

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm

1.	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
a.	<b><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></b> Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Sheila COCHRANE (Secretary)	
b.	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b> Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,	
c.	<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b> Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,	
d.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Patsy GOWANS, Mary WALL,	
e.	<b><u>WELCOME</u></b> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a happy new year.	
2.	<b><u>AGENCIES</u></b> - none attended	
3.	<b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b> The minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 were not read out but two amendments were made. James Wiseman to update previous minute. A proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Iain Catto seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.	JW
4.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b> a. The letter of support to Elgin Sports Community Trust Letter was discussed by emails and issued by Alastair Kennedy.	
5.	<b><u>UPDATES</u></b>	
a.	<b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b> 18/01472/APP - car sales pavilion with valet area Riverside Road. James Wiseman to submit a representation requesting a planning condition prohibiting display of cars on land between the building and the A96 because the Community Council has addressed similar matters in that area previously. 18/01567/APP - Change of use from flat to office at 73 High Street. James Wiseman to submit a request for further information because of the preference to increase residential dwellings in the town centre.	JW JW
b.	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b> Two events are being run to get support and comment for the Grant Lodge Community Asset Transfer (CAT). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1030 on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Moray Playhouse - film show.</li> <li>1730 on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Elgin Town Hall - meeting</li> </ul> Alastair Kennedy declared an interest being a Grant Lodge Trustee. It was agreed that after these events James Wiseman would draft a letter of support for the CAT. Members were interested to know how the Grant lodge Cat would relate to the Growth Deal.	
c.	<b><u>MORAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u></b> The consultation on the Moray Development Proposed Plan 2019 will launch 7th January 2019 at <a href="http://www.moray.gov.uk/proposedplan2019">www.moray.gov.uk/proposedplan2019</a> and close 5pm on Friday 15th March 2019. There is a drop in session	All

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	<p>being held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Elgin Town Hall between 4pm and 8pm.</p> <p>Members were interested to know how the A96 proposed route would be taken into account. James Wiseman to arrange for a speaker from Planning to support the community council's discussions.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy outlined a response he had given to an enquiry regarding timescales for consultations highlighting the good practice from the Planning Department. There was a discussion on community engagement lamenting that national standards are sometimes not met. James Wiseman showed how the 12 weeks guide is appropriate to get a robust response. Alastair Kennedy advised any community council not given enough time to respond robustly should decline to comment and cite the timescale as the reason.</p>	JW
d.	<b><u>LINKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL</u></b>	
	<p>Planning permission for 870 houses was granted associated with a new school. There was some doubt as to progress on the school and when it would be realised. Cllr Graham Leadbitter explained that school would be protected by a Section 95 agreement.</p>	
e.	<b><u>COOPER PARK</u></b>	
	<p>Iain Catto highlighted a proposed scheme for the Cooper Park. Alastair Kennedy expressed concern that this had gone ahead without consulting the Grant Lodge Trust. No further action was proposed.</p>	
6.	<b><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></b>	
	<p>Steven Christie had circulated the monthly balance sheet. James Wiseman asked who was attending the Rail Conference and would there be a report. Alastair Kennedy said that George Littlejohn would be attending and will report after the event.</p>	
7.	<b><u>COUNCILLORS FEEDBACK</u></b>	
	<p>Both Cllr Divers and Cllr Leadbitter reported a quiet break and the main item being worked on was the budget which was confidential. Budget day is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</p> <p>An update on the Moray Leisure Centre was given indicating positive progress towards a healthy future for MLC as part of the Fit Life package.</p> <p>There was no update on Elgin Community Centre.</p> <p>The Town Hall was discussed and it is believed to be progressing satisfactorily towards a longer lease.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b></p> <p>Pat Paterson said the Fair Trade group had attended farmer's markets at Elgin Academy and Elgin High School. The current activities are working towards the Fair Trade Fortnight. Eddie Wallace said that their next meeting would discuss expansion of the group.</p> <p>There was a discussion on blue badge scheme misuse. Various rules and enforcements were discussed. The R&amp;T committee undertook to look into the problem.</p> <p>Cllr Divers gave an outline of how parking had changed due to the changes in parking charges.</p> <p>An extra meeting is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Cedarwood if available 1830 for 1900. Steve Christie to book Cedarwood.</p> <p>Steve Christie reported that the Moray Community Awards would not be going ahead in 2019 because Scottish Provincial Press had recently launched something similar and it was not feasible to have two such awards ceremonies close to each other.</p> <p>Jeff Cable proposed carrying out care home visits this year. Members who were interested in attending should advise Jeff of their availability.</p> <p>Jeff Gable to attend a renewables consultation in Inverness.</p>	<p>R&amp;T</p> <p>SC</p> <p>All</p> <p>JG</p>
9.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>19:00 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.