

Elgin Community Council Zoom Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 13 April 2021
7pm

1 Welcome and Apologies

Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees - Alastair Kennedy, Sheila Cochrane, Eddie Wallace, Steven Christie, David Chapman, Graham Jarvis, James Wiseman, Gordie Wells, Douglas Clark, Graham Leadbitter, Jack Wright.

Apologies - Brian Irvine, Ray McLean, Maria McLean, John Divers, Paula Coy.

The resignation of Nadine Weiland was accepted.

2 Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were proposed by Sheila Cochrane and seconded by Eddie Wallace. There were no amendments and they were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Matters Arising -

Stagecoach - In response to our letter and other complaints, Stagecoach had restored the Elgin City Zone priced at £9. This was appreciated by the Community Council. Jack Wright intimated that services would be back to normal from 19 April and that drivers had been given training on advising passengers as to the best fares available.

Letter to Jamie Hogg - Sheila Cochrane had sent a reminder and as yet has had no reply. It was understood that Jamie is very busy. Douglas Clark highlighted that waiting times for consultations leading to orthopaedic surgery were of the order of sixty five weeks. Douglas Clark to write to the Chair of the IJB.

Vaccination Centre Queues - Long queues have been observed at times. It is unclear why this is but it is believed that staff are monitoring the situation and assisting where possible.

Membership (leaflet) - Eddie Wallace had circulated information on the cost of producing and circulating a leaflet to encourage membership within the Elgin area. Estimated costs were £360 in total which seemed reasonable for the coverage though the timing in relation to the current elections and the actual Community Council elections should be considered carefully. Eddie Wallace to design a leaflet and propose a delivery date.

Speeding (JCC Update) - Alastair Kennedy gave an update from the JCC on a group working on prevention of drivers' speeding. Sheila Cochrane to be added to the group.

Hamilton Gardens/Dog Bins Update - Douglas Clark had researched the responsibilities for provision of dog mess bins which fall between the developer and the Council, being handed over when the roads are adopted. Councillor Leadbitter highlighted that many developers leave road adoption to the end so as to avoid having to repair the road. Douglas Clark to write to Colin Bell regarding Hamilton Gardens dog bins.

4 Planning -

Elgin South Masterplan Consultation - James Wiseman advised that the consultation on the Elgin South Masterplan had now passed. As yet no comments have been received or submitted.

Elgin City Centre Masterplan - Details of the Elgin City Centre Masterplan had been circulated along with a consultation on limiting traffic in the town centre. The Planning Department are to be commended on providing an appropriate timescale for a proper response to be made. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20 April where Gary Templeton plus a member of his staff, Diane Anderson, will meet with Elgin Community Council to discuss this. Following that, a formal response on behalf of the Community Council will be drafted for the June meeting.

Conversion of Former Bakers, High Street - James Wiseman advised that he had submitted a comment supporting this application because it seeks to improve the High Street.

5 Community Development Trust Update

Unfortunately Brian Irvine was not present to give an update.

6 Covid Community Memorials

Alastair Kennedy highlighted the opportunity to apply for funding for Covid Community Memorials as outlined in the Scottish Community Council's Newsletter. No action was taken on this matter.

7 Wildflower Meadows

An email from Jane Martin had been circulated saying Moray Council aim to create eight areas per year for wildflower meadows. The Council are accepting nominations for areas to be considered. Eddie Wallace had identified three areas and intends to propose them. Eddie also offered to collate and photograph any other suggested sites.

8 New Cemetery for Elgin

It was understood that there had been no further progress on identifying a suitable cemetery site. Councillor Leadbitter undertook to check with Colin Bell on this matter.

9 Elected Member Updates

Councillor Leadbitter said that the Elgin Town Centre Consultation has been the main order of business.

10 AOCB

An advert for VE Day memorabilia had been received. This initiated a discussion on whether or how VE Day and VJ Day Anniversaries will be marked this year. It was agreed to await further information on activities.

Gordie Wells is seeking co-option. Details will be circulated.

11 Items for Next Meeting

There were no suggestions.

12 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 11 May 2021