

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b>ACTION</b>
a.	<b><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></b>  Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Patsy GOWANS (Secretary), Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer),	
b.	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>  Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Bruce FLETT, Jeff GABLE, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL, Margaret PARK, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>  Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Phil WU Police Scotland, Pam GOWANS (IJB Moray) Jamie HOGG (NHS Dr Grays)	
2.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Paul BRIGGS, Donnie McLEAN, Bryan WATSON Cllr John DIVERS, Craig WOODALL (Stagecoach), Alastair PATTISON (NHS)	
a.	<b><u>WELCOME</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
3.	<b><u>AGENCIES</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>SPEAKERS</u></b>	
	<p>Pam Gowans outlined her role as CEO of the Moray Integrated Joint Board (IJB) providing health and social care across Moray including out of hours services such as G-Meds. As the IJB nears the end of its second year of operation they are looking back at successes such as stepdown provision at Jubilee Cottages, Elgin and a project to cater for people with learning difficulties previously at Maybank in Forres and now at a new site in Lhanbryde which are to be studied by RGU as innovative methods of delivering social care. Other initiatives such as Boogie in the Bar are aimed at inclusivity which adds to the wellbeing of older people in the community. She explained that the IJB is now well established and is looking further into the future.</p> <p>Refurbishing the Jubilee Cottages and other projects enabling patients to leave hospital earlier were mentioned and Jamie Hogg, Medical Director for Dr Gray's Hospital explained how it was valuable saying you can't deal with people coming in the front door if you can't get people out of the back door! He pointed out that the problems of people laying in corridors and the like reported nationally at the end of last year didn't happen in Dr Gray's.</p> <p>Jamie Hogg talked about the three objectives for Dr Grays being Reputation; Cost Control; and Sustainability. He explained how the three were linked. Lack of Doctors affects service and therefore reputation and locum doctors are expensive. To achieve sustainability they have the challenge of attracting new young doctors to the area. To achieve that they are looking at connecting services with Raigmore in Inverness to increase the team of surgeons to a more sustainable number. This fits in with a regional plan for the North covering Tayside, Highland, Grampian, Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles.</p> <p>In response to questions, performance was discussed and a number of members congratulated both speakers on their performance delivering services and approach to the future.</p>	
b.	<b><u>POLICE</u></b>	

	<p>Sergeant Phil Wu highlighted work being done to improve road safety around primary schools mainly through education. Parking and poor driving standards resulted in 8 parking tickets being issued and 45 drivers being educated. A community event is proposed where school children will record the speed of passing motorists and observe driver behaviour with guidance so they can better appreciate the risks.</p> <p>On other matter, the willful fire raising at Billy Millers resulting in damage to vehicles is still being investigated, the Clavie went without incident and the tack attacker in New Elgin is back.</p>	
c.	<b>STAGECOACH</b>	
	Iain Catto commented that there had been no contact from Stagecoach for some time.	
4.	<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Jeff Gable proposed, Patsy Gowans seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p><i>7b) Public Transport - Stagecoach</i></p> <p>1) <i>No 11 bus – problems with bus stop-not suitable for elderly/patients due to hazardous crossing on A96.</i></p> <p>Douglas Clark noted that Douglas Ross was raising this as a safety and security matter.</p> <p>2) <i>Inverness Airport bus – no guaranteed connection. Passengers can wait up to one hour outside Nairn for a connection.</i></p> <p>This has not been resolved.</p> <p>Iain Catto sent out a press release on both problems and Inside Moray covered it.</p> <p><i>7b) Public Transport – Rail</i></p> <p><i>Re-ongoing concerns for rail commuters between Ab-Inv Richard Lochhead MSP to hold a public meeting with Abelio</i></p> <p><i>7b) Public Transport – HiTrans 29 January 2018-Humza Yousaf Guest Speaker (any feedback from those attending?:</i></p> <p>David Chapman and Douglas Clark attended, reported it was interesting and noted the proposal to stable trains in Elgin was mentioned without any prompt.</p> <p><i>7c)Moray Leisure Centre: Cllr Leadbitter advised that management support is currently being provided to MLC therefore he is positive for now with situation</i></p> <p>No update.</p> <p><i>7d) Care Locations: JG agreed to contact and co-ordinate dates and times with agencies and ECC members including on members availability</i></p> <p>Jeff has a plan in place to cover all care locations in Elgin by the end of the month and will then look to do a quarterly rota.</p> <p><i>Elgin Town Hall: AM/PP/IC/PB will attend the meeting led by Lantern of the North to see if it is possible for a Community Asset Transfer to see whether there is a good business plan on it being viable or not. Those attending all agreed to look into the Community Asset Transfer process.</i></p> <p>This was discussed at length. Councillor Frank Brown explained the administration's position being interested in a CAT. Ongoing interests were noted but no-one has come forward as yet. Members thought that it was optimistic to think a CAT could be in place by June.</p> <p><i>Budget Consultation: A special members only meeting arranged 11 January at Cedarwood-SC was thanked for arranging this) IC sent ECC response report in relation to Administration's Bridging the Gap booklet to TMC</i></p> <p>It noted that the budget is being set tomorrow (14/2/2018)</p>	JG
6.	<b><u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u></b>	
a.	The budget was mentioned.	

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7.	<b><u>COMMUNITY ISSUES</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>FAIRTRADE</u></b>	
	Mary Wall and Pat Patterson outline some of the activities proposed for Fairtrade Fortnight including a talk at Elgin academy and an Information event on 28 <sup>th</sup> February at the Inkwel at 7pm	
b.	<b><u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u></b>	
	See Matters Arising	
c.	<b><u>CARE LOCATIONS</u></b>	
	See Matters arising	
d.	<b><u>Moray Leisure Centre</u></b>	
	No updates	
e.	<b><u>PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING</u></b>	
	Health and Wellbeing Event 24 March 2018 (as minuted 09 January 2018)	
f.	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	
	James Wiseman to arrange an event for the Main Issues Report on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 evening (6:30 ish). Steve Christie agreed to check availability of Cedarwood.	<b>JW/SC</b>
g.	<b><u>SPICE</u></b>	
	SPICE is working on a project for hanging baskets in the town centre. ECC to consider sponsoring a basket.	
h.	<b><u>ELGIN TOWN HALL</u></b>	
	See Matters arising	
i.	<b><u>MORAY SPORTS CENTRE</u></b>	
	Alastair Kennedy to arrange Kathryne Evans to speak at March meeting.	
j.	<b><u>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u></b>	
	See Planning	
k.	<b><u>ELGIN SOUTH REPORT</u></b>	
	<p><b>Elgin South Group Meeting 31/1/18</b></p> <p>Main points from the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Attendance: Marilyn Kelly, Linda McKenzie, Aileen Marshall, Patsy Gowans. Apologies Christine Clerk</li> <li>2. Junners/Elgin Town Hall. We wondered what the future of both of these buildings might be, particularly Elgin Town Hall. Was a CAT the way forward for the Town Hall? We all agreed the building was indispensable.</li> <li>3. Parking Charges. In the light of the current consultation on Parking Charges we wondered how they</li> </ol>	

	<p>might impact on Elgin, particularly the town centre and residential streets around the station.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potholes in The Wards. We welcomed the fact that these had been filled up, though it was thought the repairs may not last long.</li> <li>Dr Gray's. In the light of the planned expansion of Elgin there was concern that Dr Gray's may not have the capacity to cope. Perhaps something the ECC could take up following the February meeting on Health?</li> <li>Crossing Glen Moray Drive. Since the opening of the new Elgin High School there has been a change in traffic patterns, particularly in the morning. Traffic is often seen backing up halfway up Glen Moray Drive. This coincides with the time pupils are walking to both Elgin High and Greenwards, particularly those coming through Springfield Gardens who have increasing difficulty crossing the road. Some sort of crossing aid may need to be considered. In our view Glen Moray Drive may need two crossings, one near the top for the shops and one near the bottom.</li> <li>Leylandii. Discussion on how it might be possible to proceed re leylandii which had become a problem.</li> <li>Next Meeting Wednesday 28 February at 2pm</li> </ol> <p><i>Aileen Marshall</i></p>	
8.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Primary Care Changes-New GP Contracts – Event 19 February, Inverness for those interested, email: <a href="mailto:Gregory.Hill-Oconnor@Alliance-Scotland.org.uk">Gregory.Hill-Oconnor@Alliance-Scotland.org.uk</a></i></li> <li><i>Elgin Sports Trust - Sale of Community Land, meeting 9 February 19:00 hours – Elgin City Football Club – feedback from members if any attended.</i></li> </ul> <p>Iain Catto and James Wiseman had attended the meeting</p> <p>The presentation explained that the Elgin Sports Community Trust (ESCT) had been set up with a view to improving the provision of sports facilities in Elgin. Their plan is to get a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Lesser Borough Briggs; the construction and operation of which they will fund from gifts, grants and hiring out the venue. This will generate revenue for other projects. The trustees did not seem particularly connected with football but Elgin City would be a key customer and is providing facilities associated with the area of land sought. Richard Lochhead attended and was in favour of it. Graham Leadbitter and Paula Coy were also present and Graham spoke about some of the process they would go through and answered questions on the status of the idea. I asked about how widely available the facilities would be and they said they would have a commercial side at peak times but community groups and possibly schools could use it at other times for free (if they can make that work). Iain spoke to them after the presentation showing them what the charrette was proposing for the same area of land. He also questioned the viability of such a scheme from his experience.</p> <p>The proposal seems to be one step removed from the football club seeking the land which we objected to before. The success or failure will hinge on the how realistic the business plan is and whether it turns out like they expect.</p> <p>Iain and James are going to meet with a couple of the trustees on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to try and get some more information about their business plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>For Chair: Moray Carshare-IC sent a letter of support 26 January 2018 (print attached)</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Community Safety Partnership Reports – sent to members 7 February</i></b></li> </ul>	
9.	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>	
	<p><b>Elgin Community Council Licensing Report</b></p> <p>The Community Council has been consulted on two applications for late hours catering licences for the retail outlets attached to the Esso garages on each of West Road and East Road in Elgin. The additional hours requested are 11 pm to 5am 7 days per week, which is what the premises operate at present. The applications are necessary due to a transfer in ownership to Malthurst Petroleum, which I believe to be another company in the same company group as the current owners. I circulated the applications to Community Council members on 26 January, and no-one has to date had any adverse comment to make. I therefore propose that we offer no comment to either of these applications. Any comments have to be submitted by 19 February 2018.</p> <p><i>Iain Catto</i></p> <p>There were no objections to the above</p>	IC
10.	<b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b>	

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a.	<p><b>Chair's report for Elgin Community Council's February 2018 meeting.</b></p> <p><b>14/12/17</b> This was the date we had set up for the first meeting to kick off the new Participatory Budgeting exercise. You'll recall we accessed £60,000 from the Community Choices fund and it must be used by end of March. However, I wasn't able to attend the first meeting.</p> <p><b>19/12/17</b> I had asked for a meeting of the Community Reps on the Community Engagement Group (CEG). That took place in Lhanbryde Community Centre. I was unhappy that the Moray Council as a partner which had agreed any consultation/engagement would be brought to the CEG first and, furthermore, would use the National Standards for Community Engagement had decided to undertake a budget consultation which did neither. This consultation didn't heed the lessons learned from the last time, the time-frame is too short and that's without acknowledging the fact it went out over the festive period. That being the case I fail to see the sense in spending hours poring over papers and sitting for hours at meetings in a group that seems to lack direction in any case. We wrote to the Leader of Moray Council and the current Lead Officer for the group asking for explanations. We await responses. Depending on the responses will depend on remaining as a member of the group – or not.</p> <p><b>19/12/17</b> The Grant Lodge Trust had a meeting over a dinner in the Royal Hotel. The Royal Hotel allow us free use of a room during the year so this has become an annual event as some form of payment.</p> <p><b>21/12/17</b> This was the last Moray Community Awards meeting of the year.</p> <p><b>8/01/18</b> Today was a Money for Moray (M4M) meeting where organisation of the next Participatory Budgeting event began. The event will take place in the Grant Hall, Rothes towards the end of March where £60,000 from the Community Choices Fund will be disseminated.</p> <p><b>09/01/18</b> This was our normal monthly meeting.</p> <p><b>12/01/18</b> A special LEADER meeting took place with Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Minister. There were 5 successful applicants in attendance to share their experience in the LEADER process with Mr Ewing. It was also an opportunity to lobby for some form of similar system to be put in place by the Scottish Government after Brexit.</p> <p><b>16/01/18</b> There was a Community Engagement Group meeting held to discuss the proposed changes to the Community Planning structure. I'm not sure if the meeting actually achieved anything or not but the CEG was being side-lined – hence CCs were being side-lined – in the proposed structure. We shall see if changes are made.</p> <p><b>23/01/18</b> I had been asked to attend a meeting with the Community Learning and Development (CLD) strategic inspectors. I was pleased to be able to report that Community Councils do community engagement and community empowerment in various ways. We have our committees all engaging, we have members on the M4M group doing good work, we have members on SPICE and the Moray Community Awards all creating community engagement and empowerment. That all feeds in well to CLD and I was pleased that we were able to offer more diverse information than any other agency/body.</p> <p><b>23/01/18</b> Following the CLD inspection meeting I visited the Moray Local Development Plan event in Elgin Town Hall. The team were pleased with the numbers coming through the door and suggest that may be at least partly due to having worked with CCs.</p> <p><b>23/01/18</b> In the evening was the Friends of Grant Lodge AGM. Andrew Gray (previous member) gave a presentation on Community Asset Transfers.</p> <p><b>23/01/18</b> The LEADER programme is very much led by the Local Development Strategy (LDS) but it was drawn up in 2014 so requires updating. A sub-group met to review the LDS and decide what areas require re-written. Each left with an "Objective" to redraft.</p> <p><b>29/01/18</b> I had an early meeting with Kathryn Evans who is the person responsible for finding funding for the Moray Sports Centre to look at why their expression of interest in LEADER had not progressed.</p> <p><b>29/01/18</b> I then drove to Burghead and met with the other panel members who are dealing with a complaint against a Community Councillor.</p> <p><b>31/01/18</b> I attended an Office-bearers' meeting with Patsy, Steven and James to draw up the agenda for next ECC meeting.</p> <p><b>01/02/18</b> Each month myself and the Vice-chair of the LEDAER LAG meet with the team for an update and to try and stay abreast of things. This was also an opportunity to set the agenda for the next LAG meeting.</p>	
b.	<b><u>TREASURER REPORT</u></b>	
	No report. Alastair Kennedy reminded members to submit their expenses.	
c.	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b>	
	No Report	
11.	<b><u>DIARY DATES</u></b>	

	<p>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - A96 dualling. See noticed circulated.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 Inkwel – Fairtrade Information Event</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – Main Issues Report</p>	ALL
12.	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>	
	<p>Alastair Kennedy reported that Donnie McLean had resigned from the Community Council but wished to stay as an Associate member. There were no objections.</p> <p>Iain Catto advised that Moray Car Share had applied to LEADER for funding to extend the scheme to the wider Moray area.</p> <p>Data protection training is likely to be available in March.</p> <p>Steve Christie advised that the Community Awards nominations close on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018</p> <p>Iain Catto mentioned that the JCC had a presentation on Shared Energy Ownership and a memorandum of understanding was being sought by the promoter.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.