

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council
Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<u>OFFICE BEARERS</u> Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Patsy Gowans (Secretary), Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer),	
b.	<u>MEMBERS</u> Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Cllr Paula COY, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER PC McPHAIL (Police Scotland), David MACKAY (P&J), Alistair WHITFIELD (Northern Scot). Sheila COCHRANE (Public) Mike DEVENNEY (LOTN) Barry JARVIS (LOTN) Mark CONTI (LOTN)	
d.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Paul BRIGGS, Iain CATTO, Margaret PARK, Bryan WATSON. Graeme LESLIE (Stagecoach)	
e.	<u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u> Patsy Gowans read out a report hand delivered by PC McPhail who was unable to stay for the meeting due to ongoing Police work. The report stated that the Elgin Community Policing Team have been engaging with the community, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour this month. Incidents at New Elgin Cemetery were traced to a 7 year old child who was dealt with appropriately. The talk to Elgin Community Council on 10 th May was mention and the level of interest acknowledged. A drugs operation in Elgin resulted in two people being detained to appear in court at a later date.	
b.	<u>STAGECOACH</u> An update from Graeme Leslie was read out as follows: We have seen an improvement with low floor vehicle availability on the short 10 working between Inverness and Elgin. We have had a series of problematic road closures in the Elgin area with the works to upgrade the road at the Mansfield Hotel - patience and understanding of passengers is appreciated. The gas works at Barmuckity also caused us an issue over the Easter holidays but thankfully were contained to 2 weeks. EDF Energy are moving wind turbines along the A96 from this week - daily- for a period of 6 months, we have found out about this late in the day and as I'm sure you can imagine we are extremely concerned, we are meeting with EDF on Wednesday in Elgin. The turbines will be moving all the way from Inverness to Huntly so clearly this has a direct impact on Elgin.	
3.	<u>GUEST SPEAKER</u>	

	<p>Mike Devennev, Barry Jarvis and Mark Conti outlined the history of their Lantern Of The North (LOTN) group which has sought for three years to obtain a venue for a performance space and were most recently considering the Junners building on South Street until the Elgin Town Hall became a possibility. LOTN had to diversify into a community led company applying for charity status in order to consider the Town Hall for more than just music events to serve the wider community. A public meeting was held in January 2018 which proved to be a good start to the process and the speakers gave an insight into the intensity of work required to meet the demanding, and some might say unrealistic, timescale set by the Moray Council. However, everyone at the meeting supported the efforts of LOTN and wished them well and hope that they can keep the Elgin Town Hall open.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy expressed his disappointment that neither the Grant Lodge Trust nor the Town Hall group were approached in relation to the City Deal application. Both buildings could have played a part in and benefitted from early involvement.</p> <p>There was a discussion on various aspects of the funding and business case which is being developed.</p> <p>Another public meeting is to be held later in the month.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steve Christie proposed, Patsy Gowans seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
a.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Report from Aileen Marshall</p> <p>Dr Gray's Women and Children's Services</p> <p>Drop-In Sessions April 18 Report</p> <p>The Sessions took place as follows</p> <p>17 April - Elgin, Town Hall 18 April - Forres, Forres House Community Centre 19 April - Buckie Community Centre 23 April - Dufftown Community Centre 24 April - Keith Community Centre 25 April - Lossiemouth Community Centre</p> <p>The sessions were designed "to give people the chance to ask questions, gather ideas for long term solutions to the staffing challenges we face and invite attendees to get further involved as we move forward". I attended the afternoon session in Elgin. More than 70 people attended the two Elgin sessions.</p> <p>They took an interesting format. There were lots of staff around and on arrival one of them invited attendees to individual tables to chat. Information sheets were handed out covering background and FAQs available at http://www.nhsgrampian.co.uk/nhsgrampian/InvolvingYou.jsp?pContentID=9940&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&</p> <p>They also have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/DrGraysWomenandChildren</p> <p>A great deal of effort is involved in keeping the service going, mostly through staffing problems that are UK wide. This is obviously a challenging situation but I tried to reassure that, whilst the community are not happy with a reduction in services, they are most definitely supportive of all efforts to ameliorate the situation. At the moment they are in a constant fire-fighting situation, making it difficult/impossible to consider longer term strategies.</p> <p>Went on to discuss Dr Gray's issues more generally. They really want to produce a long-term sustainable plan for Dr Gray's and they are anxious that the community is involved in creating it. I sense that this is a change of attitude to community engagement, perhaps learning from Health & Social Care's community involvement. I assured them that this would be welcomed.</p> <p>Report from Patsy Gowans</p> <p><i>Patsy Action: emailed Pam Gowans questions on health and social care – see Patsy's questions in black and Pam's answers in blue below:</i></p> <p><i>1) How will the on-going cuts affect Moray Services? - We are working on a paper for June to set out the extent of impact on the current budget and services having reviewed what it that a 4.6m gap is going to do. This paper will likely be public as part of the IJB paper for June.</i></p> <p><i>2) Are any important initiatives likely to be affected from cuts? We feel we have already saved significant amounts and are now looking at core services, so the effect could be fairly significant on what we are able to offer and waiting times for services etc</i></p> <p><i>3) If the answer is yes to 1 and 2 how will you overcome them? This is hard to state at the moment as this is the piece of work underway. We will also be discussing with NHSG and MC the choices we have to make and whether this is indeed acceptable. Again June will be the date for the info to be presented.</i></p>	

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	<i>4) Will the Moray Integrated Joint Board Budget remain the same or not? The budget has been cut 2 years in a row now and we already as you know had significant cost pressures. There is additional money but it comes with additional commitments so no real impact. It is anticipated that the budget will continue to ultimately reduce in value in the coming years. Happy post June to give you an update but hopefully by then we will be putting out public communications on the state of play.</i>	
5.	<u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u>	
	<p>The Elected Members in attendance advised that most things were still confidential but the budget consultation, the Growth Deal, and the Halls were taking up much discussion this month.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked about school crossing patrols. It was noted that it was disappointing that administration members were not in attendance to answer these questions.</p>	
6.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
a.	<u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u>	
	<p>Mary Wall reported that the Fairtrade group were looking forward to taking a stall at the Elgin BID Food and Drink Festival on 18th August.</p> <p>Cllr John Divers noted that the Fairtrade group were nominated for a Moray Community Award.</p>	
b.	<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>	
	<p>See stagecoach</p> <p>Douglas Clark noted a sign at the Leisure Centre saying "No busses stop here" is incorrect because the 340 stops there. Eddie Wallace agreed to take this forward.</p>	EW
c.	<u>CARE LOCATIONS</u>	
	No update available	
d.	<u>PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy reported the success of Participatory Budgeting and that the Money for Moray Participatory Budgeting Group had organised a Participatory Budgeting development day recently for the Community Engagement Group, the Community Planning Partnership and the Community Planning Officer's Group which it was felt it had been successful in giving the attendees more information on Participatory Budgeting. The group will be working towards having the Participatory Budgeting system used in mainstream budgets with a government target of allocating a minimum 1% of all Councils' Budgets via Participatory Budgeting by 2020.	
e.	<u>PLANNING</u>	
	<p>James Wiseman reported that he had submitted the Elgin Community Council's response to the consultation on the Bilbohall Master Plan. Alastair Kennedy asked if he had had an acknowledgement. JW to produce acknowledgement.</p> <p>We have objected to the application for work at Lesser Borough Briggs on the grounds of seeking proof of no impact on the flood alleviation, and not wishing to imply any connection to the lesser Borough Briggs Common Good land.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy pointed out that the Community Council had earned its grant through this exercise alone. James Wiseman asked members to share some examples of their work and the time input in case anyone was of a mind to question the value of the Community Council.</p>	JW
f.	<u>SPICE</u>	
	<p>The Hanging Baskets are on order and coming on 23rd June. A team will have to be in town to collect and get them up. Suitable acknowledgements of funding will be deployed. . Alastair Kennedy had suggested to SPICE that we try to get a sign on the large new seating area as promotion of ECC's sponsorship of the hanging baskets.</p> <p>Litter Pick - Best location identified as – Blackfriars are area to start – Saturday 24th March went well, 28 bags. We were joined by 3 cub scouts who stayed for the 2 hours. Cubs, scouts, brownies, girl guides & Boys brigade should</p>	

	<p>be contacted for future activities.</p> <p>Flower bed at the 8 Acres – shared with the Rotary was weeded today by Alastair Kennedy.</p> <p>The SPICE Diary of events is being developed.</p>	
g.	<u>Polling Station</u>	
	ECC Response was submitted	
h.	<u>ELGIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE</u>	
	<p>Iain Catto is reviewing a privacy policy for the website.</p> <p>A special meeting was set for 24th May 2018 at 18:30 to discuss this and training in more detail.</p>	
i.	<u>MORAY COMMUNITY AWARDS</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy reported that the awards ceremony was well attended and he mentioned the overall winner which was Abbie's Sparkle Foundation.	
j.	<u>GDPR</u>	
	<p>A diary date to be arranged for an extra meeting.</p> <p>A special meeting was set for 24th May 2018 at 18:30 to discuss this and training GDPR in more detail. Two members of Lossiemouth CC to be invited to share in the training.</p>	
7.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
	<p>1) Zurich customer info on Local Community Advisory Service</p> <p>2) Record of Meeting and discussion with Transport Scotland/Mott MacDonald Sweco and Community Council Forum – David Chapman attended and reported a low turnout.</p> <p>3) letter from Mr Peterson, Shetland re parking at Duffus Road, ECC responded.</p>	
8.	<u>OFFICE BEARER'S REPORTS</u>	
a.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	
	<p><u>Chair's Report for May meeting</u></p> <p><u>03/04/18</u> This was the day when three of us sat down to short-list the nominations for the Moray Community Awards (MCA). It was a difficult job which took most of the day although I was missing for part of the day due to a funeral.</p> <p><u>05/04/18</u> Before each LEADER LAG meeting the Project Assessment Committee (PAC) meets to go through the applications with a fine-tooth comb, debating and discussing each project. The applications are then scored using a matrix. The score is assessed, following which a strong recommendation is made to the LAG. That ensures the applications are not then completely re-assessed causing time wastage.</p> <p><u>07/04/18</u> Jane Martin, our CCLO had arranged training for CCs on the forthcoming changes to Data Protection. The training was funded by the Community Support Unit from Moray Council courtesy of Ian Todd, CSU manager. Because it was costly the training was opened up to other groups like Area Forums and members of the Federation of Village Halls and Associations. The event was very well attended.</p> <p><u>10/04/18</u> A meeting of the Moray Community Awards took place to finalise the running of the event. Everything was in place and the team are hopeful of a successful evening.</p> <p><u>10/04/18</u> This was the evening of our normal monthly meeting. Some information on the meeting is within the latest Community Safety Report.</p> <p><u>11/04/18</u> Every year the MCA event borrows two large table cloths from Elgin BID to cover the desks at the front of the venue to give a more professional look. Today I headed to the BID office to pick them up.</p> <p><u>11/04/18</u> There had been some cash and cheques from the Data Protection training "Discussion Cards" lying with me so the visit to the BID office doubled up as a visit to the bank</p> <p><u>13/04/18</u> One required part of the LEADER programme is to spend an amount of the funding on Co-operation projects with other LAGs. Although we had discussed a couple of possible projects they hadn't yet come to fruition.</p>	

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	<p>Highland and North Aberdeenshire LAGs are in a similar position so representatives of all three met up to bounce some ideas around.</p> <p>16/04/18 I had signed up for a wee bit of training called "Let's get Digital". It was very interesting with a good number attending. There was some hands on provided but the Moray College UHI wifi was a bit intermittent.</p> <p>17/04/18 The morning saw me attending a Money For Moray PB group meeting. The group is organising a Development Day with the Community Planning Partners, Community Engagement Group and the Community Planning Officers Group on 24/04/18 so we met to agree the agenda for that day.</p> <p>17/04/18 This was the evening we held our extra ECC meeting. Discussion took place on "next steps" on the website. Next was discussing a response to the Bilbohall development master plan. Unfortunately I had to leave at that point but, as we know, a response was produced by those in attendance and written up by James with input from Iain and others.</p> <p>18/04/18 A heritage group from Rothes had been successful in getting funding at the earlier PB event and part of this was to enable the group to create a Rothes tartan. I had said I was interested in how this was done. I had been invited to visit the group to be updated. They had whittled the proposals down to three using five different coloured threads. One thread was silver to represent the salmon in the River Spey, one was copper for the copper stills in the distilleries one was amber to represent the amber nectar (whisky) and the other two were taken from the colours of the village logo. I was then invited as the only one from out with Rothes to come back at a later date and vote for the preferred tartan.</p> <p>18/04/18 Following on from a previous event run by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act the SCDC officer had returned to give some further information on things like CATs, Participation requests and other areas of the Act.</p> <p>24/04/18 The Community Engagement Group had invited the Money for Moray group to deliver some development on PB, as mentioned earlier. The event was an opportunity to begin making inroads to getting PB into mainstream budgets. We had input from Alan Budge, PB Partners and David Allan, SCDC, both of whom we had worked with on numerous occasions in the past. It seemed like a successful event and there were around 30 in attendance. The Money for Moray group held a debrief session afterwards with David Allan on the most recent PB event. This link will take you to the PB news. https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2018/3/13/money-for-moray-beneath-the-tip-of-the-pb-iceberg</p> <p>25/04/18 Moray has been trialling a pilot project called a "Gatecheck" where any problems that arise during the updating of the Local Development Plan are agreed at the start of the process. This was the second event and after discussion on progress to date we broke into workshops. The workshop I attended was on engagement and what was required throughout the process. The feedback was then debated before lunch (which was provided)</p> <p>25/04/18 The Office Bearers met in the evening to finalise the agenda for the May meeting.</p> <p>26/04/18 There was an afternoon meeting of SPICE which centred on the forthcoming floral hanging baskets and Steven will update the meeting on progress.</p> <p>27/04/18 This was the evening of the Moray Community Awards, It was a glittering event with refreshments followed by the main event with the Ultimate Champion Award – sponsored by ECC - going to the young man who set up Abbie's Sparkle Foundation after the loss of his young sister to cancer on last Christmas Day. He was well deserved winner.</p> <p>30/04/18 Along with another 8 members I attended a meeting in the Town Hall chaired by Richard Lochhead MSP. Also there was the CEO of Abellio/Network Rail Alliance. There were numerous questions asked and numerous promises given. Some promises will definitely be carried out as they are part of the upgrades but some of the softer stuff, like problems with the complaints procedure, we'll have to wait and see.</p> <p>01/05/18 I had a morning meeting with Jane Martin, CCLO, to finalise the agenda for the next JCC meeting.</p> <p>01/04/18 In the afternoon I visited the drop-in session on the proposed Clash Gour windfarm. The developer will give a presentation at the next JCC meeting. This is the developer that is looking at Community Investment so it seems very wise to become as informed as possible.</p>	
b.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
	Steve Christie tabled a balance sheet detailing spend in the month line by line and a closing balance of £2,033.17.	
9.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy encouraged all to attend the JCC meeting on Thursday 10/5/2018 at 7pm.</p> <p>David Chapman gave a brief update on the Findrassie development.</p> <p>It was agreed to take forward Paul Briggs' point about the Sentinel Card to work on railways which Patsy Gowans raised on Pauls behalf. Moray people are disadvantaged by the absence of a sponsor in the area which means they can't obtain a Sentinel Card which would allow them to apply for work on railways.</p> <p>Pauls point was:</p> <p><i>"You can't get a sentinel card to go trackside of the railway 's until you have sponsor that will do the other training needed. So a good example of this is they were looking for a banksman slinger in Elgin. So bam who was doing the work at the old goodsline advertise the post locally. Which of course they could not fill has not many people in and around moray would have the cards to get trackside . So they had to bring</i></p>	

	<p><i>people from central belt or has far has south England to cover the posts . Even general labour is a no go for the Moray folk . What I asked him was to sponsor people from moray to do a full ranch of training and be the sentinel sponsor. Which they said is something that they could do and would be great to get some thing in place and set up . He was talking about people from disadvantaged background ect. School leavers. Maybe crossover tradesman who have the skills but don't have a sponsor all of the groups above need looking at . Then a proposal put to network /Scott rail and see what we can set up and put in place."</i></p>	
10.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 12th June 2018 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
11.	<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.