

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.00pm

<u>Sederunt 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)</p> <p>Shelia COCHRANE (Secretary)</p>	
<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Iain CATTO, Douglas CLARK, David CHAPMAN*, Jeff GABLE, Pat PATERSON, Eddie WALLACE,</p>	
<p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Sarah DAWSON Police Scotland,</p> <p>Hazel LAWSON Helen</p>	
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Aileen MARSHALL, Bryan WATSON, Cllr Paula COY,</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 10/9/2019 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Eddie Wallace proposed, Steve Christie seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Fare Trade Signage - Ongoing</p> <p>Lesser borough Briggs - Ongoing</p>	EW IC
<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>Sarah Dawson gave an overview of recent crime in Elgin which included drugs, disturbances, theft and house breaking.</p> <p>Operation Cedar continues to tackle vehicle crimes which this month included drink driving, drug driving, antisocial driving and speeding. Action to improve and educate drivers was taken at Lossie Green Carpark. Parking near schools resulted in 3 FPN's issued and parking in High Street and South Street were also tackled.</p> <p>Police Scotland were involved with the New Elgin South LOIP and were interviewed on Wave Radio about this engagement with the public. Alastair Kennedy complimented the event and the police engagement with the other attendees.</p> <p>Response required on vehicle idling and what measures can be taken to prevent it.</p> <p>The Community Safety Report had not been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Police Scotland were asked to look at parking at road crossing points where drop kerbs are located. This frequently occurs at Springfield medical centre off Thornhill Road.</p>	Police
<p><u>ELECTED MEMBERS FEEDBACK</u></p>	
<p>Cllr Graham Leadbitter and Cllr John Divers highlighted the Corporate Plan and Budget consultations. The Corporate Plan is leading with supporting disability, climate change strategy and attainment.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reminded the Councillors that the suspension of the Community Council Grants was due to be lifted. Cllr Leadbitter said that he had not heard any suggestion that the Community Council Grants would not be reinstated.</p> <p>Iain Catto highlighted a comment from the New Elgin South LOIP strengths weaknesses opportunities and threats board that people one of the LOIP's strengths was Cllr John Divers.</p> <p>There was a discussion on recent planning applications.</p> <p>The naming of HMS Spey, an offshore protection vessel, will forge links between the Navy and Moray. Corridors on the ship will be named after Moray places.</p>	

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<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
The Treasurer's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting showing a balance of £1,911.36. There were no questions.	
<u>REPORTS AND UPDATES</u>	
<u>SPICE</u>	
Steve Christie highlighted the In Your Neighbourhood report for Elgin which gave a "Thriving" rating.	
<u>JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS</u>	
Next meeting is on 14 th November 2019. It was agreed to adopt the JCC policy for Unacceptable Members of the Public Actions.	
<u>FAIR TRADE</u>	
The Elgin FareTrade group are awaiting the outcome of their latest status application. Discussions with BEAR about Fair Trade signage on the A96 are ongoing. A speaker has been requested for next years campaign. It was noted that the Youth Café had changed all of it's teas to Fair Trade products.	
<u>CURRENT ISSUES</u>	
<u>Lesser Borough Briggs</u>	
It was noted that the CAT application for Lesser Borough Briggs was ongoing.	
<u>Development Trust</u>	
A meeting is to be held on 15th October 2019 to get advice on setting up a Development trust. The venue for this is to be advised.	
<u>Deveron Bus 340/341</u>	
The response from the Scottish Government to our letter about the removal of the 340/341 bus service in Elgin was disappointing. A further letter had been drafted and was agreed to be sent.	
<u>Climate Conversation</u>	
A meeting is to be held. Date, time and venue to be advised.	
<u>Grass Cutting</u>	
A small area near the cathedral has been cut by a community group. It was well received by passers by. It demonstrated we can meet health and safety requirements and we was a learning curve for next year.	IC/JW
<u>Website</u>	
The website is ready to launch. Alastair Kennedy and Iain Catto are to review and comment on the current content by mid October and thereafter it will be opened to other members to comment and add content. It is proposed to launch it at the November meeting.	AK/IC/JW
<u>Membership</u>	
Alastair Kennedy said for anyone wishing to be co-opted requires contact details to be circulated 14 days in advance of co-option.	
<u>Compensatory Planting Consultation</u>	
Douglas Clark to draft a response to the consultation	D.Cl.
<u>Planning Training on Responding to Windfarm Applications</u>	
It is preferred if this training can be held on a weekday.	
<u>Victory in Europe 75 Anniversary</u>	
Piping evens are to be held across the country on 8 th May 2020. Any comments should be emailed to memebrrs.	All
<u>Planning Skills Webinar</u>	
Details were circulated for anyone interested.	
<u>Poling District Review</u>	

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	No objections were raised to the proposed changes which Graham Leadbitter and John Divers gave a quick summary.	
	<u>CLIMATE ACTION FUND</u>	
	There were no updates on this topic.	
	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Brexit preparations are ongoing but are not being widely discussed to avoid panic.</p> <p>The no 33 bus will go via the new sports centre as of the end of October 2019.</p> <p>James Wiseman gave an update on the Cultural Quarter engagement currently being undertaken.</p> <p>The disposal of the Grand Piano from the Town Hall was mentioned.</p> <p>It was noted that Alex Hynes had not made any commitment to come to Elgin to answer questions on the poor level of rail service being provided.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday: It was agreed to purchase wreaths as usual and it was noted that the New Elgin service would be at 2:30pm this year on 10th November 2019.</p>	
	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 12/11/2019 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.