

A Meeting of
The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council
Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00pm

1.	Sederunt and Apologies. (* Associate, ** Youth)	ACTION
a.	OFFICE BEARERS	
	Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer),	
b.	MEMBERS	
	Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Patsy GOWANS, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	IN ATTENDANCE:	
	Wilem SMIT, Sheila COCHRANE, Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Julie BRITTON (Police Scotland), David WALKER (P&J) Alasdair PATTINSON (Dr Gray's) Pam GOWANS (Moray IJB)	
d.	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr Maria MACLEAN, Cllr Ray MACLEAN, Nadine WEILAND. Paul BRIGGS, Mary WALL, Bryan WATSON,	
e.	WELCOME	
	Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	SPEAKER - Pam Gowans and Alistair Pattinson	
	<p>In response to the ongoing interest of members and the community in services provided by the Moray IJB and Dr Gray's hospital Pam Gowans returned with Alasdair Pattinson to answer specific questions from Elgin Community Council. Pam Gowans said that she now has oversight of Dr Gray's which previously was overseen by ARI acute services.</p> <p>Dr Gray's: Accommodation for Junior Doctors:-</p> <p>Alasdair Pattinson explained the problems around recruiting junior doctors and the role that availability and standard of accommodation played in that. Dr Gray's has an obligation to provide some but not all accommodation for junior doctors, which it does, but the standard of accommodation sometimes falls short of the junior doctors contracted standard. Proximity to the hospital is not a requirement for junior doctors but it is for consultants.</p> <p>James Wiseman asked if there was any discussion at a national level to resolve this through a posting system like the military and police use. There isn't such a scheme but Pam Gowans said that strategies like "attend anywhere" and tele medicine would also help close the gap.</p> <p>Dr Gray's Services:</p> <p>Douglas Clark asked "Who is calling the shots!" giving an ophthalmology example. Pam Gowans explained that they were "flying the plane and redesigning it at the same time". Alasdair Pattinson explained the staffing issues in relation to paediatrics and why it had been stepped back partly due to changes in training practices combined with the hospitals inability to recruit two posts. The solution involves relocating paediatrics in proximity to the emergency department.</p> <p>Members wish services to remain therefore are there plans to enable that? Elgin's population is growing and with future housing developments planned members have concerns that services are going when the population in Elgin/Moray need them now and in the future.</p> <p>Dr Gray's: Mental Health and Alzheimer's</p> <p>Pam Gowans outlined the existing services and indicated plans being considered. It was noted that Moray was performing well compared to other local authorities.</p> <p>Income and Expenditure</p> <p>Members are enquiring if there is a strategy as they are conscious that you are expected to balance your budget. They are concerned re risks such as Brexit which may have even bigger challenges on market forces such as prescribing and other challenges with unplanned care packages. Pam and Alasdair gave an indication of the layered complexity of the funding and how unplanned demands due to flu and other seasonal illness impacts on their operation.</p> <p>Everyone agreed this was a good visit and Pam offered to return for a further update in the future.</p>	
3.	PREVIOUS MINUTES	

	The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th October 2018 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Steven Christie seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.	
4.	<u>MATTERS ARISING.</u>	
	Moray Council Special Landscape Area Consultation (23rd October 2018) - JW to draft response. Iain Catto said the policy was a good strengthening of the existing policy and recommended supporting it in principle.	JW
5.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u>	
	PC Julie Britton highlighted a number of recent crimes in Elgin from the Community Safety Report. A number of break-ins, and thefts were highlighted along with a reasonable measure of success in detection and arrests. However, there was no progress to report on the continuing incidence of tacks being spread on the road at New Elgin.	
b.	<u>STAGECOACH</u>	
	No representative present	
6.	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	
	Sheila Cochrane offered to carry out the Secretary's role for a trial period. Alastair Kennedy reported that the JCC was proposing a Moray wide recruitment drive to encourage people to take up membership of their community council.	SCo AK
7.	<u>COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK</u>	
	John Divers gave an update of progress on Bilbohall Masterplan which is now approved and Findrassie Masterplan which is approved in principal. There was a discussion on the budget consultation while recognising that the details are confidential. Frank Brown and Alastair Kennedy expressed some disappointment at the consultation and responses. However, Graham Leadbitter explained that the consultation was designed to avoid consulting on topics where there is little opportunity for the public to influence. He went on to say that although attendances were low, good information was gained through one to one discussions with people passing the event. John Divers and Paula Coy commented on the online consultation highlighting that it was a conscious effort to avoid an online bun fight. This method can attract strong politicised views which puts people off commenting. The timescale for the budget is that the budget will be set in February 2019.	
8.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
a.	<u>FAIRTRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u>	
	Pat Paterson said that the Fairtrade Group were getting ready for their Christmas events. The need for new members was discussed. Douglas Clark highlighted the decline of Fairtrade in favour of Rain Forrest Alliance endorsement in supermarkets. It was suggested that a national public awareness campaign was required to tackle this.	
b.	<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>	
	Iain Catto pointed out that a new bus timetable will be in force from 19/11/2018.	
c.	<u>PLANNING</u>	
	Nothing to report	
d.	<u>SPICE</u>	
	SPICE met last week and discussed the seagulls problem in the town centre which is being tackled by through a programme of disturbing nests and removing eggs and will take a number of years to deliver success. The hanging baskets scheme in Elgin is to be expanded. Stephen Duff is taking over the organisation of litter picks.	
e.	<u>LICENSING</u>	
	Nothing to report	
f.	<u>WEBSITE</u>	
	Nothing to report	
g.	<u>JCC</u>	

	The JCC was well attended last meeting - 34 people and 11 Councillors.	
h.	<u>FINANCE DATA CONTROL</u>	
	Approval was given for the payment of the £40 fee to the Data Commission. Iain Catto is our new Data Controller.	SCh
9.	<u>ISSUES</u>	
a.	<u>ARMISTICE EVENTS REPORT</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy reported that both Elgin events went well. He also commented on an excellent event held in Lossiemouth.	
b.	<u>NEW ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING REPORT</u>	
	Steve Christie and Aileen Marshall attended the official opening of the new New Elgin High School. It was a good event and was also attended by John Swinney MSP Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.	
c.	<u>Dr GRAYS</u>	
	See item 2 above.	
d.	<u>TOWN HALL</u>	
	See item 9f below.	
e.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	No update to report	
f.	<u>TOWN HALL PLANTERS</u>	
	Steve Christie proposed that the Community Council sponsor a planted tub at the Town Hall at a cost of £200 for the first year and £100 per year thereafter. The planted tub includes a vinyl wrap and all planting and weeding for the year. Alastair Kennedy seconded Steve's proposal as good way to promote the Community Council. This was agreed.	SCh
10.	<u>QUESTIONS</u>	
	Steve Christie asked if Elgin was officially designated a city or a town. Most people believe it to be a city but recent references on television and radio, usually entertainment rather than news, seem to deem it a town. Cllr Graham Leadbitter confirmed that it was a city by Royal Decree which had not been revoked. Pat Paterson asked if a bin could be put at Ladyhill. There was some discussion and it was thought to be impractical as the guidance requires the location to be accessible by vehicle for emptying. Douglas Clark asked for an update on the A96 timescale. David Chapman to obtain an update from Transport Scotland.	DCh
11.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u>	
	DON RITCHIE: Alastair Kennedy had been approached by Donnie McLean regarding a memorial to Don Ritchie. James Wiseman and Iain Catto were interested in becoming involved but further details of the project are required to confirm. Alastair to ask Donnie to contact James & Iain. BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION: A Volunteer group is being set up in Elgin/Moray to assist sufferers of heart conditions. Contact details are available on request. UNCONVENTIONAL OIL & GAS CONSULTATION: Scottish Gov't consulting on preferred policy position not to support UOAG - fracking; They want to make a policy out of a moratorium. It was decided there was no need to respond as this was going to formalise what is believed to be a popular view. ELGIN SPORTS COMMUNITY TRUST: ESCT are seeking a CAT to take over Lesser Borough Briggs for the purposes of a football facility. The Elgin Sports Community Trust is to attend our December meeting as the main item of business.	AK
12.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	
	7:00pm Tuesday 11 th December 2018 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
13.	<u>CLOSE</u>	
	There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.

