

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 11th December 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), Sheila COCHRANE (Sec'), Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer)	
b.	<u>MEMBERS</u> Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Cllr John DIVERS, Sgt Ali BRUCE (Police Scotland), David MACKAY (P&J), Wilem SMIT, David ALLEN (ESCT), John WESTWOOD (ESCT), Kaleigh GREEN (ESCT), Ian DAVIDSON (ESCT), Dr Graham TAYLOR (ESCT), Donna BROWN (ESCT), Simon NISBETT (ESCT), Pete WEATHERHEAD (Elgin & District Men's Shed)	
d.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Mary WALL, Jeff GABLE, Patsy GOWANS, Bryan WATSON, Nadine WEILAND. Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr Maria MACLEAN, Cllr Ray MACLEAN, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER.	
e.	<u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Alastair Kennedy seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING.</u> Moray Council Special Landscape Area Consultation - James Wiseman confirmed that he had missed the deadline for submission of a response New Secretary is confirmed as Sheila Cochrane JCC Recruitment Drive - Alastair Kennedy thanked Nadine for her assistance circulating the adverts to UHI. Data Commission £40 fee was paid Town Hall Planters advert has been ordered. A96 - There was a brief discussion on the recent exhibitions of the A96 preferred route. The exhibitions were well presented and very helpful. It was not surprising that the southerly route was chosen. The R&T committee are drafting a response to the A96 consultation.	R&T
a.	<u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u> Sgt Ali Bruce outlined the headlines of the November 2018 Community Safety Report and highlighted the seasonal message against drink driving. Members were pleased to hear that an arrest had been made regarding the tack-spreading on Main Street, New Elgin. Aileen Marshall had noted police officers attending A&E and questioned if this was the best use of their time. A number of reasons were given eg custody, mental health, etc but the problem is recognised and is a national problem.	
4.	<u>ELGIN SPORTS COMMUNITY TRUST</u>	
	David Allen outlined the background to the origin of the Elgin Sports Community Trust (ESCT) and introduced some of the team who were present. The number of attendees gave an indication that there was a	

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	<p>sustainable committee with relevant skills behind this proposal. The aims and objectives of the ESCT had been previously circulated. James Wiseman and Iain Catto had attended meetings organised by ESCT and looked I to their proposals. The public meetings were well attended. Iain Catto had reviewed the Business Plan and was in a position to offer some experience on aspects of it.</p> <p>David Allen outlined the proposal for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Lesser Borough Briggs with a view of how it would look, the costs, the fundraising and the viability of the project.</p> <p>Douglas Clark asked if Lesser Borough Briggs was the only location under consideration. ESCT said it was important for the viability of this flagship project which is fundamental to their business plan. Deanshaugh, for example, would require more investment to make it viable. Aileen Marshall thought the development was not the best use of the area of Common Good land and would change the character of the area and would prevent the circus and shows setting up in that location.</p> <p>Iain Catto allayed some concerns saying that trustees can't be paid, a CAT would be necessary for the 20-25 years lease required to attract the level of funding needed, and the business case was well written.</p> <p>It was thought that many people may be concerned that this is being done for the football club. However the number of ESCT present and the inclusion of a Men's Shed facility goes some way to addressing this. The other main concern was: What would be the fate of the land should the CAT venture or ESCT fail? It was thought that no-one would want the property of the Common Good to be eroded or given away.</p> <p>It was agreed that Alastair Kennedy would write a letter of support encapsulating the main points of the discussion and circulate by email for agreement.</p>	AK
5.	<u>TREASURERS REPORT</u>	
	The Treasurer's Report had been circulated and there were no questions.	
6.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy noted that Force 9 had received an award for community engagement from Scottish Renewables. It was the Best Engagement Award given to Force 9 Energy for Clash Gour Wind Farm Shared Ownership Opportunity (Moray) at the 2018 Scottish Green Energy Awards.</p> <p>Iain Catto commented that the bus station waiting room opening hours had been extended and asked for our appreciation to Stagecoach for doing this to be minuted.</p>	
7.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 8th January 2019 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
	<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.