

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 9th October 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). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer),	
b.	<u>MEMBERS</u> Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Patsy GOWANS, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Cllr John DIVERS,	
d.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Jeff GABLE, Aileen MARSHALL, Mary WALL, Bryan WATSON, Nadine WEILAND, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,	
e.	<u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the small number in attendance.	
2.	<u>SPEAKER</u> - Laurie Piper - Moray Speyside Tourism	
	Laurie Piper outlined the purpose, achievements and future of Moray Speyside Tourism as a Destination Marketing Organisation (DMO). Copies of the report "Moray Speyside Tourism Highlights 2016-18" were handed out and the key points explained. Laurie Piper used the report to show how the DMO had targeted travel companies rather than individuals to attract visitors to the area. Using figures commissioned by the DMO he demonstrated how tourism had increased in Moray outstripping all but three areas in Scotland. He also outlined some future needs for the area particularly a big hotel. The work of Moray Speyside Tourism will end next year after which a Business Improvement District scheme is being considered to continue the marketing of the Moray Speyside brand. This approach is gaining support from the tourist industry.	
3.	<u>AGENCIES</u>	
a.	<u>Police</u> There was no police attendee. James Wiseman related difficulties he experienced trying to hand in lost property to the Police and with the opening times of the Police Station. He asked if others had heard of anything similar. There had been some concern about the opening times in the past.	
b.	<u>Stagecoach</u> There was no Stagecoach attendee.	
4.	<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> a. The minutes of the meeting held on 11/9/2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. In Item 6b delete the words "for Iain Catto". Steve Christie proposed, Alastair Kennedy seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting. Douglas Clark pointed out belatedly that the page 3 item 4b should read "Transform Scotland".	
b.	A record of the extra meeting 2/10/2018 was read out as follows. i. Dr Gray's - erosion of Dr Grays is happening and we should continue to fight this corner. There are some opportunities coming up. We also discussed supporting the Keep Mum campaign; Ambulance Cover (Mention Air Ambulance landing in cooper park - needs new site?); accommodation for new doctors exists but not enough; What's happening with maternity services? Patsy has arranged for Pam Gowans to attending our November meeting and will forward a few questions that were developed;	

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	<p>Nadine raised issues about Action 15.</p> <p>ii. Moray Council Special Landscape Area Consultation - There is a drop in information event on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 in the Ink Well 4pm - 8pm.</p> <p>iii. Draft Gambling Act 2005 statement of licensing policy - It is OK although there was a discussion on whether stronger measures could be employed to prevent problem gamblers.</p> <p>iv. Response to Elgin South proposed changes - James to submit a neutral response. - Done</p> <p>v. Mart Site proposal – Discussed at length a letter from member of the public about the Mart & Sawmill site. It touched on a lot of themes we are interested in. Alastair sent our response providing information and advising to contact Moray Council Planning.</p> <p>vi. Proposed New Offshore Windfarm – Moray West: it was agreed to look at how Moray East and Moray West windfarms can bring community benefit for all of Moray.</p> <p>vii. Speed Limit (20 mph) on Edgar Road - discussed at length. No objection to the proposal.</p> <p>viii. Review of Local Democracy - Generally agreed it was an excellent event.</p> <p>ix. Elgin Community Council Website - No update. AK to get access and training for specific people to populate the website.</p> <p>x. Membership - Discussed recent changes and need to fill vacancies.</p> <p>xi. Speakers - a Speaker was offered by Iain Catto.</p>	AK
	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
	<p>Council Emails: The problem is still ongoing.</p> <p>Moray Annual Transport Seminar 22/9/2018 - Iain Catto reported a good attendance, poor audio visual but good workshops.</p> <p>Exploring Future Of Rural Transport In Scotland 11/12 September – David Chapman gave a report on the discussions about rural bus services, tourism tax implications, Ferry commuters and Stagecoach subsidies. Iain Catto added that the R&T committee had submitted a response to the Scottish Government consultation on the Transport Bill.</p>	
5.	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	
	<p>Alastair Kennedy recorded the recent resignations of Catriona Gray and Margaret Park. Patsy Gowans suggested a recruitment drive. Various advertising ideas were discussed from leaflets to a stand in the market in the High Street. Patsy suggested trying to attract a member from the Polish community in Elgin.</p>	ALL
6.	<u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u>	
	<p>Cllr John Divers mentioned the up-coming budget consultation events and potential CATs.</p> <p>An announcement on the Moray Growth Deal is expected 29th October 2018.</p>	
7.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
a.	<u>FAIRTRADE</u>	
	Work ongoing and nothing special to report.	
b.	<u>ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION</u>	
	See matters arising	
c.	<u>PLANNING</u>	
	See meeting of 2/10/2018 - Elgin South	
d.	<u>SPICE</u>	
	<p>Steve Christie reported that SPICE had not met since the last report.</p> <p>Hanging baskets in town have been taken down and are of for replanting for next year.</p> <p>Date of next meeting clashes with other events</p>	SC
e.	<u>LICENSING</u>	

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	Response to Gambling policy was submitted. No application consultations received. Complaint received regarding taxi livery/signage.	
f.	<u>WEBSITE</u>	
	See matters arising.	
8.	<u>ISSUES</u>	
a.	<u>FUNDING</u>	
	Moray School Bank got funding from the Community Choices Fund to run a Participatory Budgeting exercise and the exercise was launched at a meeting held on 5th October 2018 at Speyside High. The meeting was also to vote on and hear the results of a pilot PB project run entirely by young people from Speyside High.	
b.	<u>DR GRAYS</u>	
	No update. Patsy has arranged for Pam Gowans to attend our November meeting.	
c.	<u>TOWN HALL</u>	
	Steve Christie is leading a project to improve the area outside the Town Hall.	
d.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	The trust accessed LEADER funding and has employed a development officer for 6-9 months based at TSI Moray.	
e.	<u>NEW ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL</u>	
	Steve Christie and Aileen Marshall have been invited to the official opening of the new New Elgin High School.	
f.	<u>TREASURERS REPORT</u>	
	Steve Christie reported that the accounts had been checked and verified and will be forwarded to Jayne Martin to request the next grant instalment. There was a discussion on the value of the Elgin Community Council which can be shown to be far in excess of the grant. A number of issues discussed and resolved and meeting providing feedback and a sounding board for those Councillors who choose to attend.	
9.	<u>QUESTIONS</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy introduced this new item to allow questions to be raised which may or may not result in action by the community council. There was a discussion but nothing to progress however, it is hoped that this will provide an opportunity in future.	
10.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Arrangements were discussed for Remembrance Sunday 11/11/2018 at 10:20 behind the Museum and at 14:00 at the war memorial in New Elgin. An Armistice Concert celebrating 100 years is taking place in Lossie Town Hall on 4 th November from 2-4pm by invitation only and there are 2 places for Elgin Community Council.	
11.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> JCC 8/11/2018 at 7pm in Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin. ECC 13/11/2018 at 7pm in Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
12.	<u>CLOSE</u>	

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	There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	
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Minutes taken by James Wiseman.