

A Meeting of

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<u>Welcome and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><u>OFFICE BEARERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Jim WISEMAN (Vice Chair). Steven CHRISTIE (Treasurer), Sheila COCHRANE (Secretary)</p>	
<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Aileen MARSHALL, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,</p>	
<p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Ali BRUCE (Police), Jenna McLEOD (Police), Helen JOHNSTON, Margaret COWIE (Moray Council)</p>	
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr Ray McLEAN, Cllr Maria McLEAN,</p>	
<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 9/7/2019 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.</p>	
<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Poor Rail Performance: - Alex Hynes of Abelio Scotrail - Review in six months Bus Shelter Timetables: - Not updated. New Elgin LOIP - Alastair Kennedy to arrange suitable raffle prize for the event on 14th September 2019. Up to £100 was agreed.</p>	
<p><u>SPEAKER - Margaret Cowie</u></p>	
<p>Margaret Cowie explained her role as Volunteer Development officer for Moray Health and Social Care over the last 7½ years matching volunteers of all ages to clients referred by to the Moray Access Team by various health care organisations. This work includes providing training to volunteers. Currently 180 volunteers of all ages are helping 600 clients which is half the need. A further 125 volunteers are needed.</p>	
<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Ali Bruce went over the community safety report, previously circulated, highlighting crime trends in Elgin and Lossiemouth.</p> <p>Police Scotland in Elgin have been issued with new hand held mobile phone devices to make their work easier but which might attract criticism if police staff appear to be on their mobile phone.</p> <p>Speeding and bad parking on Lesmurdie Road appears to be less of a problem.</p> <p>Illegal number plates had been seen in Elgin. These should attract a 28 day fix notice.</p> <p>Clarification on engine idling was that Rule123 in the Highway Code prohibits it.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to Ali Bruce and well wishes given for his retirement.</p>	Police
<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>It was noticed that Stagecoach had not attended Community Council meetings for some time. Stagecoach attendance to be requested.</p> <p>The removal of the 340/341 bus service in Elgin is expected to disadvantage a number of customers and should be challenged. A petition has been signed by 400 people. A solution is needed. A meeting is to be sought with the owner of Deveron Coaches who operate the route.</p>	AK D Clark

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<u>ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATES</u>	
Cllr Graeme Leadbitter outlined the timetable for the forthcoming budget consultations, touched on the progress status of the Leisure Services Review, and highlighted some work to enable some grass cutting using the Common Good fund. The potential impact of Brexit on the area, particularly the food industry, was briefly touched upon.	
<u>TREASURERS REPORT</u>	
Steve Christie had circulated the balance sheet showing a balance of £2,748.81. Alastair Kennedy reminded Cllr Leadbitter that the Community Council Grants Suspension is due to be lifted this year.	
<u>REPORTS and UPDATES</u>	
<u>SPICE</u>	
In Your Neighbourhood assessment is ongoing.	
<u>JCC</u>	
Last meeting heard of the new police mobile device. Next meeting November.	
<u>Fair Trade</u>	
Renewing Elgin Fair Trade Status has been delayed but this is not likely to affect the success of the renewal. A stall was taken at the food and drink event in St Giles Church on Saturday 10 th August. BEAR Scotland has been approached about Fair Trade signage for Elgin.	
<u>CURRENT ISSUES</u>	
<u>Climate Conservation Community Fund</u>	
ECC will not apply. JCC is considering applying	
<u>Grass Cutting</u>	
Iain Catto explained what had happened as a result of the grass cutting meeting held 6 th August 2019. A group of volunteers has been identified and a committee was appointed to manage volunteers, obtain equipment and look at areas to be considered for wild flower meadows. A budget of £200 for fuel and an increase in the community council insurance were agreed.	
<u>WEBSITE</u>	
The website is to go live at the end of September 2019. Any articles for publishing should be sent to James Wiseman, Iain Catto and Alastair Kennedy.	
<u>Moray Speyside Tourism</u>	
A letter of support is to be sent to Moray Speyside Tourism for their BID proposal.	
<u>Call Box Closures</u>	
There were no objections to the closure of call boxes in Moray.	
<u>Taxi Charges</u>	
Increases in Taxi charges for pre-booking (up by 50p) and soiling (up from £120 to £150) were supported. No increase in maximum fare per mile was proposed.	
<u>Licensing of Sex Entertainment Venues</u>	
A response was submitted to the consultation on Licensing of Sex Entertainment Venues. The main concern expressed was around location. However, it was thought there was not a market for these in Elgin.	
<u>Second Rural Transport Convention</u>	
It was agreed that the R&T subgroup would be funded to attend the Second Rural Transport Convention on 9 th October 2019	
<u>Bus Shelter Timetables</u>	

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	The bus shelter printed time tables in Elgin have not been updated and are providing incorrect information to customers. This is to be brought to the attention of Stagecoach.	
	<u>Climate Action Fund</u>	
	Retain on agenda for next meeting	SC
	<u>A.O.C.B.</u> Pat Patterson reported that the Spey Fishery Board are spraying Giant Hogweed and will tackle Elgin next year.	
	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th September 2019 in Moray 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.