

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council







Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
	<p><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Patsy GOWANS (Secretary),</p>	
	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p>	
	<p>Iain CATTO, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Aileen MARSHALL, Margaret PARK, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE.</p>	
	<p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, David WALKER (P&J), Nadine WEILAND Barry JARVIS (Moray Council)</p>	
	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Jamie REID (Stagecoach), Paul BRIGGS, Douglas CLARK, Bruce FLETT, Catriona GRAY, Bryan WATSON.</p>	
	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>No update.</p>	
	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>No update.</p>	
	<p><u>SPEAKER - Barry Jarvis (Moray Council) New Elgin East Local Improvement Plan & Allotments</u></p> <p>Barry Jarvis explained the need for a New Elgin East Local Improvement Plan and how Moray Council were engaging with the community.</p> <p>Local Improvement Plans are part of a strategy by the Scottish Government. The New Elgin East Plan seeks to encourage health and wellbeing, attainment, and involvement. Barry described the area and said that community representatives were being sought. Elgin Community Council would be interested in helping but has only one member within the area and whose availability is limited and it was thought to be inappropriate for someone from outwith the area to participate. However, it was agreed that Iain Catto could participate on behalf of the Elgin Community Council if required. Barry explained how Moray Council were engaging with people to understand how best to go about the improvement. This phase is expected to finish in February 2019 with the output being fed into the Council's 10 year plan.</p> <p>Cllr John Divers asked for care to be taken interpreting data from sources that are relatively new to the area.</p> <p>Cllr Paula Coy asked if experience from Glasgow had been reviewed because engagement was achieved in difficult areas.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy expressed a fear that this would not produce real results based on past experience.</p> <p>Barry Jarvis highlighted the current Scottish Government consultation on allotments which closes 20th August 2018. Patsy Gowans will draft a response on behalf of Elgin Community Council.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>PG</p>

	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Jeff Gable 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>Alastair Kennedy intimated that Bruce Flett had resigned due to availability for meetings.</p> <p>Nadine Weiland expressed an interest in being coopted. The formal Co-option Notice will be circulated a minimum of 10 days before the next meeting.</p> <p>Victoria Cottages, Elgin – Pam Gowans and Lesley Attridge confirmed that the cottages are used to full capacity but this doesn't mean that they are full at any one time due to people moving on at different times. In June there were four service users in the cottages and the average length of stay is about 12 weeks due to complexities of their individual situations.</p> <p>Service Users are admitted from a variety of sources but predominantly the community at present where there are lots of other issues that being at the cottages can support as well as rehabilitation.</p> <p>Scottish Water</p> <p>James Wiseman read out Scottish Water's response to questions raised at the last meeting as follows. The answers are in bold:</p> <p>1) <u>HARDNESS:</u></p> <p>Aileen asked what is the hardness of water supplied in Elgin and has it changed recently because she had noticed some particles in her kettle.</p> <p>The water supplying Elgin is categorised as moderately soft. The hardness results for the past five years for the area were reviewed and there has been no change to this.</p> <p>2) <u>SOURCE:</u></p> <p>Graham asked about Elgin being fed from two supplies Glenlatterach and Badentinan. What percentage of each?</p> <p>The blend of supplies is approx. 40% from Glenlatterach and 60% from Badentinan</p> <p>3) <u>FIRE BRIGADE:</u></p> <p>Graham also asked, does the fire brigades use of water endanger supplies. No one is challenging the fire brigades use of water in an emergency but the wild fires were extensive and someone asked if the water used on them came from the public supply.</p> <p>Firefighters use water from various sources to tackle blazes, including the mains water supply. This is vital for firefighting purposes and the fire brigade is obviously free to use as much water as they need to control a fire.</p> <p>The impact this can have on domestic supplies can vary, from no impact at all, to discoloured water, or a drop in water pressure to households if there is a large draw from a small system.</p> <p>We are not aware of the fires at Hopeman having any impact on the water supply to the surrounding area.</p> <p>4) <u>DEVELOPMENT:</u></p> <p>David asked if the water supply capacity restricts development in Elgin.</p> <p>Scottish Water looks to enable development wherever possible and works closely with developers to ensure that any necessary upgrades to the water or waste water infrastructure are carried out with no detriment to the existing system.</p> <p>5) <u>RECYCLING:</u></p> <p>Does rinsing out recyclable containers increase water usage?</p> <p>Rinsing out recyclable containers may add to overall water usage, however we would be unable to quantify this to any useful degree. To ensure water is used wisely, washing up water from other dishes could simply be used to rinse containers meaning customers avoid any increase to their water usage.</p> <p>Scottish Water is Trusted to serve Scotland and if you have any concerns about your water supply or drainage service from Scottish Water you should phone our contact centre 08000778778 or you can report an incident through our website www.scottishwater.co.uk</p> <p>Check out Scottish Water's social media channels:</p>	<p>PG/AK</p> <p>JW</p>

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	 Youtube,  Facebook,  Twitter,  LinkedIn,  Pinterest,  Instagram.	
	James Wiseman was asked to circulate this to the JCC	
	<u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u>	
	<p>There was little to feedback as the Council was in recess, however, it was noted that the Town Hall had been handed over and an update on Cemeteries is likely in December 2018. Cllr Graham Leadbitter mentioned the final report from the Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere (CCC) project and noted the encouraging high response rate from young people.</p>	
	<u>COMMUNITY ISSUES AND REPORTS</u>	
	<u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u>	
	<p>Mary Wall, Pat Patterson and Eddie Wallace advertised that the Fairtrade Group were taking a stand at the food and drink festival.</p>	
	<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>	
	<p>Craig Woodall has now been replaced by Jamie Reid at Stagecoach</p> <p>Douglas Clark reported Transport Minister Michael Matheson had kept the age of entitlement for concessionary travel card at 60 and the hope that this can soon be extended to include rail and ferry travel too. Whilst some thought this was good, Iain Catto pointed out that our submission to this consultation had suggested that the savings made from raising the age could be applied to support rural bus services, as there is little use in having a concessionary card if there are no buses to use it on.</p>	
	<u>SEAGULLS</u>	
	<p>There was an extensive discussion on seagulls and solutions to the problem. Nadine added some balance in that animal lover would not want to kill seagulls. Cllr Paula Coy disagreed and highlighted some of the noise nuisance from seagulls. Cllr Frank Brown related the experience of Inverness's attempt to reduce seagull numbers by removing nests and eggs. It was seen that gulls are a problem but need to be dealt with in a sensitive manner.</p> <p>Cllrs Divers and Brown indicated that the Elgin councillors would investigate using Elgin common good money to help tackle the problem.</p>	<u>JD/FB</u>
	<u>PLANNING</u>	
	James Wiseman to submit the response he circulated regarding the Flood Risk Assessment Guidance for the Local Plan.	
	<u>SPICE</u>	
	An update had been circulated prior to the meeting.	
	<u>ELGIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE</u>	
	Iain Catto presented a Privacy Policy for consideration by all in the next week to 10 days.	All
	<u>SENTINAL CARDS</u>	
	No update.	
	<u>GDPR TRAINING</u>	
	<p>Iain Catto, Eddie Wallace, David Chapman and Patsy Gowans had attended the GDPR training from Ordered Company on breaches of GDPR. Iain Catto presented a Privacy Policy and suggested policy and procedures for consideration by all in the next week to 10 days. The short deadline is due to the urgency of implementing the GDPR requirements.</p>	All
	<u>KEEP MUM CAMPAIGN</u>	
	<p>Following the recent Keep MUM Campaign supported by Richard Lochhead MSP/Douglas Ross MP and recent news from Cabinet Minister Ms Freeman Alastair Kennedy praised the Keep MUM Campaigners for their hard work keeping focus on provision of maternity services at Dr Gray's hospital rather than elsewhere particularly at a time where the Ambulance Service resources are under pressure. Keep MUM are awaiting NHS Grampian's response to the Scottish Health Minister, A series of participation events are being held, the</p>	

