96 monitoring group.</p> <p>4) Bryan Watson suggested tarring of the new carpark at Edgar Road.</p> <p>5) Alastair Kennedy mentioned that Innes CC had raised a complaint about health board meetings being held in Aberdeen on Saturday mornings</p>	
12.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 12th January 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
13.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair wished everyone the compliments of the season and closed the meeting at 20:35.</p>	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

ELGIN

8 December 2015

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1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

- Ongoing Investigations in Elgin

Enquiries are still ongoing into the damage caused to car tyres in New Elgin as a result of tacks being thrown onto the road. However, there have been no new incidents in the last month.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any other crimes in the Elgin Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Elgin Police Office.

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

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL 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.

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

Motorists speeding in residential areas

Youth annoyance in the vicinity of the St Giles Centre.

Road Safety and Road Crime

The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2015 will commence at 0700 hours Friday 4 December 2015, and run for a period of four weeks until 0700 hours Friday 1

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January 2016. This coincides with the first anniversary of the introduction of the lower drink drive limit in Scotland

Despite the general perception that drink/drug driving is socially unacceptable, many who persist in doing so consider it to be a low-risk activity in terms of the likelihood of being involved in a collision or being caught. This year's initiative will focus on increasing the number of vehicles stopped and thereby increasing the likelihood of offenders being detected.

Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's 2020 casualty reduction targets. Increasing awareness of the risks associated with driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs will have a clear impact on the Force's efforts to reduce road casualties and all operational officers will support this initiative.

Antisocial Behaviour

During the period, 1 November 2015 to 1 December 2015, 119 reports of antisocial behaviour were reported to us. These included noise disturbance, general disturbance, public nuisance and drug misuse.

Over the period there were 14 vandalisms of which 6 have been detected. Of note was damage caused to head stones in Elgin Cemetery by spraying paint on them. Inquiry into this incident is ongoing. During the early hours of 23 November 2 men, who remain unidentified, were observed walking along South Guildry street kicking wing mirrors off cars. 3 cars were damaged and our inquiry is continuing.

Drugs

There has been 1 case relating to the illegal supply of drugs and 8 others regarding possession of illicit substances. Small quantities of Class A, B and C drugs have been recovered.

Other Crime of Interest

There were two break ins to domestic properties: a garden shed was broken into in the Bishopmill area, but nothing was stolen. This remains under investigation. A dovecot was broken into in Hermes Road, and pigeons were stolen. Investigation into this is complete and a local man was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Violence

There was 1 assault in Elgin during the period which resulted in the victim requiring hospital treatment for an injury. The offender has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Domestic crimes occupy a considerable amount of our time: 17 were recorded during the month. All but 1 have been detected with reports being submitted to the procurator fiscal.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Prevention activity is increasing in importance. With the onset of the darker evenings, Police Scotland are reminding householders to be aware of not leaving their houses in darkness when they are out. This gives an easy indication to thieves that you are out, persons are encouraged to use lights on timers to give the impression that a house is occupied. Consideration should also be given to fitting security lights. We are keen to pass the message to our community that, although Elgin and the surrounding area is a safe place to live, with very low crime rates, the likelihood of becoming the victim of theft can be greatly reduced by taking a few moments to make sure that property is secure.

The 'After Dark' initiative will be running during the winter months whereby officers will put notes through the doors of houses which are unlit and obviously unoccupied to remind householders to take care.

Elgin Inspectors:

Inspector Ewan Strachan
Inspector Grant McCutcheon

Your team is based at Elgin Police Office

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

Once an incident has been recorded a decision will then be made, dependent on the circumstances as to which officer is best placed to address the problem.

POLICE SCOTLAND

Police 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 controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call the Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers

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on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any
crime or criminal activity anonymously. They can be contacted via the 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.
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Secretary's report for December meeting

Wednesday 11/11/15 Along with Alastair Kennedy and Steve Christie I attended a steering group meeting of the Moray Community Awards. This was to finalize preparations for the event on 20/11/15.

Thursday 12/11/15 Along with Andrew Gray I attended the JCC meeting in Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin. The minutes of this have been circulated.

Friday 20/11/15 Along with Alastair Kennedy and Steve Christie I attended the Moray Community Awards ceremony held at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre where yours truly did the welcome speech. The event went well albeit there may be some slight alterations needed to ensure things run more smoothly. Seeing the faces of the winners though made it all worthwhile. We also had excellent coverage in the Northern Scot.

Tuesday 24/11/15 I attended the Rural Summit held at the Brunton Theatre complex in Musselburgh. The bid to host the second Rural Parliament for Scotland has been won by Brechin, Angus and will take place on 6th to 8th October 2016. From the speeches by Nicola Sturgeon and Richard Lochhead it is clear the Rural Parliament movement has the full backing and ear of the Scottish Government. I therefore feel it's important we are represented at such gatherings. I will submit a fuller report in due course.

Gordon Methven
Secretary