

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.00pm

<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
<u>OFFICE BEARERS</u> Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer),	
<u>MEMBERS</u> Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE, Nadine WEILAND.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Cllr John DIVERS, David WALKER (P&J), Siobhan LEEN, Sylvia JAMIESON	
<u>APOLOGIES</u> Sheila COCHRANE (Secretary), Bryan WATSON, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Jamie REID (Stagecoach)	
<u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<u>LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP)</u>	
<p>Siobhan Leen and Sylvia Jamieson gave a brief history of the LOIP work they have been carrying out which followed on from work which Barry Jarvis had previously explained to Elgin Community Council. The recent work has been working with the community to help them develop agreed outcomes prioritised for the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>They described the types of outcomes listed under the headings of Community Safety; Education and Employment; Community Involvement; A poster called Eutopia was used to describe the outcomes and demonstrate the level of community involvement which the team are keen to retain.</p> <p>It was understood that the outcomes would be fed into the Local Development Plan and the Health and Social Care Strategy.</p> <p>The next meeting of the New Elgin East LOIP is Wednesday 13th February 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 in the Cottar Hoose any members of Elgin Community Council are welcome to attend – also welcome at meetings on the 18th, 21st and 25th February as already circulated to members.</p>	All
<u>POLICE</u>	
No attendance. AK to enquire.	AK
<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th January 2019 were not read out. It was noted Jeff Gable's name was miss-spelled in section 8. A proposer and seconder were sought for the minute with this correction. Eddie Wallace proposed, Steve Christie seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.	
<u>MATTERS ARISING.</u> Planning Application responses were submitted Blue Badge Scheme work is ongoing Care Home Visits - see later. Jeff Gable attended a renewables consultation in Inverness.	
<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
<u>STAGECOACH</u> Jamie Reid had not been receiving notification of our meetings. This has now been resolved.	IC
<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
<u>ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION</u>	

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	<p><u>STAGECOACH IMPROVEMENTS</u></p> <p>The Community Council recognises that Stagecoach have now made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Floor Buses identified on No. 10 service timetable so users can choose for access. • The waiting room at Elgin Bus Station is now open and appears to be being used by customers. • The Airport bus now guarantees a connection at Nairn. <p>It was also noted that the 33A and 33C routes are not correct on the Stagecoach APP.</p> <p>There is a new notice board at the train station highlighting the nearby bus services.</p> <p><u>POOR RAIL SERVICE</u></p> <p>A number of examples of poor rail service were raised.</p> <p>On Monday 4th February 2019 the 17:15 Inverness to Elgin was Cancelled with 5 minutes notice. A Passenger from Elgin reported that he could not be certain that the same thing would not occur with the 18:15 train so sought alternative transport. Why could Abellio not provide better information on the service and why do they put people at risk of becoming stranded by not providing useful information to passengers on the platform. Maintenance crews were seen at Elgin level crossing around 17:30 that day. Can Abellio explain why the train could not have run a service to Elgin.</p> <p>Another customer had seen a train cancelled which was subsequently reinstated however, he was not given a refund and was away to find alternative transport when the train was reinstated so was not made aware of the change.</p> <p>Today, the unreliability of the Inverness to Edinburgh service was highlighted when passengers were returned to Inverness.</p> <p>Alex Hynes managing director of ScotRail Alliance - a partnership between Abellio ScotRail and Network Rail is to be invited via Richard Lochhead to explain the continued poor service.</p>	AK
	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p>	
	<p>An extra meeting was held where Rowena MacDougal, Gary Templeton and Jane Anderson explained the proposed plan in detail to us. This enabled a healthy understanding of the Proposed Plan.</p>	
	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p>	
	<p>See SPICE</p>	
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	<p>The next SPICE meeting is to be held on 28th February 2019.</p>	
	<p><u>FAIR TRADE</u></p>	
	<p>Work is progressing for the upcoming Fair Trade Fortnight with planning going on for various events.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace proposed the Community Council sponsor a pop up banner for use by the Fair Trade group at events. It was agreed that this would be sponsored up to £250 provided the Community Council was recognised on the banner. Art work to be agreed between Fair trade group and Elgin Community Council.</p>	
	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p>	
	<p>There is an event called Moray Licencing Matters to be held at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre on 27th March 2019 from 10:00 to 15:00 attendance is required for the full duration.</p>	
	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p><u>JCC</u></p>	
	<p>Alastair Kennedy invited everyone to the JCC meeting on Thursday 14th February 2019.</p> <p>There will be a discussion on Fire Brigade and vulnerable people. Jeff Gable highlighted that the Fire Brigade do free home advice visits. To obtain a visit call 0800 0731 999.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy will be talking about an event being organised in partnership with LEADER called "Energising Communities" which is related to the Clash Gour development.</p>	
	<p><u>GRANT LODGE</u></p>	
	<p>A meeting is being held tonight. Alastair Kennedy provided a leaflet explaining the Grant Lodge Trust's Vision. The Grant Lodge Trust are looking at a Community Asset Transfer.</p> <p>A film show "Elgin in Times Gone BY" is advertised for 29th March 2019 in Elgin Town Hall at 19:30 costing £5 and Free to Friends of Grant Lodge.</p>	
	<p><u>TOWN HALL</u></p>	

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	The Town Hall appears to be thriving and is open every day. The removal of Charity Rates Relief is not likely to affect the Town Hall but will affect the 14 or so Charity Shops in town.	
	<u>CURRENT ISSUES</u>	
	<u>ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE</u>	
	There was some discussion around the publically available budget headlines. It was understood that the Fit Life Card sign-ups were having a positive impact. Aileen Marshall appealed against the large increase in music tuition fees.	
	<u>RESIGNATION OF PATSY GOWANS</u>	
	Patsy Gowans' resignation was accepted.	
	<u>RETIREMENT OF MARY WALL</u>	
	Mary Wall's retirement due to ill health was accepted. It was agreed to invite Mary for an afternoon tea and present a bouquet of flowers to be paid from the No 2 Account.	SC/AK
	<u>NHS MATERNITY UNIT</u>	
	Aileen Marshall had attended the recent public meeting and gave a brief update.	
	<u>BUDGET CUTS</u>	
	The Community Council feels that the consultation on the budget was very poorly presented this time.	
	<u>RECRUITMENT</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy appealed for new members.	
	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	
	No update	
	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Steve Christie offered to look at the local housing strategy. Aileen Marshall raised concerns over the progress of Linkwood Primary School. Councillor John Divers assured her that things were being sorted. Jeff Gable advised that the care home visits would be going ahead in March 2019 with those who have indicated interest in participating. Councillor John Divers said that there was a proposal for a pilot scheme to address the seagull problem however, this would require Alastair Kennedy to request the funding from the Common Good as the fund had been used elsewhere this year.	
	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 19:00 Tuesday 12 th March 2019 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
	<u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.	

Minutes taken by James Wiseman.