

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 10 October 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), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Paul Briggs, Iain CATTO*, Bruce Flett, Jeff Gable, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL, Donnie McLEAN Steven MILNE, Margaret Park, Eddie WALLACE, Bryan WATSON,</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Gordon METHVEN (Street Pastors), Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach), ?? Police Scotland, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot),</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>David CHAPMAN, Douglas Clark, Patsy Gowans (Sec'), Pat Paterson, Mary Wall,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Having been elected in the Inaugural Meeting, Alastair Kennedy took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Although they are noted below, Police Scotland and Stagecoach had given their reports during the Inaugural Meeting. Due to the pressure of time Alastair Kennedy, with the general agreement of all, dispensed with the agenda and took the Previous Minutes, Matters Arising, and Confirmation of Associate Members before moving on to Any Other Competent Business.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12/09/2017 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steven Christie proposed, Iain Catto seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Fair Trade - report was circulated</p> <p>Free WIFI at Train Station – Confirmed there is no wifi at Elgin Train Station.</p> <p>Rail Punctuality – Stacey Macdonald confirmed no rail punctuality figures were available.</p>	
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>The new Police Community Liaison Officer gave an outline of his role and how Police Scotland would work with Community Councils.</p> <p>In answer to questions from the floor, Police Scotland confirmed links would be maintained with the Community Wardens, hours of business would be later on weekends than through the week, the station desk will be manned 7am till 12:00 midnight and Police Scotland will attend Elgin Community Council meetings.</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>Craig Woodall gave a brief update that new vehicles are being brought in to the fleet on major routes which will allow the best of the rest to be moved to other routes and the worst vehicles to be retired.</p> <p>In answer to a question from the floor, all busses are disabled passenger friendly. Craig Woodall went on to describe the dementia awareness training that bus drivers receive.</p>	
5.	<p><u>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Gordie Wells was confirmed as an Associate Member for his previous good work and stated willingness to help out if work patterns allowed.</p> <p>David Chapman was confirmed as an Associate Member for his previous active involvement in the roads and</p>	

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	<p>transportation and stated desire to continue.</p> <p>William Henderson, had not been heard from for some time and therefore was not confirmed as an Associate Member. However, it was stated that this could be reviewed if he were to make a case for it to the Community Council.</p> <p>Gordon Methven, was confirmed as an Associate Member for his previous dedication in the role of secretary and his stated interest in Police and Licensing matters. He also offered to act in an official capacity representing the Street Pastors but would only be able to attend meetings when his duties allowed which unfortunately preclude the second Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>Maureen Manson, was confirmed as an Associate Member due to her previous work on Grant Lodge and her request to remain associated with Elgin Community Council.</p> <p>George Littlejohn, was confirmed as an Associate Member for his specialist knowledge of railway matters.</p>	
6.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>A special meeting was set up for 24th October 2017 to get to know each other and get down to business with some of the items that could not be discussed tonight. Time and venue to be arranged.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy requested £30 be paid to maintain membership of Transform Scotland. This was seconded by Iain Catto and there were no objections.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy outlined the Community Council's involvement in the Remembrance Day Service and asked for volunteers.</p> <p>There were a few suggestions for future speakers</p> <p>There was an invitation from Network Rail to the opening of Forres Railway Station on 20th October 2017.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked about the Transport Strategy.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall mentioned continuing to seek a meeting with NHS Grampian to discuss local service issues.</p> <p>Bruce Flett asked about the reduction in the Town Service bus provision, The Roads and Transportation committee outline ongoing discussions and Bruce was advised to take it up with Stagecoach at the next meeting. Alastair Kennedy agreed to ask Douglas Ross MP for feedback on the actions arising from the meeting he attended where this matter was raised.</p> <p>Steven Christie advised that SPICE were organising a litter pick for Saturday 14th October 2017 from 10:30am till 2:00pm covering the area round the town centre from Moray Street to Black Friars Road and the Old Post Office to the Council HQ.</p> <p>Gordon Methven highlighted that a data protection officer was required urgently.</p> <p>Hazel Lawson advised that this would be her last meeting as a Chief Editor of the Northern Scot. Alastair Kennedy thanked Hazel on behalf of the Community Council for attending and reporting on our meetings for many years.</p> <p>Cllr John Divers reported that the Elgin High School would be open for Teachers on 23/10/2017 and open for pupils on 25/10/2017. The old building will be knocked down as soon as possible thereafter.</p> <p>Donnie McLean reported difficulty accessing the over 50's discount rail card. Other's said they had experienced the same.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AK</p> <p>R&T</p> <p>AM/PG/CG</p> <p>BF next meeting</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AK</p>
7.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 14th November 2017 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
8.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.