

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday <insert Date> 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 Aileen MARSHALL, Maureen MANSON, Steven MILNE, 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, Insp Paul McCruden (Police Scotland), Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>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.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Catriona Gray with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 2c – Heritage centre re minutes – Ongoing</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3c - Splitting the Fair Trade and Environment Committee from the Leisure and Recreation Committee. – Ongoing</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3e – Illinois gift (see agenda item)</p> <p>d. Page 1 item 4a – Meeting with Elgin Inspector, Police Scotland – Gordon Methven met to discuss how both police and the Community Council's can benefit from providing each other with information.</p> <p>e. Page 2 item 4d(1) – Response to Elgin School rezoning consultation – Complete</p> <p>f. Page 2 item 4d(2) – response to developer obligations consultation (see agenda item)</p> <p>g. Page 2 item 5b –Invite Ken Kennedy, Lands and Parks, Moray Council to speak – Ongoing</p> <p>h. Page 2 item 4f – Rep on licensing forum, Iain Catto offered to apply for the role.</p> <p>i. Page 5 item 13a – Pain Clinic, write to Pam Gowans, Malcolm Wright and Richard Lochhead to request action if nothing forthcoming (already on agenda) – Postponed as movement has occurred on this item and is being monitored.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>All</p> <p>JW</p> <p>AK</p> <p>IC</p> <p>CG</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>See report attached.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the figures and drug dealing incident. It was noted that dog fouling fixed penalties have gone up from £40 to £80.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding anti-social driving in the Murdoch's Wynd/Haugh Road/Bibby Place area.</p>	PMcC
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p>	

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	No Report. Alastair Kennedy to invite Willie Findlay as a speaker.	AK
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Moray Council Schools Rezoning and revised admissions to school policy – Iain Catto and Aileen Marshall responded to the consultation.</p> <p>Draft Supplementary Guidance developer obligations – There was a discussion about what involvement Community Council's should have. James Wiseman to discuss with Gary Templeton and respond to the consultation by 04/05/16.</p> <p>Waulkmill Grove consultation – There was a consensus that this would lead to an unpleasant environment. Catriona Gray advised that similar work elsewhere had resulted in children playing in the street rather than in the green space. Alastair Kennedy to respond to the consultation.</p> <p>Proposed Footpath Redetermination – Eddie Wallace responded.</p>	JW AK
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>16/00500 & 16/00501 for 147 High Street were discussed. It was agreed to make a representation indicating concerns over potential litter from a takeaway and the flue being out of keeping with the surrounding architecture but with a clear preference over these for using the building rather than it laying empty.</p> <p>16/00441 Food van at Linkwood – Responded with concern about litter and parking.</p> <p>See also consultation on draft Supplementary Guidance for Developer Obligations.</p>	
b.	<p><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Two committees to be formed.</p> <p>The Fair Trade group raised £200 from activities during Fair Trade fortnight. A leaflet showing Fair Trade Traders in Elgin is planned for August. The idea of a town sign was discussed again and whilst it may not be possible to have two signs at the East and West boundaries of Elgin it could be considered for the North/South entrances.</p>	
c.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Landshut Bridge is lit again.</p> <p>Cllr Patsy Gowans gave a response to the queries about the failure of the football pitches at Deanshaugh which is due to an error by a subcontractor which is being rectified.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy noted the proposal for a new rail stop at Dalcross Airport referenced in a previous ECC report by George Littlejohn.</p>	
d.	<p><u>ELGIN ILLINOIS SUB GROUP</u></p> <p>Pat Paterson showed the reciprocal gifts that had been bought to send to the Mayor of Elgin Illinois. Alastair Kennedy to discuss response with Councillor Stewart Cree.</p>	
e.	<u>YOUTH</u>	
	No committee	
f.	<u>LICENSING</u>	
	No applications	
g.	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that there was an opportunity for the Community Council to raise its profile by purchasing a sign for Grant Lodge incorporating the Community Council logo. It was agreed to proceed with this. Maureen Manson endorsed Alastair Kennedy's Chairman's report of the meeting held 29/3/2016.</p>	
h.	<p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> <p>Bryan Watson reported an increase in social media following with Twitter followers now at 225 and Facebook "likes" at 560. As always Bryan is seeking photos for posts on Facebook to help keep it up to date.</p>	

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i.	<p><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>Chair's report for April meeting.</u></p> <p>23/03/16 I met with Jane Martin, CCLO, to assess the comments from the consultation on a draft Community Council Complaints Procedure and also the agenda for the next JCC meeting.</p> <p>24/03/16 I had a morning meeting to discuss the finalising of the last LEADER programme with the previous chair.</p> <p>24/03/16 That same afternoon saw me attending the first meeting of the new LEADER Local Action Group (LAG). It was agreed that a development day was required ASAP to allow members to better understand what is involved in membership, to better understand the LEADER ethos but also to get to know one another better.</p> <p>29/03/16 In company with Maureen I attended a Grant Lodge Trust meeting. The members are still awaiting information on the proposed "vinyls" which had been proposed to cover the windows and make the building look as if it is used rather than appearing derelict. There was also a proposal to have some form of sign to inform passers-by of what the trust is trying to achieve. I suggested that this may be a way of ECC doing some promotion.</p> <p>31/03/16 I met with George P Littlejohn as he wished to discuss the recent statement from Scottish Government about increased investment in the rail infrastructure and what we should have on the agenda for our next meeting with Network Rail and Abellio.</p> <p>01/04/16 As I had missed a meeting of the Participatory Budgeting (PB) Steering Group and a visit to Nairn to sit through a PB event I met with the Community Support Officer who is supporting the group to catch up with everything I had missed. Another meeting is due to take place in Hopeman on 07/04/16.</p> <p>Unfortunately due to a week in hospital and a slower than expected recovery my activities have been somewhat curtailed. As usual, if anyone wishes and further information on any of the above please get in touch.</p>	
j.	<p><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
6.	<p><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall gave a report of the New Elgin Quines Meeting 6th April</p> <p>For once no significant new issues emerged though Linda is worried about us finding a new cemetery. Not sure there is anything definite new on this topic?</p> <p>Also possible concerns about the amount of parking provided at the new High School – are excess cars likely to end up on adjoining streets? Steven – maybe we can clarify this next week.</p> <p>A lot of wondering re the implications of the WLR decision. Hoping for some clarification (if it exists) at the ECC meeting next week. Maybe the spotlight can now focus on The Wards / Edgar Road / New Elgin Road? All could seriously do with some Designing Streets tlc in terms of community safety.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th May 2pm Allarburn if anyone wants to join us.</p>	
b.	<p><u>SPICE</u></p> <p>See Minutes circulated.</p> <p>Steve Christie highlighted the litter pick at Morriston and the pending responses from local businesses and community organisations including REAP.</p>	
c.	<p><u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></p> <p>A community Councillor from Cullen who has legal expertise has updated the Complaints procedure which has been circulated. It will hopefully be agreed.</p> <p>Complaints procedure now agreed.</p> <p>The Moray Council has allocated £120,000 to be used under a Participatory Budgeting initiative in rural Moray over the next two years. The first year's funding has been matched by the Scottish Government with an amount to be used to cover the costs. However, the money from Scottish Government must be allocated by the end of May which creates a tight time-scale so this is what will be allocated first and all projects must show some economic development.</p> <p>The JCC was invited to lead on this project, a working group of 15 people are taking this forward and an event for voting on applications is proposed in Rothes village hall on 28 May 2016. Alastair Kennedy to circulate details.</p>	AK

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d.	<u>EMERGENCY & RESILLIENCE PLAN</u> James Wiseman advised that the plan was now substantially complete and he would be looking for volunteers to resource the plan. Once volunteers are identified a meeting will be held to outline the plan and how we will operate highlighting that no one will be asked to do anything they are not willing or capable of doing. James Wiseman to issue email invitation to volunteers.	JW
7.	<u>EDUCATION</u> Alastair Kennedy suggested just having education on the agenda instead of the sub headings. It was agreed to do that in future.	
a.	<u>New Elgin High School</u> Councillor John Divers gave an update on the turf cutting ceremony and associated events by pupils who will be first to use the school when complete.	
b.	<u>Elgin Academy</u> No update	
c.	<u>Primary Schools</u> No update	
8.	<u>SANDY ROAD LITTER</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy read out the correspondence asking the Community Council for help. Catriona Gray related an experience from Buckie where the school took the lead and litter was reduced in the short term. Councillor Patsy Gowans said that schools know about the litter problem and are proactive in dealing with it. Alastair Kennedy to speak to the Community Warden and Steve Christie to look in to the use of signs purchased by SPICE.	SC / AK
9.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Steven Milne reported that the budgets were on track and the No 1 Account had a balance of £3,200. Alastair Kennedy asked the Treasurer to send the accounts up to 30/9/2016 to the CCLO.	SM
10.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>REFUGEE PLANS</u> No update.	
b.	<u>FLEECES</u> Gordon circulated a list for sizes. It was agreed to choose Navy for all and to go for the heavier fleece.	GM
c.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u> Action postponed pending recent events. Catriona Gray to monitor and report.	CG
d.	<u>COOPER PARK TENNIS COURTS</u> Alastair Kennedy reported that the Elgin Tennis Club had secured a ten year lease on the Cooper Park tennis courts facilities. This will enable them to apply for funding to bring the courts up to a suitable standard.	
e.	<u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u> Alastair Kennedy to make contact with Innes CC to arrange dates for a meeting with Innes CC, Iain Catto, James Wiseman and Gordon Methven to look at potential community benefit and how it could be used.	AK
11.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> The community awards committee have revised the nomination procedure to ensure fairness by following up	GM

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	nominations to verify the quality of community contribution.	
b.	<u>TRAINING</u> Catriona Gray is awaiting Community Councillor induction training.	CG
12.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> <u>LAPTOP</u> It was decided not to purchase a laptop for the secretary but instead to pay a contribution towards his anti-virus protection. <u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> Alastair Kennedy reported that the CCLO believed she had not received our minutes since January. Gordon Methven advised that she was included in all issuing of approved minutes. <u>OPRG</u> Aileen Marshall to report on Older Peoples Reference Group which is mostly to do with Health and Social Care Integration. <u>ACCESS to STREETS</u> Eddie Wallace advised that there is an Access to Streets meeting coming up.	GM/SM GM AM EW
13.	<u>SCOTTISH RURAL PARLIAMENT</u> Gordon Methven advised that Scottish Rural Action will be holding a meeting in Elgin Town Hall on Wednesday 11 th May 2016 from 18:15 to 20:30 and asked for any issues to be raised. It was agreed to ask "Is the balance spending in rural areas versus urban areas right?". It was noted that the definition of "rural" and "urban" would play an important part in that question.	GM
14.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th May 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
15.	<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 Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

ELGIN

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1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

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

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

Road Safety and Road Crime

Since the last Community Council meeting there have been four reports of drink driving in Elgin:

1. On 16 March a 36 year old male was caught drunk driving in High Street, Elgin.
2. On 18 March 2016 a 62 year old male was found to be drunk driving on the A96 just outside Elgin.
3. On 19 March 2016 an off duty police officer reported a vehicle being driven erratically on the A96 at the Oakwoods. The vehicle was stopped and the driver found to be over the limit. The occupants of the vehicle namely two men aged 35 and 28 years from the Highland area were also found to be in possession of a dealer quantity of Cannabis.
4. On 28 March a 28 year old male was found to be drunk driving on Linkwood Place, Elgin.

Antisocial Behaviour

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Several anti-social behaviour fix penalty notices have been issued over the past month, mainly for minor offences committed in the centre of Elgin.

Drugs

As referred to above a dealer quantity of Cannabis was recovered from two males from the Highland area. They appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court and were released on bail.

Acquisitive Crime

Over the past month two commercial properties were broken into at Chanonry and Moycroft Industrial Estates. A power hammer drill, welding screen and a sum of money were stolen. New build properties at the Scotia Homes development in Hamilton Gardens, Elgin have been targeted 3 times in the past month. Scotia Homes have been offered a comprehensive commercial property crime reduction survey by Police Scotland in order to help them protect their buildings. This is scheduled to take place on Thursday. Police are carrying out regular patrols in the area.

Violence/Domestic Abuse

There were 39 assaults reported in Elgin over the past month. 28 of those are currently detected and there are lines of enquiry for several of the other enquiries which will be followed up in due course.

There were 25 crimes of domestic abuse reported during the past month and 23 of those are currently detected with 2 undetected.

There was one serious assault during the period under review and that took place at the McDonalds Restaurant during the early hours of the morning of 19 March 2016 when a male bit the ear of and other male resulting in injury. The two males were known to each other and the person responsible has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Police at Elgin are carrying out frequent visits at McDonalds at weekends and the premises have engaged security staff to work there during Friday and Saturday nights.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Elgin Inspectors:

The Inspectors at Elgin have recently changed with Graeme Allan and Paul McCrudden both taking up posts.

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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 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. www.parentlinescotland.org.uk