

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<u>OFFICE BEARERS</u> Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Steve Christie (Treasurer) Patsy GOWANS (Secretary),	
b.	<u>MEMBERS</u> Eddie Wallace/Paul Briggs/Aileen Marshall/Jeff Gable/Pat Paterson/David Chapman*	
c.	<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Councillor John Divers/Coucillor Ray McLean Sgt Phil Wu/Stagecoach Operations Manager Jamie Reid Nadine Weiland David Walker, Journalist from the Press and Journal	
d.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Douglas Clark/Iain Catto/Mary Wall/Margaret Park/James Wiseman(Vice Chair)/Bryan Watson Cllrs Leadbitter, Paula Coy, Maria McLean and Frank Brown.	
e.	<u>WELCOME</u> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Stagecoach new Operations Manager, Jamie Reid The Chair also welcomed Nadine Weiland who went through the co-option process. The Chair asked members if they all agreed in Nadine being co-opted. Members agreed.	
2.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u> Sergeant Phil Wu attended and gave members a verbal update on: Community Policing. 1) Drug Searches: There was a push on drug search warrant. Drugs were obtained in Lossiemouth (4kilos of cocaine recovered) and 3 persons were charged. Sgt Wu emphasised this was a big recovery in Moray. 2) Anti Social Behaviour: At Langstane Place, Elgin the Police had received a number of complaints from the community in relation to: 1) drugs and needles 2) violence and other types of anti social behaviour The Police decided to use a "Police Pod" in the community for these on-going issues with a Multi Agency approach working with Langstane and Moray Council. Sgt Wu advised all agencies were pleased with the positive responses they received. Police Scotland: PDA Mobile Tool: Sgu Wu advised members of changes that are taking place. One example he provided was the the use of a PDA which is a mobile tool which officers will carry. This tool will make efficiency savings but the PDA mobile tool also provides the Police with instant communications and data. In Moray the A Division wil use this in 2019. Media Campaign: will be rolled out to the public on PDA tools in due course. The Chair acknowledged that the local Police is community focussed and thanked Sgt Wu. Sgt Wu stated that each community has to tailor their response as one model does not fit every area.	
b.	<u>STAGECOACH</u> Jamie Reid Operations Manager provided members with his verbal up-date. 1) Stagecoach timetable: there are changes to the time table but Jamie advised there will be no cuts	

	<p>to services. The timetable can also be found on-line.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) 22 September 14:30-17:30 St Giles Mall, Elgin: the public can attend this event by Stagecoach where they will welcome the public including their feedback. Jamie did add Stagecoach are aiming for efficiencies. 3) South Lesmurdie Bus Route: The Chair enquired if this bus route was working and Jamie advised that as far as he is aware it is. 4) 31 service – Forres: Members were informed that this service will get a sprinter van as one vehicle does not suit all areas but that there is still a lot of work yet to do – a work in progress. 5) 33 service – Lossiemouth: Pat Paterson made it clear that there are still problems with this route and Jamie advised that he is aware of that. 6) Investment in vehicles: Stagecoach are investing in vehicles as well as maintaining them such as re-trim and paint. <p>Lastly Jamie wanted to ensure members that Stagecoach listens to their users.</p>	
3.	<p><u>GUEST SPEAKER</u></p> <p>Due to a late cancellation there was no speaker.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2018 were asked to be approved and seconder sought. Proposer Pat Paterson and seconder Jeff Gable. The minute of 14 August 2018 was approved.</p> <p>a. <u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Item 1) - Action – AK sent out a co-option notice to Nadine Weiland 10 days prior to this meeting.</p> <p>Item 3) Action – Patsy completed allotment strategy 16 August 2018</p> <p>Item 9) – Action – Carers Permits/Blue Badge - IC awaiting info from officer if this has to be decided locally or nationally. IC to report back to next ECC Extra Meeting.</p> <p>Item 9) – Wild Flower Meadows – Sub-Group formed IC/MW/EW/DC – meeting with officers to be arranged when Douglas returns from his two month vacation in November. The Chair wished members to note that wild flower meadows arose at the Cooper Park Stakeholder Group Meeting on 22 August 2018 (see item 6g)</p>	IC
5.	<p><u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u></p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Budget Setting: Cllr John Divers reported that the 26 Moray Councillors had been advised from Audit Scotland to look at setting a budget. In order for this to happen a process of meetings with the four Council groups is to take place. Cllrs are currently awaiting the necessary information from Moray Council officers. Fourteen million savings have to be found by March 2019. The Chair thanked Cllr Divers and informed members that at his Community Engagement meetings he knows that running some services can be achieved differently and he gave examples of the school estate and public toilets. Cllr Divers referred to the past when Moray Council had reserves and over time it was easy to use them but this can no longer be done as the money is no longer there. 2) Local Development Plan: In addition Cllr Divers said that the six Elgin Elected Members are currently looking at this. <p>Compulsory Purchase Orders-Houses on Wittet Drive: Steve Christie asked Cllrs present would it not make sense to keep them for new teachers/ health professionals and that house share should be looked into also. Cllr Divers said he didn't disagree and that the plan was to use said houses for NHS but a vote was taken to sell four months ago. Steve Christie feels there is a good argument that selling the houses is not wise in relation to recruitment and the WLR. The Chair stated that his view was that all residents in Elgin should have had a vote on the WLR and he is aware that a financial loss could result in the sale of the houses when they could be an asset.</p> <p>Paul Briggs reminded members that the houses are used for temporary housing and that selling the houses would worsen on-going problems for Moray Council's Housing Department. Cllr Divers agreed.</p>	
6.	<p><u>COMMUNITY ISSUES AND REPORTS</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Elgin Food and Drink Festival, Elgin Town Hall: Pat Paterson enthused that this was a successful event including for Fairtrade as the public were interested in what they do, took leaflets and that their raffle sold quickly. 	

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	<p>2) Fairtrade Info: For future school fetes and similar the Fairtrade ladies had received information and recipes.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged and credited Pat and Mary's on-going work with Fairtrade.</p>	
b.	<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>	
	<p>1) NOTING ITEM - TRANSITION SCOTLAND – Douglas Clark is ECC rep</p> <p>2) NOTING ITEM - Annual Transport Seminar taking place 22 September, Lhanbryde Community Centre - R&T will attend and report back in October</p> <p>3) NOTING ITEM - Exploring Future of Rural Transport in Scotland 11/12 September – David Chapman to attend. David to report back to members in October.</p> <p>4) NOTING ITEM -Rail Fares Consultation - the aim is to simplify the fare structure, consultation closes 10 September. R&T provided a response, circulated to members. Note – Douglas Clark submitted his personal view.</p> <p>5) A96 Dualling: ICs response to be in by 14 September 2018 and reads as follows:</p> <p>"ECC considered the issue of the revised routes for the A96 dualling project (Hardmuir to Fochabers) at its Extra meeting on 28th August and its formal mtg of 11 September 2018. We remain of the view at this stage that a southerly A96 option would be better for the city, forming a southern city limit after the Elgin South long-term housing development. The northerly options have the potential to adversely impact on the Findrassie long term housing development which in our view is undesirable. We do however welcome the fact that options O5 (western part), O7 B1 and R6 have been dropped from consideration. The Community Council reserves its right to amend this view in the light of further detailed information as to the preferred route option being provided."</p> <p>Members present agreed to this content. IC to action by 14 September 2018.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall enquired if those present knew when the final route will be announced and David Chapman advised that it will be announced by the end of the year.</p>	<p><u>R&T</u></p> <p><u>DC</u></p> <p><u>IC</u></p>
c.	<u>PLANNING</u>	
	NOTING ITEM: James Wiseman submitted his response on Flood Risk Assessment Guidance for the Local Plan. The Chair thanked James for his work.	
d.	<u>SPICE</u>	
	<p>Steve Christie provided a verbal update:</p> <p>1) SPICE/Elgin Town Hall (ETH): A positive meeting took place where SPICE has been asked to partner/assist ETH in creating an outside cultural type area in the courtyard, possibly a bar/cafe. The aims for this are to be a community effort.</p> <p>2) In Your Neighbourhood Assessment: Steve advised that SPICE received level 4 and that he is content with this grading as SPICE is always developing and improving.</p> <p>The Chair praised all the good work and progress made by SPICE. All present agreed.</p>	
	An update had been circulated prior to the meeting.	
e.	<u>ELGIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE</u>	
	The Chair wished members to note that he feels ECC is in limbo with this project and that prioritisation is required along with developing generic ECC email addresses in line with GDPR.	
f.	<u>SENTINEL CARDS</u>	
	Network Rail: Paul Briggs wished members to note he had been in touch with Network Rail and the feedback he received was that 150 apprenticeships are available in Scotland. Paul stated he will keep pursuing communication with Network Rail to drive an outcome.	<u>PB</u>
g.	<u>COOPER PARK STAKEHOLDER EVENT - 22 AUGUST 2018</u>	
	ECC members who attended this event were; Alastair Kennedy/Jeff Gable/Iain Catto. Iain Catto circulated his comprehensive notes to members and advised all that the official notes will come out subsequently. The Chair stated that there was nothing new raised that had not been said at events in the past.	

h.	<p><u>MAKING PLACES FUND</u></p> <p>The Chair's view is that further investigation is required by ECC to seek out funding for ECC priorities and that it would be prudent to devise project lists for ECC to work on or to pass on funding routes which may benefit other community groups. At ECC Extra Meeting of 28 August members agreed for Iain Catto to arrange to convene a meeting with local groups and Tsi. This will be discussed at ECC next Extra Meeting.</p>	<u>IC/ ECC</u>
i.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>1) NOTING - Licensing Policy Review – At ECC Extra Meeting held on 28 August, some members expressed discontent re children in licensed premises after 10pm. However, the consensus was that a decision should be left with individual licensed premises. On behalf of ECC, IC informed the Licensing Board that they consider carefully ECC's significant concerns re younger children under 10 years of age.</p> <p>2) NOTING – Taxi Communications Strategy</p> <p>The special meeting of the Community Council on 28th August members considered the consultation paper from Moray Council on the draft communication strategy on taxi/private hire licensing and had no comment to make. The meeting did agree that we would monitor its implementation to see whether or not the Council follows through with what is being promised.</p>	
7.	<p><u>DR GRAY'S NHS GRAMPIAN</u></p> <p>NOTING ITEM - Dr Gray's NHS Grampian – AK to raise and note for minute that Cabinet Minister Jeanne Freeman informed NHS Grampian to revise their plan and re-submit. ECC to monitor.</p> <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>	
	<p>NOTING - CORRESPONDENCE – letter dated 15 August from Margaret Forest, Legal Services Manager on Taxi Consultation to be drafted by 20 September (see item 6c) Patsy asked IC for a wee brief prior to the meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><u>TREASURER's REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>Steve Christie reported no change - £2,920.39 in the account. In addition he has received communication that the accounts have to be checked by the end of September 2018 but those who do so have to have no association with ECC individuals.</p>	<u>SC/AK</u>
9.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>The Chair invited all present to raise AOCB.</p> <p>Steve Christie: advised members he has been invited to be a representative on the Benevolent Trust.</p> <p>Nadine Weiland: advised that in her role in Mental Health she is attending a conference on Peer Led Paradigm Shift. Nadine to report back her finding for our October meeting.</p> <p>Jeff Gable: Care Home Surgeries: pleased to advise members that Andersons/Abbeyside wish to continue in Care Home Surgeries. Abbeyside however, are no longer interested in being included except they wish Jeff to consider the on-going issues on parking in Duff Avenue including with ambulances.</p> <p>To date Jeff has not received a response from the Grove.</p> <p>Spynie has a new Manager who wishes her service to be included.</p> <p>For this to be achieved Jeff is seeking availability from members and is hopeful to have the next round of visits completed by end of November.</p> <p>This can be discussed at the next ECC meeting.</p> <p>Pat Paterson: she wished members to note her concerns that dogs are often not on leads and because of one incident her dog was attacked. Cllr Ray McLean stated due to a similar experience that unless a person is injured the Police will not follow through complaints like this.</p>	NW

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	<p>Paul Briggs: Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP): Paul has been attending the New Elgin Working Group but he wished members to note that he is not confident that the consultation group will have a successful outcome as the group itself does not have a budget to meet expectations of people. Nevertheless Paul advised members that he will keep attending and feedback to us as and when required.</p> <p>Cllr John Divers: Seagulls: Cllr Divers reported he and Cllr Frank Brown went to Inverness Bid to find out how they are dealing with the ongoing problem with Seagulls. Inverness Common Good Funding is being used for this project.</p> <p>The two Cllrs were also given papers by Dumfries and Galloway Council who have been successful in eradicating seagulls. Cllr Divers went on to say that it will take five or more years to ease our problems with seagulls and that Dumfries and Galloway Council used the process of egg removal. In order for this to be done safely a cherry picker is used with crews and that a timed programme of dates is required too.</p>	
10.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Special meeting 2 October 2018 commencing 19:00 hours - venue to be advised.-Patsy actioned 11 September 2019, circulated date to members.</p> <p>Regular meeting Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7:00pm 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 Patsy Gowans.