

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 14th May 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), Sheila COCHRANE (Secretary).	
<u>MEMBERS</u> David CHAPMAN*, Douglas CLARK, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON,	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Cllr John DIVERS, David MacKAY (P&J)	
<u>APOLOGIES</u> Iain CATTO, Eddie WALLACE, Bryan WATSON, Nadine WEILAND. Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,	
<u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steve Christie proposed, Pat Paterson seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting. It was noted that Alex Hynes name had been spelt wrong.	
<u>MATTERS ARISING.</u> Train Performance — Alastair Kennedy has requested a meeting with Alex Hynes of Abelio Scotrail to address the unreliability of trains at Elgin. Cllr John Divers pointed out that the full benefit of the recent improvements will not be realised until the other works on the Aberdeen to Inverness line are completed.	AK
<u>FUTURE SPEAKERS</u>	
Various ideas for future speakers were discussed.	
<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
There were no agencies in attendance.	
<u>ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE</u>	
Views on various current topical issues were aired including grass cutting, parking, budget cuts and seagulls. Cllr John Divers reminded members about the obvious difficulties and challenges the Council faces on these issues in light of budget cuts. He defended the pilot scheme to reduce seagull numbers which has attracted criticism from people in areas out with the pilot scheme area. It was noted that housing revenue money was being used to enable grass cutting in some areas.	
<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
The balance sheet had been circulated showing a balance of £2,940.59 and there were no questions.	
<u>REPORTS & UPDATES</u>	
<u>ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION</u>	

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<p>Try to set up a meeting for the R&T Committee with Stagecoach to discuss current issues, including time-keeping issues on the 33 and 34 routes;</p> <p>Arrange another meeting with Donald MacRae of the PTU to gather information about Dial M for Moray and discuss possible improvements.</p> <p>Junction improvements at the junction of The Wards, Edgar Road, and Glen Moray Drive, as planned in the Elgin Transport Strategy seem to be implemented over the next few months, funded largely by developer's obligation funds ("TSP27 Edgar Road/The Wards/Glen Moray Drive – junction improvements associated with Bilbohall development and site LONG2" in the Transport Strategy);</p> <p>School crossing patrollers – following discussion at the JCC working group, IC contacting school parent councils in Elgin to see what the demand is for keeping a school crossing patroller at each location, and whether parents would be willing to help pay for it;</p> <p>Batchen Street - seems to have been a notable improvement since the last community council meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the bus timetables on bus shelters, on busses and online did not tie up. Furthermore, it is not clear why the timetable has to be changed so often? Douglas Clark to address this with Stagecoach.</p>	<p>R&T</p> <p>DCI</p>
<u>PLANNING</u>	
<p>Alastair Kennedy commended the new planning guide issued by Moray Council.</p> <p>There was little feedback on the planning training although it was recognised that it would be of use to new members.</p> <p>The application for the builders supply yard at the Wards was responded to making known concerns about the access.</p>	
<u>LICENSING</u>	
The recent application from the Premier Inn was noted.	
<u>FAIR TRADE</u>	
The Fair Trade group are planning a stall at the Elgin Food and Drink Festival on 10 th August 2019.	
<u>SPICE</u>	
Steve Christie highlighted litter and noted an increase in the number litter picks going on. There was also a slight increase in fly tipping.	
<u>JOINT COMMUNITY CCOUNCILS OF MORAY</u>	
Alastair Kennedy gave an update on the JCC in particular that he had asked JCC members to lobby their Councillor's to lift the suspension of the Community Council Grants. It was noted that Cllr Divers was supportive of Community Council's and had played a part in limiting the suspension of the grant to one year. The value of Community Council's was further endorsed by the report from Democracy Matters.	
<u>CURRENT ISSUES</u>	
<u>VEHICLES PARKED WITH ENGINES IDLING</u>	
Sheila Cochrane highlighted again the impact of vehicles idling. Further action is required to promote the benefit of not idling engines.	
<u>TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND</u>	
There is an upcoming meeting about the Elgin Capital Fund which may be of interest.	
<u>BATCHEN STREET</u>	
See R&T Report above. There has been some improvement.	
<u>MORAY GROWTH DEAL</u>	
The Growth Deal representatives met with the Scottish Government and the UK Government recently.	
<u>RECYCLING PLANT OPENING HOURS</u>	
Complaints have been heard about the opening times of the recycling yard being unhelpful.	
<u>NETWEORK RAIL ABELLIO FOLLOW UP MEETING</u>	
See R&T Report above. A meeting with Alex Hynes to be arranged to discuss poor performance.	AK
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	<p>It was confirmed that Elgin Community Council was up to date with data protection registration and payment of fees.</p> <p>Steve Christie had attended the Moray Community Awards and said it was a good event, hope it continues.</p> <p>It was noted that there appears to have been an increase in the number of nuisance calls since the introduction of GDPR.</p> <p>Iain Catto has offered to attend Douglas Ross's meet your MP event.</p>	
	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 11th June 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.