

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th August 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*, Patsy GOWANS*, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL Steven MILNE, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Paula COY, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), David MACKAY (P&J),</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Douglas CLARK, Mary WALL, Gordie WELLS, Cllr Frank BROWN, Craig WOODALL(Stagecoach)</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Patsy Gowans was confirmed as an Associate Member.</p> <p>Gordie Wells resigned as a member due to work commitments but wished to remain an associate. This was agreed.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Steve Christie seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 3a – Lighting up the Cathedral. A subgroup developed a plan and will meet with Historic Scotland soon. AK</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3b – Community Warden Attendance. Queries non attendance with Community Wardens and awaiting a response. AK</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3c – ECC Operational Plan Special meetings were held regarding the website. Minute to be circulated. AK</p> <p>d. Page 1 item 3d – Scottish Rural Action. A Moray representative is required. Raise at the JCC. AK</p> <p>e. Page 1 item 3e – Fair Trade A renewal application for Elgin's Fair Trade status has been prepared. Circulate to members. AK</p> <p>f. Page 1 item 3f – Giant Hog Weed. Landowners are responsible for clearing Giant Hog Weed. Actions agreed were to contact SEPA and to write to land owners. List of landowners to be requested from Ken Kennedy at Moray Council. AK</p> <p>g. Page 1 item 3g - Bus Problems A list of issues was developed and is being resolved. Iain Catto to follow this up. IC</p> <p>h. Page 1 item 3i – Training re licensing. The need for training on Licensing was noted. Iain Catto to raise at JCC. IC</p> <p>i. Page 1 item 3j – Promotion of Community Council Elections A donation of £100 was made to the JCC to for promotion of community council elections. Leaflet to be in English not Doric.</p> <p>j. Page 2 item 4d(2) - Transport Strategy The Transport strategy was to be removed from the agenda but was reinstated due to the planned Moray Council meeting Wednesday 9/8/2017.</p> <p>k. Page 2 item 4d(3) - Parking Strategy</p>	

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	<p>Was removed from the agenda.</p> <p>l. Page 2 item 4d(5) - 20mph Members Bill Consultation Was removed from the agenda.</p> <p>m. Page 2 item 4d(6) - Local fire and rescue plan Was removed from agenda.</p> <p>n. Page 2 item 4d(9) - Planning Review Removed from agenda</p> <p>o. Page 3 item 5a(1) - Moray Local Development Plan (MLDP) 2020 - Call for Sites No sites identified. If Elgin Golf Club site is a concern this will come out at the Main Issues Report.</p> <p>p. Page 3 item 5a(3) - Application 1701010/APP Boxing Club. Planning objection was submitted.</p> <p>q. Page 3 item 5a(4) - Application 1700919/APP Grampian Motors, Morriston Road, Elgin Missed opportunity comment. Fresh plans are to be submitted by the applicant.</p> <p>r. Page 3 item 5c(2) - Elgin Railway Station wifi Other smaller stations have free wifi. Alastair Kennedy to enquire.</p> <p>s. Page 3 item 5c(3) – Rail Works George Littlejohn to attend the next update on the railway works.</p> <p>t. Page 3 item 5c(5) – Rail punctuality There was a discussion on Rail punctuality particularly during the recent works. Alastair Kennedy said that a recent report highlighted 95% of trains in Scotland arrived within 5 to 10 minutes of their schedule but that Elgin was one of the poorest performing stations. David Chapman had investigated complaints of poor links to buses which he found to be the case. Better information is required to direct tourists to the bus station from the train station.</p> <p>u. Page 5 item 9a3 - Bilbohall Masterplan Ellie Webster to be invited to the next meeting.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>AK</p>
4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>No representative. This was noted as a rare occurrence.</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy read out the following short report from Craig Woodall of Stagecoach:</p> <p>“Following last Month’s meeting I have requested that the fares from Elgin to Findhorn are looked into by our commercial department unfortunately I do not currently have an answer to what may change if anything, but as soon as I do I will advise Douglas Clark and inform everyone at the next meeting.</p> <p>“There is not much to advise regarding the public transport however In the coming weeks there will be a movement of some vehicles within the area, this will result in Moray losing two of our older vehicles and them being replace with younger models, this is part of an ongoing pattern of improvement which in turn is improving the age profile of our fleet.</p> <p>“If there are any issues regarding my services that are raised on the night, can I please request that these are emailed to me directly and I will address them as quickly as possible?”</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No Representative.</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A96 Response to consultation. – Done – Remove from agenda 2. Community Safety – Survey Monkey. Members asked to complete this. 3. Transport Strategy – left on agenda due to it going to a special meeting of the council on 9th August 4. Climate change bill consultation – Patsy Gowans to draft a response. 5. Community Empowerment and Common Good Property: Consultation on Draft Guidance – Noted. Remove from agenda. 6. Airspace Change Proposal Consultation - Introduction of Controlled Airspace at Inverness Airport – noted. Remove from agenda. 	PG
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	

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a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>See Boxing Club response above</p>	
b.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Elgin has been granted Fair Trade status for a further 2 years.</p> <p>A stall to promote Fair Trade is to be taken at the food and drink festival on 19/8/2017. Help is required for this.</p>	All
c.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>The R&T Section have investigated and are seeking responses on a number of rail service incidents. One event where a disabled passenger was not assisted off the train by the guard resulting in a communication chord being pulled, resulted in an apology from Abellio.</p> <p>It was noted that pavements were being blocked by greenery.</p> <p>David Chapman highlighted the poor operation of the bus alternative during the railway works.</p>	
d.	<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>Older People's Reference Group 12/7/17</p> <p>Main Points from the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatrician now in post but it is not yet clear how the position will be developed. • The Localities aspect of the Strategic Plan has yet to be progressed. • There have been developments in the Dementia Strategy. There is a new national Strategy which appears to have taken on board some of the feedback, particularly as regards to each sufferer having a dedicated co-ordinator for a year post-diagnosis, There is not the staffing to support this though support will continue to be given. • The 8 Pillar model of dementia care, for which Moray was a pilot area, is to be rolled out across Scotland. • A local GP (Ranald Ferguson from a Lossiemouth practice) has been appointed Dementia Lead for Moray. • The Positive Dementia working group continues to make a valuable contribution – it is made up of sufferers and carers. • Extended discussion on the future of the OPRG group. It may merge with other groups. We will return to this in the autumn when other aspects of Health and Social Care may have become clearer. <p><i>Aileen Marshall</i></p> <p>The recent staffing problems at the Maternity Ward at Dr Gray's have been resolved for the moment. However there is still a feeling that services at Dr Gray's, maternity and others, are fragile and may be threatened in the longer term. It was agreed that this should be pursued with Malcolm Wright, CEO NHS Grampian. Because of the timescales involved in setting up a meeting it is likely that this may have to be deferred to the new Community Council after the elections. In the meantime we should continue to gather information.</p>	
e.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
f.	<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>No issues ongoing</p>	
g.	<p><u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u></p> <p>No meeting in July</p>	
h.	<p><u>YOUTH</u></p> <p>No representative</p>	

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i.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	Meeting to be held next week. Grant Lodge can't be used for doors open day due to a structural issue.	
j.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	
	Bryan Watson reported 664 Facebook page "likes". He requested a paragraph about the Fair Trade status to go on the page.	
k.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> <u>Chair's report for August meeting</u> <u>15/06/17</u> I attended a Money for Moray meeting to discuss whether to agree to a proposal the group should carry out a PB exercise with the economic development team from the Moray Council. The figure involved is £60,000 but no costs were offered. <u>19/06/17</u> I met with the couple from Roseisle who are having difficulties due to a core path running down the edge of their garden. <u>21/06/17</u> Today was a Keep Moray Beautiful meeting with the Grant Lodge Trust AGM in the evening. <u>22/06/17</u> A special JCC meeting was held to listen to a presentation on the Moray Growth Deal given by Rhona Gunn. It was well attended and the presentation was well received. <u>23/06/17</u> This was a Community Engagement Group (CEG) development day. <u>26/06/17</u> Because the Community Reps on the CEG are unhappy about a number of items within the group and the direction of travel they decided to meet up and discuss what the problems are and what should be done about them. <u>27/06/17</u> This was the normal Community Engagement Group meeting. <u>27/06/17</u> ECC held a hustings in Elgin Academy <u>28/06/17</u> I attended a LEADER LAG meeting where a number of decisions needed to be taken. It was a successful meeting. <u>29/06/17</u> I attended a JCC sub-group meeting. The group was set up to try and raise the profile of CC elections which are due in autumn. The hope is to have contested elections. <u>06/07/17</u> I attended a PB meeting where the new application for funding from the Community Choices fund was discussed and a number of tweaks made. The application will be sent on time. <u>10/07/17</u> I travelled to Keith for a meeting with Jane Martin, CCLO to discuss further what is to be done by the subgroup and to check what is affordable to advertise the CC elections. <u>11/07/17</u> This was our normal ECC meeting but I hadn't found time to do a report. <u>12/07/17</u> I met with Jane Martin and a member of Burghead and Cummington CC. We discussed a presentation the member will give at the August CC meeting. <u>24/07/17</u> I once again travelled to Roseisle to discuss the problem with the core path. I had done some research and completed a report which was sent to members of the Economic Development and Infrastructure previously so I was asked to explain parts of it with a solicitor. If anyone wishes further information or clarification on any of the above then get in touch.	
l.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> No report	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>SPICE</u> No recent meeting. Next meeting due end of August 2017. Steven Christie expressed disappointment that recent attempts to organise a litter pick had been rained off. The "In Your Neighbourhood Assessment" has taken place.	
b.	<u>JCC</u> Next meeting Thursday 10 th August 2017.	
7.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	

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	Current balance in No 1 Account is £3,232.51.	
8.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u> No update	
9.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>TRAINING</u> None identified	
10.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Leaflets for Community Council elections to be in English – see above. Steven Christie highlighted an initiative sponsored by business to reduce bullying. Alastair Kennedy asked if the ECC should sponsor it too. Further information on the scheme was requested. David Chapman reported a comment from a tourist praising Dr Gray's hospital which she unfortunately had to attend while on holiday. Cllr Graham Leadbitter announced that the fountain was to be refurbished.	
11.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th September 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
12.	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	