

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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),                      Iain CATTO,                      Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*,                      Catriona GRAY                      Aileen MARSHALL Steven MILNE,                      Pat PATERSON,                      Mary WALL, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS,                      Cllr Patsy GOWANS,                      Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Chris Hayward (Community Warden)      Paul McCrudden (Police Scotland),      Mike Cooper (Stagecoach)</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair),                      Andrew GRAY,                      Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS,                      Cllr James ALLAN,                      Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND,                      Gordon METHVEN(Sec'),</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The previous minutes were proposed by Aileen Marshall and seconded by Iain Catto with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3a – Deliver historical minutes to Heritage Centre - Ongoing</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3d - Meet Network Rail is planned – Done</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3g - Pitgaveny Estate is to set up a stakeholder group – Ongoing</p> <p>d. Page 1 item 3i – PRS Training – Ongoing</p> <p>e. Page 2 item 5c – Remove Leisure and recreation from the agenda – Done</p> <p>f. Page 7 item 13a - Take the issue of land owner responsibility for noxious weeds to the Rural Parliament – Ongoing</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>IC</p> <p>AK</p> <p>GM</p>
4.	<p><b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b></p>	
a.	<p><b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b></p> <p>Inspector Paul McCrudden read the monthly report appended which was discussed.</p> <p>Police Scotland are to attend a special meeting of the JCC on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.</p>	
b.	<p><b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b></p> <p>Mike Cooper outlined some major service changes from 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which will be publicised.</p> <p>In answer to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus timetables are integrated with other forms of transport prior to publication.</li> <li>• Bikes can be taken on Stagecoach buses but they have to go in the hold which excludes low floor buses. Bikes absolutely cannot be carried in the passenger compartment. Bike racks were trialled.</li> </ul>	
c.	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></b></p> <p>Chris Hayward reported for community warden activities during the month of August 2016. The list included fly tipping due to overfilled bins.</p> <p>Elgin Community Warden cover is still shared with other areas and is unlikely to change in the near future.</p>	

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	Potentially dangerous dogs can be reported to the Community Warden for action to prevent escalation.	
d.	<p><b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b></p> <p>ELGIN TRANSPORT &amp; PARKING STRATEGY</p> <p>A number of members attended the stakeholder consultation. Report to Moray council 12 October 2016 with public consultation thereafter.</p> <p>PRS FOR MUSIC CONSULTATION</p> <p>Alastair to look into the possibility of holding a training session locally. Steve Christie to circulate original email about the consultation.</p> <p>MORAY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION</p> <p>Special meeting to be set up to discuss the Moray Council Budget Consultation.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>AK</p>
5.	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<p><b><u>PLANNING</u></b></p> <p>A response was submitted to the Bishopmill House planning application.</p> <p>A response is being prepared for the Elgin Long 2 consultation with a view to confirming details are as previously understood.</p> <p>David Chapman outlined general concerns about the site behind KFC. A preplanning consultation is planned for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>All</p>
b.	<p><b><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b></p> <p>Mary Wall distributed copies of the leaflet recently produced promoting shops in Elgin selling Fair Trade products. Work is continuing promoting Fair Trade.</p>	
c.	<p><b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p>Elgin Community Council Roads and Transportation Committee distributed the following report on 11/9/16</p> <p>1. Progress report from Bear Scotland and the re-surfacing of the A96 through Elgin</p> <p>Work completed along with white lining, and after a walk over inspection we have asked for an explanation on some issues on the finishing of the surface.</p> <p>I have not had a full report from Bear Scotland, it is worth mentioning that after I had raised the issue of the water problem at the Pansport Roundabout, work has been carried out on the problem drain, and time will tell if it has been satisfactory. Keep an eye on it.</p> <p>As for the drains mentioned in the work list on the re surfacing project, Bears Scotland came back with the old silting up problem, but the drain cleaning company they employ would do something and that's where we are now. No report given as yet on condition of existing drains in the areas discussed.</p> <p><b><u>Attendance at meetings etc:</u></b></p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> August - David and I attended the Moray Disability Forum meeting. Some internal changes are occurring which will still welcome our attendance at their meetings.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> August - Along with other interested parties we went along to the Market site Proposed Development and like many of these displays it was more of an idea than an actual proposal and can only be judged accordingly. It did give an opportunity to raise issues of concern from flooding to traffic on the Linkwood Road.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> September - Attended Transport Stagey/Parking Strategy Meeting update in the St Giles Church. Much like what it said on the tin.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> September - Moray Transport Forum Presentations at Lhanbryde - A well attended occasion with some informative presentations, a more detailed report will follow.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace will attend event in Edinburgh, Community Transport in Scotland: enabling preventative and accessible public services event. 13<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p><b><u>Work in Progress:</u></b></p> <p>Parking in Duffus Road, progressing.</p>	
d.	<p><b><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></b></p> <p>Aileen Marshall mentioned the Old Folks Group and the Strategic Reference Group which was just finding its feet.</p>	

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e.	<b><u>LICENSING</u></b>	
	No consultations	
f.	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>	
	No Update	
g.	<b><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></b>	
	No Update	
h.	<b><u>YOUTH</u></b>	
	No Report	
i.	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>	
	No Update	
j.	<b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b>	
	No Update	
k.	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>	
	Alastair Kennedy gave the following report in advance of the meeting.	
	<b><u>10/08/16</u></b> I attended a Community Engagement Group Development Day in The Gallery. To some extent the CEG is still trying to define its role and how to progress in a worthwhile way and this session was mostly on that subject.	
	<b><u>11/08/16</u></b> This was my quarterly meeting with Chief Executive of Moray Council, Roddy Burns. We have met quarterly for some time. The idea of meeting is to discuss any common interests between both organisations (JCC and TMC). We were congratulated on further good governance by setting up our own complaints procedure. We had some discussion about the earlier Community Planning Partners' consultation and the forthcoming Budget Consultation which is now live.	
	<b><u>15/08/16</u></b> I met with Associate Member – George Littlejohn to discuss what questions we wanted to ask the representative from Network Rail the following day and what we intend to ask of Humsa Yousef MSP, Minister for Transport, when George meets with him at the Scottish Parliament later this month. We agreed the content of a letter to be sent beforehand to offer the Minister some ideas for him to research before the meeting.	
	<b><u>16/08/16</u></b> George, Iain, David and myself met with Scott Prentice of Network Rail and Stacey Lynch of Abellio. I felt it was a successful meeting with some foresight of likely timetabling offered. We had an update of the work at Forres station from Stacey.	
	<b><u>23/08/16</u></b> This was a normal CEG meeting. There was discussion about the recent successful Participatory Budgeting initiative. To help embed PB it was agreed to seek funding for 4 more days work from Alan Budge who is a consultant on PB. That was granted on the day of writing this (08/09/16). There is a feedback session later this month and Alan will attend.	
	<b><u>24/08/16</u></b> I met with Jane Martin CCLO to arrange further training for CC members. We spoke with Martin Kirwan who delivered earlier training and have arranged two further sessions of training on Conflict Resolution touching on Mediation and two sessions on use of the Complaints Procedure.	
	<b><u>25/08/16</u></b> Along with Gordon and Steven I attended a SPICE meeting. Steven will update us.	
	<b><u>29/08/16</u></b> I went along to their Moray Forum meeting which had been postponed previously. They were given the same presentation on the School Estate that we had recently. Some discussion took place on the role of Area Forms since that is currently being reviewed. Updates were given on the budget consultation and on the forthcoming Transport Seminar. I understand some of our members will attend.	
	<b><u>30/08/16</u></b> Today I became a film star! I was asked to participate in a short film about the consultation process which took place around the Findrassie Development and the Masterplan. I don't intend heading for Hollywood just yet!	
	<b><u>31/08/16</u></b> I had a brief meeting with Jane Martin CCLO to finalise training schedules.	
	<b><u>2/09/16</u></b> Gordon and I attended a meeting on the Moray Community Awards with agreement reached on the cost of the venue and other items. Gordon will update us.	
	<b><u>7/09/16</u></b> I attended a SPICE "It's Your Neighbourhood" assessment along with Steven, Councillor Reid and Sarah Crowe, Community Support Officer.	

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	<p><b>7/09/16</b> Along with a number of other members I attended a meeting about the Elgin Transport Strategy which was really an update of progress. Dave Malpais also explained that parking was part of the strategy but as we had a meeting on the subject the next day I left at that point.</p> <p><b>7/09/16</b> Steven and I had an evening meeting with a representative of the Rotary Club as the club would like to work in partnership at the Eight Acres flower bed.</p> <p><b>8/09/16</b> Gordon, Steven and I met with the consultants who are looking at parking provision etc. in Elgin. There is currently adequate parking in Elgin with some car parks being very much underused. Disabled parking was discussed and we explained that we have had a number of complaints about where disabled parking is currently provided. I believe our comments were taken on board.</p> <p>If anyone wishes further information on any of the above then please get in touch.</p> <p><b>I must convey my thanks to members who have turned out in good numbers to any meeting or event to which we have been invited. I think we show that we are a credible organisation with good ideas and happy to get involved. However, it's always heartening to see good attendance by members as I believe it becomes more worthwhile...and more worthwhile for agencies to invite us – so thank you all.</b></p> <p><b><u>Perhaps we are a force to be reckoned with!!!</u></b></p>	
I.	<b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b>	
	No Report	
6.	<b><u>ECC CONSTITUTION</u></b>	
	The policy on resignations needs changed to replace the word "accepted" with "minuted".	AK
7.	<b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>SPICE</u></b>	
	SPICE had met recently. A litter pick is planned for 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016. Steven Christie to attend litter summit on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016. SPICE had again been nominated for awards.	
b.	<b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b>	
	Special meeting with Police Scotland will be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016. The Police have said that they are not withdrawing from Community Council attendance but will tailor reports to suit individual CC needs.	
	Next meeting of JCC 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016.	
c.	<b><u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLAN</u></b>	
	To be discussed at an ECC special meeting with the budget consultation.	JW
8.	<b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b>	
	#1 A/C = £3,801.15. Grant to due next month.	SM
9.	<b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>FLEECES</u></b>	
	No update	GM
b.	<b><u>PAIN CLINIC</u></b>	
	The pain clinic is available in Elgin on a Monday and accessible although the location changes. Elgin can deal with medication and initial consultations whereas Aberdeen and other UK centres are used for treatments. GPs need to know how to refer people to Elgin.	
c.	<b><u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u></b>	
	A meeting is proposed, details to be circulated.	AK
10.	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b>	

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	A general update was given.	
b.	<p><b><u>TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>Training on mediation and separate training on the complaints procedure are proposed. Members to respond to invitations already circulated.</p>	All
11.	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Graham Leadbitter promoted a Quiz Night to be held in the Elgin City FC Social Club to raise funds for Moray Woman's Aid.</p> <p>Iain Catto commended the recent Medieval Festival and mentioned that it might be continuing.</p> <p>The Scottish Rural Manifesto is to be circulated and comments are required by 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.</p> <p>The payment of Gordon Methven's expenses for attending was approved. The £150 donation requested by the organisers is to be clarified.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy raised the idea of erecting a plaque near the Bishopmill Bridge but Councillor Graham Leadbitter advised that Stephen Cooper was planning something along those lines but more than just a plaque.</p>	All
12.	<p><b><u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u></b></p> <p>No new issues to go to the Rural Parliament.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

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

#### Drugs

On \*\*\* a property in Hossack Drive, Elgin was searched and a large quantity of Cocaine along with smaller quantities of Cannabis, Amphetamine and Ecstasy were recovered. The Cocaine is estimate to have a street value in the region of £25 000. This represents a significant seizure for Elgin and a 31 year old has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During the month several other people were reported for possession of a variety of controlled drugs as a result of stop searches being carried out.

#### Acquisitive Crime

During early September several premises were broken into at the Chanonry Industrial Estate. As a result if enquiries carried out, a search warrant was executed

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### Violence/Domestic Abuse

There were 27 instances of domestic abuse reported during the month and in 21 cases an offender was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There were 28 crimes of assault, of which 19 offenders were reported and the remaining enquiries are ongoing.

On 15 August 2016 a male was attacked with a weapon on Morrision Road, Elgin and as a result two men aged 24 and 25 years and 1 woman aged 25 years were reported for attempted murder.

### Roads Policing

On 19 August 2016 on Trinity Road, Elgin, a young driver was charged with careless driving and warned in terms of anti-social driving legislation. This means if he is found driving in the same way again the Police can confiscate his vehicle.

On 20 August 2016, on North Street, Elgin, a 23 year old man was charged with dangerous driving and failing to stop for the police.

At recent car seat clinics across Moray it was found that numerous parents did not have their child car seats secured properly and in some instances children were found to be unrestrained. On 20 August 2016 on Newmill Road, Elgin and 8 September 2016 on Thornhill Drive, Elgin, parents were charged with not having their children properly secured in car seats.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

On 9 September 2016 a group of youths were found to be setting small fires and lighting aerosol cans near Mayne Farm, Elgin. Police and SF&R attended and spoke with the owners of nearby properties. Patrols will be carried out during forthcoming Friday and Saturday evenings with a view to preventing such behaviour .

## 4. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Police Scotland Child Sexual Exploitation Campaign was rolled out on 29 August 2016. The Scottish Government have developed a suite of materials to raise awareness about CSE; help people understand and spot the signs of CSE and provide any support victims and the public may need. Please visit <http://csethesigns.scot/> for more information. Downloadable printable materials can be accessed here - <http://csethesigns.scot/other-pages/assets/>

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### Elgin Inspectors:

The Inspectors at Elgin are Graeme Allan and Paul McCrudden.

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](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 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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

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