

Elgin Community Council Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 9 March 2021
7pm

1 Welcome and Apologies

Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees - Alastair Kennedy, Sheila Cochrane, Steve Christie, James Wiseman, Eddie Wallace, Graham Jarvis, Paul Briggs, Brian Irvine, Graham Leadbitter, Douglas Clark, David Chapman, John Divers, Jack Wright.

Apologies - Pat Paterson

The resignation of Alison James was accepted.

Stagecoach - Jack Wright from Stagecoach gave an update on the services being provided and their return to normal operation. Whilst the level of service required is unclear, Stagecoach are maintaining flexibility of vehicles and drivers in response to demand. Jack Wright hinted at changes to the ticket structure and fares, but it was not obvious at the time that there was a significant increase from £9-£20 for people travelling within Elgin on a weekly ticket. Travel zones have been simplified. It was agreed unanimously to complain about this hefty increase on behalf of the Community Council. Some comparisons with fares in Inverness, Edinburgh and Dumfries were quoted, further demonstrating the excessive increase - Eddie Wallace and Douglas Clark to draft a letter for Alastair Kennedy to sign on behalf of the Community Council.

2 Previous Minutes

There were corrections made to the draft; David Chapman had been added and there were minor spelling mistakes. Minor changes were made and the Minutes were then proposed by Eddie Wallace and seconded by James Wiseman. There were no objections.

3 Matters Arising

Douglas' letter to Jamie Hogg

Douglas Clark had drafted a letter to Jamie Hogg which has been sent.

Covid Funding - Moray Food Plus

Steve Christie confirmed that he had contacted Moray Food Plus and transferred the amount approved.

Fair Start (Ryrie Ogg)

Alastair Kennedy confirmed that Fair Start are looking for promotion and networking opportunities. It was agreed to pass this to the JCC.

4 Planning

Hamilton Drive - James Wiseman outlined the objection submitted against the Hamilton Drive Development. He also commented that this application had been running for over a year which is leading to some confusion. It was noted that some of the most recently added drawings contained old layouts of the site.

Elmfield - The planning application for a gap site at Elmfield Road to which we objected has been withdrawn.

POAN Elgin South - A POAN for Elgin South was received, advertising an online exhibition and consultation - James Wiseman to circulate details.

Cooper Park - Alastair Kennedy advised that the Town Centre Masterplan was being progressed and we hope to have a speaker in the near future.

5 Dog Bins

Douglas Clark queried who was responsible for the provision of dog waste bins in new developments. Various good and bad examples were highlighted. It is the responsibility of a developer or factor

until such time as the road is adopted as a public road, after which it becomes the Council's responsibility.

6 Membership

Leaflet (Royal Mail/Spotlight) - Eddie Wallace outlined the service provided by Royal Mail to deliver leaflets to every house in Elgin. He undertook to find out costs for printing and delivery. The Community Council needs to decide on the best time to issue these. It was thought that around the time of the Autumn 2021 election would be appropriate.

7 Speeding (JCC Moray-wide approach)

Alastair Kennedy highlighted the JCC's intention to take a Moray-wide approach to reduce speeding. Anne Skene and Jane Martin are to meet with Nicola Moss (Moray Council Transportation Department) and Norman Stevenson (Area Commander Police Scotland).

8 Community Development Trust Update

Douglas Clark and Brian Irvine are still looking into how this would be set up and continue to seek the best advice from neighbouring Community Councils, Councillor John Cowe and DTAS. It was proposed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm to discuss further.

9 Engine Idling

It was agreed to postpone this item until the correspondent was in attendance.

10 Elected Member Updates

Graham Leadbitter advised that the Budget had been successfully approved after 6-8 weeks of negotiations. Although the Council is financially in a better position, the Budget had to reflect the impact of the pandemic and the emerging new normal. There was approval for 5 camper van sites across Moray with waste facilities. The Council is progressing a 10 year plan towards net zero carbon emissions and transformation proposals costing 6-7 million pounds are being started, mostly to do with education.

11 AOCB

There was a discussion about how busy the Cooper Park is and the lack of masks being worn, particularly around the skate park.

12 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Gary Templeton to talk about Cultural Quarter and Town Centre Masterplan.

13 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 13 April 2021