

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.00pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting

Attendees: Alastair Kennedy; Sheila Cochrane; Steve Christie; James Wiseman; Brian Irvine; Douglas Clark; Edward Wallace; Graham Jarvis; Cllr Paula Coy; Laura McNally; Hugh Brown; Alistair Whitfield (Northern Scot); David Chapman

Apologies: Cllr Graham Leadbitter; Cllr John Divers; Cllr Frank Brown; Ray McLean; Maria McLean;

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were proposed by Sheila Cochrane and seconded by Eddie Wallace. There were no objections and the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

a. Stagecoach: There was no representative from Stagecoach present

b. Dr Gray's (Update): An update from Jamie Hogg was read out and discussed. It was noted that eye care has waiting times of over a year. Maternity service beds are being reduced in number until the unit is refurbished. Diabetes clinic are progressing by phone.

Douglas Clark to write to the NHS regarding clinic delays.

4. Common Good Fund - Consultation:

It was noted that the common good database, such as it is, is being digitised.

The sale of a piece of ground near the biblical garden was reviewed and thought to be reasonable given its location.

Alastair Kennedy to write to the Moray Council advising them of the Community Council's opinion.

5. The Oaks (Covid vaccines help):

There was a discussion on what we could do to help in defeating Covid which started from a request from The Oaks. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help. It was agreed to use the remaining £300 from the covid funds to go to Foodbank helping people affected by the current circumstances.

Steve Christie to arrange payment to the foodbank.

6. Litter

There was a discussion on litter in Elgin noting areas of concern as Bishopmill, Beechbrae, Spynie Street, Morrision Road, Edgar Road. The work of the Positive Action Group was very much appreciated.

Alastair Kennedy to post an appropriate comment from Elgin Community Council on the Positive Action facebook page.

The reasons for litter at takeaways and flytipping were discussed (No where to put it; Don't count as litter; Perception of space). The flood alleviation area was also noted. This had been moved previously.

Alastair Kennedy to follow up email to Mike Neary & Fiona Burnett

7. Asbestos Surveys

It was noted that asbestos surveys going on in rented accommodation during covid were discussed. It was highlighted that these are not essential activities in the current circumstances.

8. Telegraph Poles

Steve Christie gave an update on the response from Openreach regarding challenges on their lack of consultation over the siting of poles recently erected in Elgin. There was some difficulty verifying whether the Council had been adequately consulted by Openreach on the siting of the poles.

9. Planning

An objection has been submitted against the planning application for a proposed general industry (Class 5) and storage/distribution (Class 6) building at Elgin Trade Park Ashgrove Road Elgin Moray IV30 1AZ. Details were circulated.

James Wiseman to circulate an update on the Beechfield gap site application.

10. Community Development Trust

Douglas Clark and Briann Irvine are continuing the search for suitable advice on setting up a development trust.

11. Fair Start

Ryrie Ogg had contacted the community council seeking support

Alastair Kennedy to write to Fair Start to ask how we can help.

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12. Representation

A separate meeting was requested by new members to discuss how we currently reflect the community we serve.

Alastair Kennedy to arrange a meeting

13. Agency Updates - None

14. Elected Member Updates

Cllr Paula Coy highlighted that budget work was ongoing and due to the settlement from the Scottish Government the Moray Council is no longer at risk of going broke. There was also a discussion on the frequency of bin collections being left at three weekly collections.

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members were asked for any suggestions for agenda items

16. AOCB

17. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 March 2021