

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Iain CATTO, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Catriona GRAY Aileen MARSHALL 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, Douglas CLARK PC Morag CLARK (Police Scotland), Ben HENDRY (P&J) Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Gordie WELLS, Andrew GRAY,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Gordon Methven took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Police Scotland report was taken first due to the ongoing workload.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting 8/11/2016 proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by Steve Christie with no objections were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>8/11/16 Item 3: Governance Review of early years and schools education by the Empowering Schools Unit in the Scottish Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Catto was unable to attend the meeting in Aberdeen on 24th November 2016. Aileen Marshall, Iain Catto & Catriona Gray to respond. <p>8/11/16 Item 4D: Review of the Moray Council Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. JCC Subgroup has worked on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK to circulate the JCC report. <p>Item 9C: Community Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM to remove this item from the agenda. 	<p>IC/AM/CG</p> <p>AK</p> <p>GM</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>PC Morag Clark read the police report for the month which highlighted a high level of vandalism and malicious damage type crimes.</p> <p>James Wiseman questioned the lack of response to complaints of antisocial behaviour from Hamilton Crescent reported to 101. Pat Patterson related similar concerns from Woodlands Crescent. Police Scotland to investigate and report.</p>	<p>Police Scotland</p>
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>In the absence of a representative from Stagecoach Councillor Patsy Gowans supported by Douglas Clark raised a number of points of concern from the public as follows.</p> <p>a) Unreliable Services: The service to and from Forres is unreliable and people have been late for work and had difficulty getting home due to buses not turning up. Gordon Methven recalled that he had reported a similar issue recently.</p>	

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	<p>b) Disabled Access: Elderly people in South Lesmurdie cannot rely on getting a bus with wheelchair access.</p> <p>c) Punctuality: Concerns were raised about the punctuality of services. At this time of year elderly people should not have to wait in the cold for late services. A bus shelter has been requested to address this problem in South Lesmurdie.</p> <p>d) Standard of Buses: Complaints had been received by Councillor Gowans from all over Moray about the lack of modern buses. It is understood that on one bus the driver had to use a pole to shut the door.</p> <p>e) Timetable Information: Timetables published at bus stops are not updated and real time information boards do provide useful information. There was some discussion on this. Real time signs had been raised previously.</p> <p>f) Lack of Setbelts: There are no seatbelts on the bus to the Inverness Airport. Stagecoach are to be asked why the buses bought for airport services with public funding and which have seatbelts are not being used on that service.</p> <p>g) Correct Livery: It had been observed that the Jet bus livery is used in a confusing manner on some non-airport routes. A previous answer that this was due to breakdowns was recounted.</p> <p>h) Lack of Heating: A passenger questioned the lack of heat on a bus and was told that the bus did not have any heating at all.</p> <p>i) Reduced Service to Spynie Street down from four daily to one daily. It was noted that Stagecoach had been quoted in the media saying that they would have a look at the service they run.</p> <p>The Roads and Transport committee are to visit the bus station to further understand public concerns and then to meet with Stagecoach to address the above noted issues.</p>	EW/DC
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>a) Parking Strategy – R&T team attended the consultations and reported that the strategic work was ongoing and were pleased to see that disabled parking is being given some focus.</p> <p>b) Transport Strategy – is out for consultation and a special meeting is required to develop the Community Council's response.</p> <p>c) Community Eye services review – Aileen Marshall had reviewed the consultation and thought that it was not all that clear.</p> <p>d) Invitation to Transport Scotland's Rail Infrastructure Strategy Consultation Workshops. Eddie Wallace and David Chapman of the R&T Committee had attended a workshop in Dingwall.</p> <p>e) The Moray Council is proposing to vary the catchment areas of Bishopmill, Lhanbryde, Linkwood, Seafield and West End Primary Schools, Elgin Academy, Elgin High School and Milne's High School. A period of statutory consultation commenced Monday 21 November 2016 and ends 5pm Friday 20 January 2017. Aileen Marshall and Iain Catto attended the meeting in the Elgin Town Hall on 30th November 2016 and will draft a collective response.</p> <p>f) Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership engagement and involvement plan consultation. General support for this initiative was noted but no one expressed sufficient knowledge to comment in detail. Gordon Methven to draft a response and circulate for agreement.</p> <p>g) Moray Council - Local Development Plan Call for Sites. James Wiseman confirmed that this was the start of updating the Local Plan.</p>	EW/DC/IC AK/GM R&T AM/IC GM JW
5.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)</p>	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>James Wiseman confirmed there were no Planning matters raised in the previous month.</p>	
b.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>The Elgin Fair Trade group are taking a stall at the Farmers Market at the Plain Stones on Saturday 17th December 2016.</p>	
c.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>The following report was provided in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>15th November- Community Council Forum on A96 update by Transport Scotland at Elgin Town Hall,</p>	

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	<p>attended by EW and DC.</p> <p>29th November- RAF presentation attended by David Chapman</p> <p>30th November- Moray Council Parking Strategy update by Consultants at Elgin Town Hall, attended by EW and DC</p> <p>6th December- Rail Infrastructure Strategy Consultation Workshops. Organised by Transport Scotland at Ross County Football Grounds in Dingwall, attended by EW and DC.</p> <p>EW and DC also attended two meetings of Moray Disability Forum.</p> <p>There was a discussion on rail issues. Douglas Clark raised the following points.</p> <p>a) Timetables do not allow seamless journeys from the central belt to Elgin. At Inverness one train just misses another (0 minutes connection time) and leaves passengers with an unavoidable 1½ hour delay. There was a wider discussion on timetables and services for disabled customers.</p> <p>b) Taxis are frequently used due to missed connections.</p> <p>c) Councillor Graham Leadbitter explained that some improvements are in the pipeline but are about 1½ years away.</p> <p>Iain Catto offered Douglas Clark information on the previous activities of Elgin Community Council on rail matters.</p>	IC
d.	<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>The OPRG is to meet on Wednesday 14th December 2016.</p> <p>Councillor Patsy Gowans highlighted the Integrated Joint Boards debt which originated in both the NHS and Moray Council. The NHS suffered over prescribing and the Moray Council suffered unexpected care needs. These budget pressures will go on and will have to be constantly monitored.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about lack of room for patients own wheelchair when arriving at ARI via ambulance.</p>	
e.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>Iain Catto confirmed there were no licensing matters raised during the last month.</p>	
f.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Steve Christie and Aileen Marshall are to attend a site visit to the New Elgin High School on 14th December 2016.</p>	AM/SC
g.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></p> <p>The Elgin South Group discussed the Transport Strategy.</p> <p>The slipperiness of the pedestrian bridge over Alexandra Road in cold weather had been reported. Eddie Wallace to raise this with the Roads Department.</p>	EW
h.	<p><u>YOUTH</u></p> <p>No representative</p>	
i.	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p> <p>The AGM of Grant Lodge was held in this week past. There was a short discussion on the next steps in respect of the deed of gift.</p>	
j.	<p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
k.	<p><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
l.	<p><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	

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6.	<u>ECC CONSTITUTION</u> Ongoing.	
7.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>SPICE & Moray Litter Forum</u> Moray Litter Forum is gaining some endorsements.	
b.	<u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u> No Report	
c.	<u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLANNING</u> <u>No Report</u>	
8.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> #1 A/C is at £3,540.92 A general reminder to submit expenses was issued.	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>FLEECEES</u> Eddie Wallace had purchased the fleeces and advised they were £22 each payable to Eddie.	All
b.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u> Catriona Gray highlighted recent experiences at the Pain Clinic. Wheelchair access is not great and the clinic does not yet carryout treatments.	
c.	<u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</u> Remove from agenda	GM
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> The committee met last week. The ceremony is set for 21 April 2017. Nominations go live on 1 st January 2017.	
b.	<u>TRAINING</u> There is a seminar on data protection being held in February 2017.	
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Iain Catto tendered his resignation as a member due to relocating outwith the Elgin Community Council boundary. However, he was unanimously and immediately welcomed back as an Associate Member.	
12.	<u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u> Gordon Methven advised that he was not re-elected to Scottish Rural Action but was offered and is considering a place on the board. No issues to go to the Scottish Rural Action.	
13.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th January 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
14.	<u>CLOSE</u>	

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There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone, closed the meeting and all adjourned to the neighbouring hostelry to celebrate the Christmas break.
