

# The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm

	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
	<b><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></b>  Alastair KENNEDY(Chair),                      Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair).                      Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Sheila COCHRANE (Sec')	
	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	
	Iain CATTO,                                      Douglas CLARK,                                      David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE,                                      Aileen MARSHALL,                                      Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,                                      Nadine WEILAND.	
	<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>  Cllr Paula COY,                                      Cllr John DIVERS,                                      Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Sgt Sean JONES (Police Scotland),                                      David MACKAY (P&J),                                      Helen JOHNSTON	
	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Bryan WATSON,	
	<b><u>WELCOME</u></b>  Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	<b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></b>  Sgt Jones used the Community Safety Report to highlight a number of thefts and other incidents this month. The advice on Fraud and Cyber Crime in the Community Safety Report was noted.	
	<b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steve Christie proposed, Douglas Clark seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.	
	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b>  Police attendance was resolved. Train poor performance proposed meeting is awaiting response from Richard Lochhead. Mary Wall afternoon tea was a success. Care Home visits were planned. Seagulls pilot scheme are with Procurement. New Elgin LOIP events were attended by Iain Catto & Aileen Marshall.	
	<b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b>	

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<b><u>STAGECOACH</u></b>	
<p>No representative in attendance.</p> <p>Frequent lateness and cancellation of the Lossie and Burghead buses were noted. Customers have no way of knowing if their late bus is going to arrive which makes it dangerous for people to rely on Stagecoach buses. The information shown at the Bus Station is timetable not real time.</p>	DC
<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>	
<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	
<p>ECC response to the Proposed Local Development Plan was discussed. Draft response to be circulated. Lesser Borough Briggs, Biblical Garden, Walled Garden, Bain Avenue and the A96 southern boundary were discussed. A general principle to be stated that development proposals should not be allowed to demotivate community groups eg the Growth Deal potential impact on Town Hall and Grant Lodge.</p>	JW
<b><u>ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION</u></b>	
<p>See Stagecoach</p> <p>The number of coaches provided on the Aberdeen trains in the morning are inadequate. Two are provided and one is usually fully booked resulting in passengers paying full price to stand. This matter to be raised along with poor performance issues at Scotrail Alliance at the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 1000 in the Jury's Inn Inverness or at special meeting being requested via Richard Lochhead.</p>	R&T
<b><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></b>	
<p>Brown bin payment uptake is low (one third). Councillors said it is meeting expectations. The Ladyhill Group are disappointed at being asked to pay for three bins.</p>	
<b><u>SPICE</u></b>	
<p>SPICE are to expand the hanging basket scheme and attend a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the flower beds at the Town Hall.</p>	
<b><u>FAIR TRADE</u></b>	
<p>The Fair Trade Group completed their annual Fair Trade Fortnight activities. Events were held in Tesco, Elgin Library, Elgin Town Hall, and St Giles Centre. The Banner which ECC paid for was well used. Eddie Wallace said it cost £95 and asked if another one could be purchased from the remainder of the £250 previously discussed for one banner. This was not answered.</p>	Next meeting
<b><u>LICENSING</u></b>	
<p>Applications for Scribbles, Johnston's, Joanna's, and Elgin Town Hall were all supported.</p>	IC
<b><u>REPORTS</u></b>	
<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	
<p>The Balance Sheet was noted.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy highlighted that the Community Council funding is being withdrawn and he has been assured that by Moray Council that this is only for one year.</p>	AK/SC

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	<b><u>JCC</u></b>	
	A subgroup was set up to look at various closures across Moray. Rhona Gunn is to update JCC on the Growth Deal on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm.	All
	<b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b>	
	A meeting is being held tonight. A Business Plan is being prepared for a Community Asset Transfer bid. Alastair Kennedy thanked ECC for the letter of support.	
	<b><u>CURRENT ISSUES</u></b>	
	<b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT</u></b>	
	See 6a Finance	AK/SC
	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP OF JCC SUBGROUP</u></b>	
	Members were invited to attend the meeting on Thursday of the JCC subgroups. See 6b JCC	All
	<b><u>ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE</u></b>	
	The budget is the main focus.	
	<b><u>FIREWORKS</u></b>	
	It was agreed not to participate in the Scottish Government consultation of Fireworks.	
	<b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b>	
	No update	
	<b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b>  Iain Catto and Aileen Marshall brought copies of the Elgin Town Hall programme of events and commended the Town Hall group for their work.  Jeff Gable raised issues with traffic at East End School brought to his attention by staff at Andersons Care Home. The issues were discussed and Paula Coy said the Police had been involved in the past regarding parking and driver behaviour. Jeff to discuss with Jad Leach.  Nadine Weiland raised concern about parking and driver behaviour in Batchen Street while works are going on at Poundland. It was understood that the works are to go on for another 18 months to 2 years. Speed bumps were suggested but could drive the wrong behaviour.  David MacKay mentioned that the P&J offices are to be moved back to the High Street, Elgin.	JG  R&T
	<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>  7:00pm Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
	<b><u>CLOSE</u></b>	

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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.