

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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'), Iain CATTO,  Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Andrew GRAY,  Catriona GRAY Maureen MANSON, Steven MILNE,  Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE,  Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Kirsty REID, Sgt Sean Jones (Police Scotland),  Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot) Diane BURGESS (Scottish Water)  Stephen COOPER (Moray Council) Steven WILLIAMSON (Moray Council)</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Gordie WELLS, Craig Woodall (Stagecoach)  Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,  Cllr Mike SHAND, Alex Irving (Community Warden)</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>Stephen P Cooper of Moray Council outlined forthcoming changes in waste management regulations that will see a ban on organic waste going to landfill after 2020. To adapt to this regulation, Moray Council intend to buy into a waste incinerator scheme in Aberdeen, closing facilities at Dallachy, Lossiemouth and Brumley Brae, and expand the facility at Moycroft. Steven Williamson then outlined the proposed changes at Moycroft and fielded a number of questions on recycling. The Moycroft facility is expected to be up and running by summer 2017.</p> <p>The main concerns raised were the impact of noise and odour on neighbouring housing sites including South Lesmurdie.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Catriona Gray with no objections although it was noted that there was no date at the top of the minute.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>a) Eddie Wallace has written to East Road car dealerships regarding delineation of boundaries.  b) Kirsty Reid gave an update on the refugees coming to Elgin  c) R&amp;T subgroup are awaiting reply on request for a crossing at Poundland, High Street.  d) Actions on domestic violence and daytime running lights were closed.  e) Eddie Wallace proposed a video production as a reciprocal gift for Elgin Illinois. A subgroup was set up comprising Eddie Wallace, Steven Christie, Alastair Kennedy, Maureen Manson and Mary Wall.</p>	<p>EW  KR  EW  EW et al</p>
4.	<p><b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b></p> <p>See Report</p> <p>Sgt Sean Jones read out the monthly report. There was a discussion on whether the reduction in drink driving was due to reduction of the limit or less detection. It was thought to be due to the reduced limit resulting in less people "chancing" it.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked about parking at the Planestones and was advised not to do so unless while loading,</p>	

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	unloading or dropping off.	AK
b.	<b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b>  No Report	
c.	<b><u>SCOTTISH WATER – See above</u></b>  Diane Burgess introduced herself as the new Regional Communities Manager replacing Joanna Peebles covering Moray, Aberdeen, Highland and the Western Isles. She explained that with such a large area it would be difficult for her to attend many meetings but she would always be available. Members should contact the Scottish Water helpline for any personal matters and contact herself for any community issues.  Diane Burgess to provide contact details	DB
d.	<b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></b>  No Report	
e.	<b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b>  National Care Standards – No response was filed TSi – Moray Compact – Alastair Kennedy to comment Transport Development in the Countryside – Iain Catto to submit response. FSC and PAFC consultation on forrest management – Alastair Kennedy replied NHS event on 28/1/2016 was cancelled. Alastair Kennedy & George Littlejohn to attend rail event 29/1/2016 Health Point Review by Scottish Health Council to be passed to the disability forum.	AK IC  AK AK/EW
5.	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>  Consultations discussed past month were submitted.	
b.	<b><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b>  A Fair Trade talk is planned for Hopeman tomorrow and another for Elgin Academy in two weeks time.	
c.	<b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u></b>  Eddie Wallace wrote to Abellio regarding an incident when a passenger's luggage was left on the platform after staff had assisted her to board the train.  There was a discussion about the skate park drinking and litter problems.	EW
d.	<b><u>YOUTH.</u></b>  No Report	
e.	<b><u>LICENCING</u></b>  <b>Licensing Report 12 January 2016</b>  Application by Ta Na Chen for a Late Hours Catering Licence for 41 High Street, Elgin  This was for Fridays and Saturdays from 11pm – 12.30am. This was a new business taking over empty premises. The only comments received were broadly supportive of the application, so no objection was offered.  <i>Iain Catto 8 January 2016</i>	
f.	<b><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u></b>  It was noted that the lights were still on and brightening up January.	
g.	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>	

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	Meeting to be held tomorrow to discuss use of vinyl art over the windows to improve the appearance.	
h.	<b><u>Social Media</u></b>	
	No Report	
i.	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>  Chair's report for January meeting.  This month has been very quiet as one would expect. I have attended three meetings only since our last meeting  <b>15/12/14</b> I attended the inaugural meeting of Grant Lodge Trust. Apart from the board there were almost 40 people in attendance including Councillors Patsy Gowans and James Allen.  <b>17/12/14</b> Along with our other members involved I attended a de-brief meeting of the Community Awards Group. The Awards Ceremony was very successful and it was agreed that this initiative would be continued this year.  <b>04/01/16</b> As members of the Community Engagement Group, Steven and myself met with other community members of the group to discuss what we perceive as problems with the way the CEG runs and what it achieves.  <b>13/01/16</b> along with George Littlejohn, I will be meeting with a representative of Abellio which is the company which won the rail franchise. We met previously with the company before they won the contract so we will be lobbying strongly for a greatly improved service for the North East of Scotland - mainly on the Inverness to Aberdeen line.	
j.	<b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b>  No Report	
6.	<b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy gave an update on assisting former members of the Elgin South Forum.	AK/JW
b.	<b><u>SPICE</u></b>  Steve Christie has updated the SPICE Action Plan which focuses on the Environment aspects.	
c.	<b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>  Next meeting is 11/2/2016 and a subgroup is to be formed to look at the constitution.	
d.	<b><u>EMERGENCY &amp; RESILLIENCE PLAN</u></b>  Andrew Gray has issued an invitation to the emergency and resilience plan workshop at Elgin Academy on Wednesday 20/1/2016.	AG
7.	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>New Elgin High School</u></b>  No Update	
b.	<b><u>Elgin Academy</u></b>  No Update	
c.	<b><u>Primary Schools</u></b>  Iain Catto had attended the meeting about a new primary school for Elgin South located at East End School. Eddie Wallace and Iain Catto to respond to the consultation which Iain said was due by 4/2/2016.  There was a discussion about the ill-judged comments by a Councillor which had been reported in the press and prevent that Councillor from voting on the subject.	IC/EW

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8.	<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>  Steven Milne reported that our budget was on track, the grant was received and the account was holding approximately £3,500	
9.	<b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>LIGHTING UP ELGIN CATHEDRAL</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy to write to CCC project to indicate support from ECC for lighting up the Cathedral.	<b><u>AK</u></b>
b.	<b><u>STREET AUDITS</u></b>  There are two session forthcoming but no details are available.	EW/AK
c.	<b><u>GIFTS FROM ILLINOIS</u></b>  See matters arising (above)	
d.	<b><u>FLEECES</u></b>  It was proposed to have fleeces available for purchase by Community Council members. Eddie Wallace to design the logo. James Wiseman asked if they should all be the same colour and if not, can the colours of the logo be selected to be clear on any colour.	
e.	<b><u>FINDRASSIE AND ELGIN SOUTH MASTER PLANS</u></b>  Iain Catto reported that the Findrassie developer had expressed a wish to continue liaising with the Community Council as the development progresses.  There is a meeting about the Elgin South Master Plan to be arranged with Springfield developments w/c 25/1/2016 anyone wishing to attend should advise Alastair Kennedy	AK/JW/All
10.	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b>  A meeting is to be arranged to discuss next years event.	
b.	<b><u>ELGIN FESTIVAL</u></b>  Gordon Methven expressed the view that if CCC group was working on a medieval festival it would be counter productive for us to work on a separate one. Our previous decision to support their initiative would therefore seem to be the right one.	
c.	<b><u>TRAINING</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy asked for any training requests.	All
11.	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>  Mary Wall thanked all who helped with the Fair Trade stall at the Farmers Market 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 and reported that the raffle raised £80.  Cllr Patsy Gowans advised that Elgin Councillors would be campaigning for the Scottish elections but would endeavour to ensure at least one of them attends our meetings.	Cllrs
12.	<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>  7:00pm Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
13.	<b><u>CLOSE</u></b>  There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9:00pm.	

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

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

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

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

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

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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**ELGIN**

**12 January 2016**

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### 1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

#### - Ongoing Investigations in Elgin

Enquiries are still ongoing into the damage caused to car tyres in the Bezack Street / Anderson Drive area of New Elgin as a result of tacks being thrown onto the road. Unfortunately there have been several new reports during December. To date, no one in the area has witnessed anybody throwing tacks, or acting suspiciously in the area.

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

Feedback provided in relation to the use of daytime running lights.

### 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](mailto:ElginNorthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)  
[ElginSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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

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The Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative 2015 Ran between 0700 hours Friday 4 December 2015, and 0700 hours Friday 1 January 2016. This coincided with the first anniversary of the introduction of the lower drink drive limit in Scotland. Five people were charged with drink driving offences during December.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

During the period, 1 December 2015 to 31 December 2015, 98 reports of antisocial behaviour were made to us. These included noise disturbance, general disturbance, public nuisance and drug misuse.

Over the period there were 18 vandalisms of which 6 have been detected.

### **Drugs**

There has been 1 case relating to the illegal supply of drugs and 11 others regarding possession of illicit substances. Small quantities of Class A, B and C drugs have been recovered.

### **Other Crime of Interest**

There was a series of break-ins to garden sheds and garages in the area of Ferrier Terrace / Woodlands Crescent / Spynie Place. A local man was arrested and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

The Scout Hut at the Wards was broken into. A local man and woman were arrested and have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A commercial premises at the east end of High Street was broken into and cash and computer equipment stolen. Investigation into this crime is ongoing.

There were 2 attempted robberies in Elgin during December one at Tyock and one in the vicinity of the Wards. No property was stolen and no injuries were sustained by the victims. Inquiry is ongoing.

### **Violence**

There were no assaults in Elgin during the period which resulted in the victim requiring hospital treatment for an injury.

Domestic crimes occupy a considerable amount of our time: 26 were recorded during the month. All but 6 have been detected with reports being submitted to the procurator fiscal.



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<b>4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES</b>
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Prevention activity is increasing in importance. With the darker evenings, Police Scotland are reminding householders to be aware of not leaving their houses in darkness when they are out. Occupants 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 Graeme Allan  
Inspector Grant McCutcheon

Your team is based at ElginPolice 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](http://www.scotland.police.uk) and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at [facebook.com/policescotland](https://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  
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