

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 10th January 2017 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*, Douglas CLARK, Andrew GRAY, Catriona GRAY Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND, Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach) Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot) Ben HENDRY (P&J) Ray MacLEAN</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Aileen MARSHALL, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Kirsty REID, Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS,</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 Iain Catto and seconded by Catriona Gray with no objections and 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"> No response to be submitted. <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"> Consultation now in its second stage and it was agreed to defer to the consideration of the JCC subgroup working on this. <p>8/11/2016 Item 9C: Community Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst this was to be removed from the agenda a request for a meeting date was received by Alastair Kennedy. <p>13/12/2016 Item 4A: Question over Police response to incidents in Hamilton Crescent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response from Police Scotland to date. Alastair Kennedy to raise this with Insp Graham Allan. <p>13/12/2016 Item 4d: Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership engagement and involvement plan consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General support for this initiative was noted but no one expressed sufficient knowledge to comment in detail. No response to be made. <p>13/12/2016 Item 5G: Slippery pedestrian bridge over A96</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that Eddie Wallace had taken this up and was monitored and treated as required. 	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p>
4.	<p><u>CO-OPTION OF DOUGLAS CLARK</u></p> <p>Following the notification last month the co-option of Douglas Clark was agreed.</p>	
5.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p>	

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b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Craig Woodall advised that minor changes had been made to Elgin timetables.</p> <p>Douglas Clark asked how many buses had no heating. Craig Woodall advised that all buses had heating and many repairs had been carried out recently.</p> <p>Iain Catto asked for the route map published with the timetable to be continued and updated.</p> <p>Steve Christie complained that tonight's 18:28 bus in to town did not turn up. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>Douglas Clark asked for buses with appropriate access to be used on the Larch Court Route.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a separate meeting with Stagecoach and the Elgin Community Council next week to address the issues raised last month copied below for ease of reference. Any additional questions to be forwarded to Alastair Kennedy. The R&T Committee are also meeting with the Moray Council Public Transport Unit.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>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.</i> <i>Disabled Access: Elderly people in South Lesmurdie cannot rely on getting a bus with wheelchair access.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Lack of Seatbelts: 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.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i> <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.</i> <p>See also Jet bus brand discussion in R&T section below which is copied here for ease of reference</p> <p><i>Whilst Douglas Clark advised that the Jet bus brand is no longer required and there are plans to drop it, David Chapman expressed concern that this would lead to confusion.</i></p>	<p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Stagecoach</p> <p>Stagecoach</p>
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Parking Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. <p>Transport Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to attend the forthcoming drop in sessions and ECC consultation meeting 16th January. <p>Community Eye services review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation Closed. Individuals responded. <p>School catchment areas of Bishopmill, Lhanbryde, Linkwood, Seafeld 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.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iain Catto to circulate a response. <p>Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership engagement and involvement plan consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response <p>Moray Council - Local Development Plan Call for Sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Wiseman to circulate the guidance and collate any responses. <p>Barriers to community engagement in the Scottish planning system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline expired. Individuals responded. 	IC
6.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<u>PLANNING</u> <p>James Wiseman to respond to Grampian Furnishers planning application consultation.</p> <p>See above re' Moray Local Plan</p>	JW
b.	<u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u> <p>The Fair Trade group participated in a farmers market at Elgin Academy on 16th December 2016 and at the Plain Stones on 17th December 2016. Whilst the Elgin Academy Farmer's Market was thought to be more successful but both events maintained the profile of the Elgin Fair Trade City which will be useful in the forthcoming application for continued Fair Trade status for Elgin.</p> <p>Plans are being made for a Fair Trade Foundation event in Elgin in March.</p>	
c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u> <p>David Chapman reported that the A95 is under consideration for improvements by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Douglas Clark reported that Hitrans were about to tender the next generation of digital displays which could include Moray. Douglas Clark to pursue this opportunity with relevant parties in Moray Council.</p> <p>Whilst Douglas Clark advised that the Jet bus brand is no longer required and there are plans to drop it, David Chapman expressed concern that this would lead to confusion.</p>	DPC R&T
d.	<u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u> <p>No discussion</p>	
e.	<u>LICENSING</u> <p>No discussion</p>	
f.	<u>EDUCATION</u> <p>A report on the recent visit to the Elgin High School site was circulated by Aileen Marshall and Steven Christie.</p> <p>Iain Catto asked about progress on Linkwood Primary School. Cllr John Divers advised that it was going through the planning process.</p>	
g.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u> <p>No report</p>	
h.	<u>YOUTH</u> <p>No report</p>	
i.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u> <p>No update but it was agreed to write to say that the murals were being noticed and commented on.</p>	AK
j.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u> <p>Bryan Watson reported that he had taken out a Facebook Advert over Christmas which proved successful. More stories and photos are required for the page.</p>	All

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k.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> No report	AK
l.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> No report	GM
7.	<u>ECC CONSTITUTION</u>	
	There was a discussion on where resignations should go in the constitution.	
8.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>SPICE & KEEP MORAY BEAUTIFUL</u> The next SPICE meeting is on 26 th January 2017 and includes the AGM followed by a regular meeting. Steve Christie asked members to attend the forthcoming rail consultation and highlight the need to address litter properly.	
b.	<u>JCC</u> Next meeting is 16 th February 2017	
c.	<u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLAN</u> James Wiseman reported that the discussion last week would enable him to finish the Emergency and Resilience Plan.	JW
9.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> The No 1 A/C stands at £3,341.42	
10.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u> Ongoing	
11.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Gordon Methven advised that the nominations for community awards will go live next week and be open till 28 th March 2017.	
b.	<u>TRAINING</u> Training on planning is to be considered in relation to the forthcoming Local Development Plan.	AK
12.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u>	
	It was confirmed that the lighting up of the Elgin Cathedral was on hold along with the Charrette. Alastair Kennedy asked for the lighting on the Landshut bridge to be fixed. The colour on one side no longer changes. Lesmurdie Garages it was noted one of these was burnt and there future was questioned. There was a discussion about the difficulties around that. Bryan Watson asked for a letter of appreciation to be sent to the organisers of the Ice Festival. Iain Catto advised that the next round of participatory budgeting is now open for applications addressing social isolation. Alastair Kennedy introduced Rae MacLean a prospective candidate for Moray Council elections attending as a member of the public.	AK AK AK All

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13.	<p><u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u></p> <p>No issues to take to Rural Parliament.</p> <p>Gordon Methven advised that he had declined a directorship with Scottish Rural Action and advised that he no longer gets the emails which was thought to be due to the holidays.</p>	
14.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 14th February 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
15.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8:15.</p>	