

**Elgin Community Council Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 12 January 2021**  
**7pm**

**Guest Speaker** - Lorraine Paisey (*Common Good Fund*)

Lorraine Paisey gave a summary of the history of Common Good which originated in the Middle Ages. Elgin's Common Good came about in 1457. The elected members of Moray Council manage nine common goods and various other trusts. Community Councils are statutory consultees for common good. The exact details of each common good asset are established as the need arises. Lorraine also outlined the uses and limitations when distributing common good money.

**1 Welcome and Apologies**

Alastair Kennedy wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the meeting.

David Chapman, Alastair Kennedy, Brian Irvine, John Divers, Graham Leadbitter, Alison James, Lorraine Paisey, James Wiseman, Frank Brown, Alistair Whitfield (Northern Scot), Steve Christie, Douglas Clark, Sheila Cochrane, Jack Wright, Graham Jarvis, Paula Coy.

During the meeting Graham Jarvis was co-opted. Details had been circulated and there were no objections.

Apologies - Ray McLean, Maria McLean, Eddie Wallace

**2 Previous Minutes**

There were no objections and the minutes were adopted.

**3 Matters Arising**

Douglas and James to send Environmental Issues letter to Gary Templeton

**4 Common Good Fund** (*see above*)

**4a Planning** (*North Burnside*)

Members had difficulty opening the notice of the proposed online consultation for this development. James Wiseman to circulate the details - members to forward any comments to James.

**5 Nurses' Mental Health**

There was a discussion on how well nurses' wellbeing was being looked after by their employer. Frank Brown reassured us that the hospital management take these matters very seriously.

**6 Lockdown** (*Can we do anything to help others?*)

Alistair Kennedy outlined some of the help that other Community Councils are delivering and asked the question what can we do to help. To date we have assisted by sourcing funds.

**7 Covid Information Websites** (*Is there a very local information website?*)

It seems that there is the Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub.

**8 The Recycling Facility** (*How well does it work?*)

There was a range of experiences related by members. Some find it difficult; some find it easy. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of the booking system and whether it might continue after covid.

**9 Community Development Trust**

Douglas Clark to seek advice from Lossiemouth Development Trust about going about setting one up.

**10 Hogweed (INNS)**

There was a discussion about progress on eradication of hogweed. This had been hampered by the pandemic and land owners not undertaking their statutory responsibilities as riparian.

**11 Agency Updates**

Stagecoach - Jack Wright gave a brief update on Stagecoach performance and passenger usage through the pandemic. Passenger numbers rose to 60-65% of pre-covid levels in December but subsequently have fallen to 25%. The waiting room and travel shop have been refurbished but have had to close. Looking ahead service levels won't drop unless further restrictions are announced nationally. Douglas Clark asked Jack Wright to pass on our thanks to staff at Stagecoach for keeping services running.

**12 Elected Member Updates**

There has been much work on the covid response: providing support logistics for testing and vaccination. Schools have done a lot of work delivering education remotely. Councillor Leadbitter on behalf of all the councillors thanked Moray Council staff for their effort during the pandemic. He also explained that the pandemic response made setting budgets difficult.

**13 Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Fair Start Scotland

**14 AOCB**

Hawthorn Road Parking Restrictions were discussed.  
Telegraph Poles - Steve Christie to write a letter to BT

**15 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 February 2021**