

## The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.00pm

<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<p><b><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair),                      Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair),                      Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Sheila COCHRANE (Secretary).</p>	
<p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>David CHAPMAN*,                      Aileen MARSHALL,                      Pat PATERSON,</p>	
<p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS,                      Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,</p>	
<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Iain CATTO,                      Douglas CLARK,                      Jeff GABLE, Eddie WALLACE,                      Bryan WATSON,                      Nadine WEILAND.</p>	
<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy opened the meeting and commented on the low number of members in attendance.</p>	
<p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steve Christie proposed, Aileen Marshall seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>Train Performance — Request for a meeting with Alex Hynes of Abelio Scotrail to address the unreliability of trains is ongoing.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy noted that Douglas Ross MP had secured a debate in Westminster on Bank Branch Closures.</p>	AK
<p><b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b></p> <p>There were no agencies in attendance.</p>	
<p><b><u>ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Grass cutting was discussed. Cllr Graham Leadbitter explained some of the challenges with grass this year. He also shone a light on opportunities the Council had used to fund the much sought after grass cutting.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy expressed frustration expressed by the JCC about opportunities to help stifled by red tape.</p> <p>Disposal of property was discussed.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reminded everyone that the suspension of Community Council Grants was due to be lifted after one year. There were no indications that this would not be the case.</p> <p>The Growth Deal was touched on giving members an idea of what stage we are at.</p>	
<p><b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The balance sheet had been circulated showing a balance of £2,900.59 and there were no questions.</p>	
<p><b><u>REPORTS &amp; UPDATES</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p>Elgin Waste Transfer Station is being remodelled.</p> <p>AK/R&amp;T to arrange another meeting with Donald MacRae of the PTU to gather information about Dial M for Moray and discuss possible improvements. In the meantime members can check the Dial M for Moray Website.</p> <p>A fairly new town bus had been seen being used in Elgin. However, "town" buses are being used on the No 10 route for which they are unsuitable due to the lack of a toilet.</p>	R&T/AK
<p><b><u>PLANNING</u></b></p>	

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<p>A response to the planning application for Bain Avenue had been submitted.</p> <p>James Wiseman explained some issues with a planning application for the R13 Hamilton Drive (site of the old fever hospital). The response on contaminated land was noted. James Wiseman expressed concern at the drainage assessment and lack of response from SEPA. James Wiseman to draft comment for consideration.</p> <p>Two recent land purchases were discussed and no objection in principal.</p>	JW
<b><u>FAIR TRADE</u></b>	
<p>The Fair Trade group are progressing the latest application for renewal of Fair Trade status for Elgin. There have been sufficient activities to justify renewal.</p> <p>In discussion it was agreed to look again at arranging a "Fair Trade City" sign for Elgin.</p>	PP/AK
<b><u>SPICE</u></b>	
<p>Steve Christie highlighted a litter pick associated with the deployment of hanging baskets on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.</p> <p>There have been complaints about litter. Long grass is not helping. Gog mess is also mentioned as a problem in long grass but it was suggested that owners would find dog mess if they really wanted to.</p>	
<b><u>JOINT COMMUNITY CCOUNCILS OF MORAY</u></b>	
<p>Alastair Kennedy reported that he was working on an application for funding of the next round of Participatory Budgeting on behalf of Money for Moray.</p> <p>Next JCC meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p>	
<b><u>CURRENT ISSUES</u></b>	
<b><u>AIR QUALITY</u></b>	
<p>It had been noted that there is a bus in Elgin, claiming to be green, that is polluting the air with blue smoke.</p> <p>Consideration is to be given to the next step in highlighting the impact of vehicles idling. Further action is required to promote the benefit of not idling engines. Cllr Graham Leadbitter cautioned against a balloon release because of the environmental impact. It is hoped that the taxi community would embrace this point.</p>	All SCo
<b><u>BATCHEN STREET</u></b>	
<p>There has been some improvement. The Police are thought to be monitoring the situation.</p>	
<b><u>RECYCLING OPENING HOURS</u></b>	
<p>Complaints have been heard about the opening times of the recycling yard being unhelpful. Moray Council confirmed that the recycling plant closes for 40 minutes to allow lunch and changeover of containers.</p>	
<b><u>NETWEORK RAIL ABELLIO FOLLOW UP MEETING</u></b>	
<p>Train Performance — Request for a meeting with Alex Hynes of Abelio Scotrail to address the unreliability of trains is ongoing.</p>	AK
<b><u>BUS SHELTER TIMETABLES</u></b>	
<p>Douglas Clark is dealing with this.</p>	DCI
<b><u>PROMOTING MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<p>The Forres Community Council had produced leaflets for each community council. Awaiting an Elgin design from Jane Martin.</p>	AK
<b><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u></b>	
<p>A request was received for a member of Elgin Community Council to attend the Christmas Lights committee.</p>	
<b><u>WEBSITE</u></b>	
<p>Alastair Kennedy asked for the website to be launched. Iain Catto and Eddie Wallace had been working on this. Sheila Cochrane offered assistance.</p>	SCo
<b><u>AOCB</u></b>	

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	<p>Reasons for the prolonged closure of Moss Street are not known.</p> <p>In response to a question, Councillor Graham Leadbitter indicated that the new roundabout on the A96 east of Elgin will be connected to the developments south of Elgin. Elgin Community Council have asked for this not to be a direct route.</p> <p>Land is being acquired for the junction improvement at Edgar Road, Glenmoray Drive and The Wards.</p>	
	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
	<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.