

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 14th February 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, Aileen MARSHALL Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes Sec').</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Sergeant Ali BRUCE (Police Scotland), Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach), Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot) David MACKAY (P&J) Sarah CROWE (Moray Council - Community Support Officer)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Kirsty REID, Cllr Mike SHAND, Catriona GRAY, Steven MILNE, 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>Iain Catto pointed out the misspelling of "Ray" McLean's name at the bottom of page 4.</p> <p>With that amendment the minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting on 10th January 2017 by Steve Christie and seconded by Iain Catto with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <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"> The JCC subgroup reviewed this. Alastair Kennedy read out a selection of their output. For full text see JCC Minutes from 9th February 2017. <p>8/11/2016 Item 9C: Community Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request for a meeting date was received by Alastair Kennedy. Ongoing. <p>13/12/2016 Item 4A: Question over Police response to incidents in Hamilton Crescent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was resolved. See Police report below. <p>10/01/2017 Item 5b: Meeting with Stagecoach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Agency Update 4b Stagecoach below. <p>10/01/2017 Item 5d: Elgin Transport Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Agency Update 4d Consultations below. <p>10/01/2017 Item 5d: School catchments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iain Catto submitted a response. <p>10/01/2017 Item 5d: Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. See Planning. <p>10/01/2017 Item 6a: Grampian Furnishings Planning Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. See Planning. <p>10/01/2017 Item 6c: Digital Displays</p>	AK

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed. <p>10/01/2017 Item 6i: Letter appreciating Grant Lodge murals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed <p>10/01/2017 Item 12: Lighting up the Cathedral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alastair Kennedy had a response from Historic Scotland indicating they were intending to do this. A subgroup is to be formed. <p>10/01/2017 Item 12: Lesmurdie Garages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Patsy Gowans indicated there was an appetite to demolish the garages but there are difficulties finding the owners. <p>10/01/2017 Item 12: Letter appreciating the Ice Festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed. 	
4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Sergeant Ali Bruce made reference to the Community Safety Report and low figures due to it being typical of January 2017. See Community Safety Report.</p> <p>In response to a previous question about incidents reported in Hamilton Crescent there were 3 incidents reported to the Police, 26 and 27.10.16 and 12.11.16, regarding public nuisance with kids ringing door bells and throwing items at houses, namely numbers 8, 12, 18 and 20. Of the 3 incidents, kids were traced as responsible for two of them and taken home and warned in front of their parents. The 3rd, following search was negative. There have been no further calls specifically regarding this type of incident on Hamilton Crescent since. James Wiseman thanked Police Scotland for their response and advised that he would pass it to the people who raised the matter.</p> <p>No further incidents of tacks on the road have occurred in New Elgin. Police continue to investigate.</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>The meeting requested in January has still to be arranged. Craig Woodall apologised for the delay and hopes that by the end of the week to have a date to offer for a meeting. In the meantime a local meeting is being considered by Eddie Wallace and the R&T committee.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked about confusing bus numbering and missing buses. Craig Woodall agreed that some bus number changes would appear odd to the customer however, this is reviewed as services are reviewed. Missing buses are due to breakdowns which occur in the ageing fleet in spite of their surprisingly short 21day service interval.</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No Community Warden in attendance.</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Parking Strategy</p> <p>Iain Catto reported that he had believed that the draft Parking Strategy would be reported to the Moray Council prior to the forthcoming elections.</p> <p>Transport Strategy</p> <p>The response prepared by the R&T Committee, circulated by Gordon Methven on 13/2/2017, was agreed.</p> <p>Moray Council - Local Development Plan Call for Sites</p> <p>James Wiseman confirmed that no sites had been identified by ECC.</p> <p>A-I Railway works in Moray</p> <p>Various members attended the drop in session on 9th February 2017 at Elgin Sports and Community Centre. There was a discussion about the impact of closing the level crossing. Further engagement on this is to be sought by the R&T Committee.</p> <p>The Moray Council scheme for the establishment of Community Councils</p> <p>See Item 3: Matters Arising, above.</p> <p>Public Consultation on Draft Development Brief for Site R13 Hamilton Drive, Elgin</p> <p>James Wiseman to collate response as discussed at the extra meeting on 7th February 2017. Response to be submitted by 10th March 2017.</p>	<p>R&T</p> <p>R&T</p> <p>JW</p>


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	<p>Community Council website newsletter and feedback survey</p> <p>Gordon Methven reported that he had reviewed the website and thought it looked like a Council website rather than a Community Council website.</p> <p>Speyslaw Solar PV array PAN</p> <p>No comment on the application but consider the potential for community benefit.</p> <p>Places, people and planning</p> <p>This is a Scottish Government consultation paper on the future of the planning system. Gordon Methven highlighted how Iain Catto's input was effective at the recent Scottish Rural Parliament. Consultation is open till 4th April 2017.</p>	
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>See Item 4d: Public Consultation on Draft Development Brief for Site R13 Hamilton Drive, Elgin</p> <p>See Item 3: Grampian Furnishings Planning Application</p>	
b.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>The Fair Trade group are canvassing shops for opportunities to display Fair Trade support.</p> <p>Samples of products promoting Fair Trade were shown at the meeting.</p> <p>Some schools events are planned for the coming months.</p>	
c.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>A positive meeting took place with the Moray Council public transport team, and these are will now be held quarterly.</p> <p>Stagecoach are to reinstate quarterly meetings with the Moray Council public transport team.</p> <p>The R&T committee are tackling the realtime information systems errors. In time, they believe, Elgin Bus Station will have the only realtime sign.</p> <p>The bus shelter requested for Lesmurdie will be deployed subject to funding and the approval of the residents.</p>	
d.	<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>No Update</p>	
e.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>No licensing matters.</p>	
f.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall reported that the New Elgin High School is well on with internal fitting.</p>	
g.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u>	
	<p>Aileen Marshall talked through the report of the Elgin South Group Meeting 8/2/17</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Attendance: Christine Clerk, Marilyn Kelly, Linda McKenzie, Aileen Marshall 2. Further discussion of the Elgin Transport Strategy, particularly on those aspects which affect Elgin South. Particular concerns around how the proposals might affect The Wards. 3. Railway works. Preliminary discussion ahead of the Network Rail drop-in on the 9th. Particular concerns on how pedestrians and cyclists will be affected by the proposed full closures of The Wards level crossing and how traffic would be diverted. [Fears confirmed at the drop-in – there will be no pedestrian access whatsoever at the level crossing, meaning a long detour. No information yet on identified diversion routes for vehicles which is a Moray Council responsibility.] This is something ECC might wish to seek clarification on timeously. 4. Royal Mail grey boxes. Linda had identified one in poor condition at the Springfield Road/Kirkton Place junction. Photo below illustrates its condition. The rusting along the bottom of the bottom of the box is severe, having eaten through the metal in places. This box may be a hazard, particularly to children on a school route. We are unaware how to report this to the relevant authority at this point. 	<p>R&T</p> <p>R&T</p> <p>AM</p>

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	<p>5. Litter – cycle path opposite Birnie Place. A surge in litter had been seen at this location. It may be associated with Elgin High pupils.</p> <p>6. Can someone please produce a paper street map of Elgin showing the new streets!</p> <p>7. Next Meeting Wednesday 8th March</p> <p>The mail box issue is to be reported to Royal Mail.</p> <p>See Item 4d: A-I Railway works in Moray, above, engagement is being sought.</p>	<p>SPICE</p> <p>AM</p>
h.	<u>YOUTH</u>	
	No youth representative	
i.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	No update.	
j.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	
	Bryan Watson reported the increase in followers on Facebook due to an advert “boost” which went to 9,000 people in Moray between 17 and 55 and generated 40 new followers. Bryan Watson is to consider future adverts.	BW
k.	<u>CHAIR’S REPORT</u>	
	No Report	
l.	<u>SECRETARY’S REPORT</u>	
	No Report	
6.	<u>ECC Constitution</u>	
	See Item 3 above.	
7.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<p><u>SPICE & KEEP MORAY BEAUTIFUL.</u></p> <p>SPICE held its’ AGM and the same office bearers are continuing.</p> <p>SPICE are to continue to support sponsorship of the Community Awards.</p> <p>Keep Moray Beautiful are running a poster competition for the forthcoming Clean Up Moray event.</p> <p>There was a discussion on targeting litter in the vicinity of the Bus Station. Steve Christie said that CCTV had been considered for that area.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy proposed assisting Keep Moray Beautiful with advertising costs provided the advertising mentions the Elgin Community Council support. Iain Catto proposed £100 and there were no objections.</p>	SM/AK
b.	<u>JCC</u>	
	See Item 3 above Review of the Moray Council Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils.	
c.	<u>EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCE PLAN</u>	

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	No update	
8.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> No Report.	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u> No update.	
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Gordon Methven reported that nominations were open and he read out the categories as follows: - Good Neighbour Champion, Young People's Champion (Under 18), Youth Support Champion, Fundraising Champion, Healthier & Lifestyle Champion, Green & Environmental Champion, Community Champion, Ultimate Champion of the year. After Alastair Kennedy had confirmed that we had not previously agreed to maintain our support for the Community Awards, Iain Catto proposed continuing our sponsorship of the Community Awards in the sum of £200 and there were no objections.	SM/AK
b.	<u>TRAINING</u> Alastair Kennedy is looking into Planning training for new members before the next Main Issues Report.	AK
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Pat Patterson asked if publicity would help improve the uptake of litter picking? Steve Christie highlighted the difference between Elgin and more proactive communities such as Forres. Eddie Wallace asked about cleaning roof weeds in town. Alastair Kennedy recalled that this was previously carried out by BID. Iain Catto asked if the cleaning of the Tyock Burn has taken place recently. It was understood that it is jetted every 3 years. There was a discussion on future speakers Alastair Kennedy asked if a hustings for the local elections would be of any value? This was discussed and whilst there is not normally a hustings for local elections there was the exception of the last Elgin North by-election. Alastair Kennedy undertook to look into proposing a hustings event after all the candidates are known (29 th March 2017). A week night in mid April was suggested, venues were discussed and the relative differences between Elgin North and South.	AK
12.	<u>RURAL PARLIAMENT</u> No items were identified for taking to the Rural Parliament.	
13.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 14 th March 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	All
14.	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	