

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 11th April 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'), Iain CATTO*, Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Aileen MARSHALL Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND, Sgt Kevin McPHERSON (Police Scotland), Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Kirsty REID, Bryan WATSON (Vice Chair), Douglas CLARK, Gordie WELLS, Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot), Pat PATERSON,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and remarked at the low attendance.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Aileen Marshall and seconded by Steven Christie with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 1 item 3a – Community Benefit meeting with Innes. Alastair Kennedy to arrange meeting through James Mackie. Page 1 item 3b – Lighting up the Cathedral. The subgroup has been identified and are to meet. Page 1 item 3d - Closing the level crossing. This has still to be taken up with Stacey MacDonald nee Lynch by the R&T committee Page 2 item 3e – Hustings This item is on the agenda Page 2 item 5a(2) - Iain Catto requested statistics on domestic abuse not covered in Police report No response was available but Sgt Macpherson to enquire. Page 2 item 5a(3) - Ward Plans Sgt Macpherson advised that these were available on line and were updated from feedback across Scotland Page 5 item 11 – Elgin City FC plans for Boroughbriggs No update. 	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>R&T</p> <p>Police</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Sgt Kevin McPherson read highlights from the Police Scotland Community Report.</p> <p>See matters arising for domestic abuse statistics query and ward plans update.</p> <p>Concern was raised about parking on the East End of the High Street. Sgt McPherson outlined how he was on occasion able to deploy officers to Police this.</p> <p>Concern was raised about drivers using Commerce Street as a thoroughfare. Gordon Methven queried whether it would ever be possible to stop this use. Police Scotland were aware of this and Sgt McPherson went on to highlight that antisocial driving was also being addressed proactively.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall queried the rules on payment for scrap and Iain Catto confirmed that cash transactions by scrap dealers are no longer allowed by law.</p>	

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b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Craig Woodall advised that the new timetable following recent changes to the Findhorn and Kinloss services will be published online from 17th April 2017.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy expressed disappointment at the lack of services in some places and surprise that Lesmurdie Road didn't warrant a bus service. James Wiseman asked if Stagecoach were "cherry picking" routes but it was explained that routes were a commercial decision and Moray Council is the only Scottish council north of the central belt that does not subsidise bus services.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy thanked Craig for attending the Community Council particularly in light of recent challenges Stagecoach have had.</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>There was no Community Warden in attendance.</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Parking Strategy This work is ongoing and will be taken to the new Moray Council for action.</p> <p>A-I Railway works in Moray. The impact of closing the level crossing still requires further engagement with Network Rail by the R&T Committee.</p> <p>Scottish Government consultation paper on the future of the planning system. Iain Catto and Alastair Kennedy had reviewed this and did not recommend responding.</p> <p>Survey by Napier University This was circulated and several members responded.</p> <p>Clash Gour Wind-farm Force 9 Energy have submitted a scoping request in respect of Clash Gour Wind Farm. Our position was noted as being in support of the Moray Council guidance on onshore windfarms and we note that a number of turbines in the proposed Clash Gour Windfarm exceeds the recommended height.</p> <p>Speyslaw Solar Array An invitation was received to attend event at Lhanbryde Community Centre on 19th April 2017 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm preceding a public event from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Members are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Transport Strategy In response to a question from Aileen Marshall, Councillor Divers advised that a decision on the Transport Strategy was deferred for policy reasons until the new Council is in place.</p> <p>Community Councils Scheme Alastair Kennedy reported the result of the Council's deliberation is unacceptable where it is proposed that those living in an adjacent community council area could become a member of a community council. Members must be in zone to be elected but if they move out they can serve the remainder of their term.</p>	
	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> (See reports previously circulated)</p>	
e.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
f.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Mary Wall reported that the second renewal of Elgin's Fair Trade City status was progressing satisfactorily.</p>	
g.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>No further update to items mentioned above.</p>	
h.	<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall had submitted the following report.</p> <p>Health & Social Care Moray - Strategic Planning Group 3/4/17</p> <p>This was a 'light touch' consultation meeting to confirm that the Strategic Plan implementation was indeed meeting the H&SCM strategic outcomes.</p> <p>After welcome, introductions, and setting the scene the meeting broke into workshop groups. We did however hear during the intro that there are real budgetary concerns for the partnership.</p>	

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	<p>The workshop groups centred round the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting Community Wellbeing Staying independent and self-management of long term conditions Integrated recovery, rehabilitation and enablement Intensive supports <p>We heard about initiatives in each of those themes, most of which I have already reported on via the OPRG reports. The Wellbeing Hub is now open (in Batchen Street where the CAB once was). The Vintage Teas are proving a valuable way of two-way communication.</p> <p>There is still work to be done in linking the various initiatives, avoiding duplication and evaluating outcomes, complicated by often short term contracts and budgets which make sustainability an issue. There is a further issue on the interface between Children's Services and Adult Services on making the transition seamless. This is particularly important in the mental health field.</p> <p>It was an interesting session but there is much more to learn about how the partnership is performing and developing.</p>	
i.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>There were no licensing applications to discuss.</p> <p>Iain Catto advised that he had been attending regularly the quarterly Moray licensing forum.</p>	
j.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall commented that the High School meetings seemed to have stopped.</p>	
k.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></p>	
	<p>Aileen Marshall had submitted the following report.</p> <p>Elgin South Group Meeting 5/4/17</p> <p>Main points from the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Attendance: Christine Clerk, Marilyn Kelly, Aileen Marshall. Apologies Linda McKenzie Further discussion on the level crossing closures. We feel an update on diversion arrangements for all classes of road user would be helpful. Aileen passed on the ECC Hustings arrangements, Tuesday 18th April in Moray College. Road Safety issue re the roundabout at Sandy Road/Birnie Road. The designated crossing place across Birnie Road to the east of the roundabout is very close to the roundabout itself. Vehicles approaching the roundabout from Sandy Road seem unaware of the possibility of pedestrians and Marilyn has had to swiftly step back off the road to avoid being hit more than once recently. Sightlines are not particularly good at that point. It is on a school walking route both to Elgin High School and to Greenwards Primary. Could this be looked at? Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd May <p>There was a discussion about point 4 and the R&T committee agreed to look at it. Cllr Graeme Leadbitter suggested a joint approach by Councillors, Community Council and Parent Teacher Associations.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked if the Wetland access that had been created for the railway works would be reinstated. Eddie Wallace confirmed that it was normal for Network Rail to fully reinstate areas used.</p>	R&T
l.	<p><u>YOUTH</u></p> <p>No representative.</p>	
m.	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reported that a meeting was taking place the same night (11/4/2017)</p>	
n.	<p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> <p>No update</p>	
o.	<p><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></p>	

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Alastair Kennedy had submitted the following report.

Chair's Report for April Meeting

As you know, I've been quite poor at writing my monthly report on activities/meetings. The last was in December. I've gone back through my diary since the last report and have basically listed dates only. As you can imagine it would be quite a task to write anything much about meetings so the first two months are just the bare bones. Now that I'm up to date I'll try to put a bit more meat on the bones in future! Although I'm involved with other organisations I try to input from them only when it has some kind of connection to Community Councils.

5/1/17 We held a special meeting at Cedarwood

10/01/17 I attended a meeting of the original Participatory Budgeting working group to review the two PB events that had been held.

10/01/17 Later that day I was on the interview panel for the LEADER Programme Manager's post.

11/01/17 I met with Jane Martin (CCLO)

12/11/17 I had a LEADER LAG meeting.

16/01/17 I had a PB meeting followed by a Transport Strategy event.

17/01/17 I attended a Community Engagement Group (CEG) meeting.

19/01/17 I was on the interview panel for the LEADER Development Officer post

20/01/17 I attended a drop-in event in Buckie about Beatrice (oil field) funding.

24/01/17 I attended a PB conference in Glasgow

25/01/17 With the others involved in Moray Community Awards I went for a photo-shoot.

25/01/17 I was at a Grant Lodge Trust meeting.

26/01/17 There were a second series of interviews for the LEADER development Officer post.

26/01/17 There was a SPICE meeting and AGM.

27/01/17 This was the start of the interviews for the LEADER Admin Officer post.

30/01/17 I attended, along with Steven, a litter forum meeting. I think this was the one where Steven became chair of the group.

01/01/17 I attended a JCC subgroup meeting to review the Scheme for Community Councils.

02/02/17 I had a meeting with Sarah Crowe from the CSU.

07/02/17 We had another special ECC meeting.

08/02/17 I had a further meeting with Jane Martin CCLO.

08/02/17 In the afternoon I had a meeting with the PB working group.

09/02/17 This was the JCC meeting.

14/02/17 I attended a CEG development meeting.

16/02/17 I attended a PB working group meeting.

27/02/17 I met with a resident of Lesmurdie about the problems with buses in the area.

27/02/17 I had a Moray Community Awards meeting.

02/03/17 I had a PB working group meeting

06/03/17 I was unable to attend a litter forum meeting but the forum had now been named Keep Moray Beautiful (KMB)

07/03/17 I was disappointed to be unable to attend the official launch of the C2C2C initiative.

08/03/17 I met with the new LEADER team who have found temporary accommodation in Winchester House (beside Elgin Cathedral)

13/03/17 I had been invited to attend a presentation on changes to the Ambulance service in the Inkwell. It was a very interesting presentation. I suggested the lady involved might like to attend the JCC meeting to help disseminate the information but have heard nothing from her.

14/03/17 This was a busy day. I had a CEG meeting in the morning followed by a PB meeting in the afternoon with our own ECC meeting in the evening. The last meeting was the most pleasant of course!

15/03/17 There was a Moray Community Awards meeting and MCA is open for applications. It is hoped there will be a good amount of nominations.

16/03/17 A subgroup of the PB working group (5 of us) met in Hopeman Memorial hall to check each other's synopsis which had been written on each application for the Community Choices funding.

22/03/17 I attended the Join the Dots conference. Although I went as a director of tsiMoray, my main reason

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	<p>for going was to attend two workshops – one on the Community Empowerment Bill and the other on CATs. I felt these were relevant to CCs.</p> <p>23/03/17 I met the JCC treasurer to discuss the change of treasurer and get cheques signed for the PB event as payments were to be made on the day.</p> <p>25/03/17 This was the day the PB event took place. There were 18 final applications which finished with 12 being funded and the 13th being part-funded. Kathleen Glazik, who oversees the Community Choices Fund attended, two people from the Improvement Services (who update the CCs' website and give certain other support to CCs) and one from the Scottish Community Development Centre filmed and took photos. Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing visited and Councillor Lorna Creswell, who is Co-chair of the Joint Integration Board for Health & Social Care, handed over the cheques to the successful applicants.</p> <p>28/03/17 I attended a CEG development meeting which was mainly about Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIP) which will be used I believe to convert the current 10 year plan. Using LOIP should ensure that "the community" has input into such a document. We then had our special ECC meeting that evening.</p> <p>29/03/17 Steven and myself met up to do an initial selection of Community Awards nominations. As there were over 120 we didn't get finished that day. I took time away to attend a funeral but Steven slogged on all day.</p> <p>31/03/17 I chaired a LEADER LAG meeting which was the first LAG meeting with staff in place. Staff were temporarily housed in Winchester House and it was decided they would remain there permanently. Applications can now be processed and there are already a good number of Expressions of Interest.</p> <p>03/04/17 I attended a Keep Moray Beautiful (KMB) meeting where much of the discussion was about branding and looking at a logo. Steven is Chair.</p> <p>03/04/17 After the KMB meeting Steven and myself went back and completed the first process of the MCA nominations.</p> <p>As always, if anyone wishes further information on anything above, let me know and I'll try to provide it.</p>	
p.	<p><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Gordon Methven advised that he intends to stand for re-election to the Community Council and gave notice that if re-elected he would not accept a nomination for the position of Secretary.</p>	
5.	<p><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>SPICE & Keep Moray Beautiful</u></p> <p>SPICE: Nothing to report.</p> <p>KMB: Title is now officially "Keep Moray Beautiful" and the logo has been finished.</p>	
b.	<p><u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Next meeting May 2017.</p>	
c.	<p><u>EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE PLANNING</u></p> <p>Remove from agenda.</p>	
6.	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report.</p>	
7.	<p><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>Pain Clinic</u></p> <p>No report.</p>	
8.	<p><u>EVENTS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>ELECTION HUSTINGS – 18th APRIL 2017</u></p>	
	<p>Arrangements were discussed for the Election Hustings to be held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre, Moray College UHI, Elgin from 6:30pm to 9:15pm. All Community Council members are invited to attend.</p>	<u>All</u>
b.	<p><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS – 21st APRIL 2017</u></p>	

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	Gordon Methven reported that arrangements were in place for the Community Awards event to be held on Friday 21 st April 2017 at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre, Moray College UHI, Elgin at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. All Community Council members and the general public are invited to attend the Community Awards Ceremony.	
c.	<u>TRAINING</u> No training requirements were identified.	
9.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Councillor Mike Shand intimated that he was standing down as a Councillor. He complimented the Community Council on its activities and results and wished us all the best for the future. Iain Catto proposed a vote of thanks to the Councillors, thanking them for attending our meetings and working with us on many issues. This was supported by a hearty round of applause.	
10.	<u>SCOTTISH RURAL ACTION</u>	
	There were no issues to take to Scottish Rural Action. Iain Catto advised that Scottish Rural Action were looking for representatives to participate in online discussions on various subjects.	
11.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 9 th May 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
12.	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	