

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>WELCOME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<p><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair), Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Patsy GOWANS (Secretary).</p> <p><u>MEMBERS</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)</p> <p>Paul BRIGGS, Iain CATTO, David CHAPMAN*, Douglas CLARK, Jeff GABLE, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL, Margaret PARK, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE,</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, David MACKAY (P&J) PC Emma FORBES & PC Lyn MACKENZIE (Police Scotland)</p>	
	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Bruce FLETT, Donnie McLEAN, Bryan WATSON Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr Maria MACLEAN, Cllr Ray MACLEAN Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach)</p>	
	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>During the festive season safety was ensured by additional patrols which was welcomed by shoppers and at night Police Scotland were assisted by the taxi marshals and street pastors. A safe space bus was in operation and thought to be a valuable service.</p> <p>Drug detection using sniffer dogs was also carried out successfully. This was welcomed by Police Scotland and the Licensees.</p> <p>Youth engagement was undertaken on 8th December 2017. Iain Catto asked for details of the subjects covered and Police Scotland will reply to Patsy Gowans on this.</p>	Police
	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>In the absence of Craig Woodall the new bus timetable was discussed.</p> <p>The No. 10 serving the hospital does not stop at a convenient place. Elderly patients and visitors leaving by bus have to cross the A96 which has previously been identified as a hazardous crossing area.</p> <p>The Inverness Airport bus from Elgin does not have a guaranteed connection as promised at one time. If the incoming bus into Nairn is running late this can leave passengers waiting for an hour outside at Nairn waiting for the connection. The destination boards have reverted to "Nairn" and do not mention the airport. Previously Elgin Community Council worked with Stagecoach to get that changed so that the destination is clear. This only works with a guaranteed connection. People cannot sensibly plan a journey to Inverness Airport under these circumstances.</p> <p>Iain Catto to write on behalf of ECC to Stagecoach about the above matters.</p>	IC
	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Margaret Park proposed, Eddie Wallace seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	

	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Minute of 12 Dec 2017:</p> <p>Item 7b – Public Transport – Cllr Leadbitter advised members of a meeting run by HiTrans on 29th January at the Mercure Hotel Inverness and has Humza Yousaf as a guest speaker. Eddie and David Chapman to attend along with anyone else who is interested.</p> <p>Item 7d - *Care Locations – The initiative has been well received although some of the arrangements appear to be mixed up. Jeff undertook to reconfirm all planned visits and advised that future visits would be set up provisionally, then confirmed subject to sufficient ECC members being available.</p> <p>During this item Alastair Kennedy mentioned a recent visit to Anderson's Care Home and recounted talking to Jimmy MacLean (AKA "Jimmy The Bus") who was widely known in Elgin and beyond and who was well liked by all who met him.</p> <p>Item 7a - Moray Leisure Centre: See Item 6 below.</p> <p>Elgin Town Hall potential CAT. Aileen Marshall, Pat Patterson, Iain Catto and Paul Briggs indicated their intention to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Lantern of the North Group in relation to a potential Community Asset Transfer. Members agreed that it could be a good idea provided it is backed by a viable business plan however, it must not compromise other venues in Moray. Patsy Gowans said that it would be good if the recent investment in the Town Hall was not wasted.</p> <p>Budget Consultation: A special meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th January 2018 to discuss and agree the response circulated by Iain Catto on 9th January 2018. Steve Christie to obtain Cedarwood. An item is to be added to the February agenda to consider any alternative budget proposals because, as Iain Catto pointed out, the budget will be set on 14th February 2018. Cllr Graham Leadbitter added that charges for services including health and social care but excluding leisure would be decided at a meeting Tuesday 16th January 2018.</p>	<p>EW,DC, Et al</p> <p>JG</p> <p>AM,PP,IC,PB</p> <p>SC,AK</p>
	<p><u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u></p>	
	<p>Due to the holidays there was not much to report and the Council's discussion on the Leisure Centre was confidential.</p>	
	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p><u>FAIRTRADE</u></p>	
	<p>Pat Paterson and Mary Wall reported a good turnout for the Farmer's Markets at Elgin Academy and New Elgin High School where the Fairtrade group had stalls.</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight is 26th February 2018 to 11th March 2018 and the strapline this year is "Come in to Fairtrade".</p>	<p>ALL</p>
	<p><u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u></p>	
	<p>Bus Services are discussed under item 3b Stagecoach</p> <p>Train Service Punctuality in Elgin has been reported as poor. It is understood that Richard Lochhead is arranging a meeting with Abelio to discuss this and other service improvements.</p>	
	<p><u>MORAY LEISURE CENTRE</u></p>	
	<p>Moray Leisure Centre: See Item 6. It was understood that HiLife Highland were assisting in resolving some of the issues with Moray Leisure Centre.</p>	
	<p><u>PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING</u></p>	
	<p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the next round of participatory budgeting will be at an event at the end of March 2018. Alastair Kennedy to confirm the date of the event and ensure it does not coincide with the Moray Transport Forum seminar on 24th March 2018. The funding for distribution is £60k and it is for Health and Wellbeing.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p>	
	<p>The Main Issues Report is out for consultation. Details were circulated by Patsy Gowans. The closing date for responses is 30th March 2018. James Wiseman proposed attending the drop-in session on 23rd January 2018 then looking at the Main Issues Report in the last week of January to draft comments for February and finalise comments at the meeting in March. Anyone who is unable to attend the January meeting should make their thoughts known to James Wiseman.</p>	<p>JW, Et al</p>

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	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
	No correspondence was discussed.	
	<u>OFFICE BEARERS REPORTS</u>	
	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy to circulate his report. Alastair Kennedy read out part of his report stating that a letter had been sent criticising the time allowed for the budget consultation and the inactivity of the Community Engagement Group on this matter. James Wiseman added criticism of the apparent lack of output from the Community Engagement Group.	AK
	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
	Steven Christie tabled his report for the period 28/11/2017 to 27/12/2017 showing a spend in the month of £285.28 with a closing balance of £2,102.58.	
	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>	
	Patsy Gowans highlighted the significance of the speakers that were arranged for February 2018 ie Pam Gowans IJB Chief Officer, Alistair Pattison NHS and Jamie Hogg Clinical Director at Dr Grays. The meeting is to understand their respective roles and build an understanding of the health and social care structure. Their attendance is anticipated to be of the order of 45 minutes.	
	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Alastair Kennedy advised that a speaker on the Rothes Wind Farm will attend our March 2018 meeting and there may be community benefit for Elgin in the future.	AK
	<u>DIARY DATES FOR ECC MEMBERS</u>	
	11/1/2018 Budget consultation special meeting. End January 2018 Local Plan initial meeting	
	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 13 th February 2018 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.