

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

1 Welcome and Apologies

Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees - Alastair Kennedy, Sheila Cochrane, Steven Christie, Eddie Wallace, David Chapman, James Wiseman, Graham Leadbitter, John Divers, Hazel Lawson.

Apologies - Douglas Clark, Brian Irvine, Graham Jarvis, Gordie Wells.

2 Previous minutes

The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Sheila Cochrane. There were no objections and it was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Matters Arising

Stagecoach update - No update

Dr Gray's waiting times update - Previously it had been thought that NHS Grampian was busy trying to recover, however if there is time to put together a presentation and survey they clearly have the resources to answer our letter about lengthy waiting times. Action on waiting times at Dr Gray's had been deferred due to perceived workload due to the NHS recovering from the Covid 19 pandemic. It was suggested that we submitted a survey response collectively as a group; there were no objections.

4 Planning

Hamilton Drive - It was noted that the Planning portal still contains a myriad of drawings which are confusing.

Duffus Road, Findrassie - There was a discussion on the progress of the Findrassie Development. A POAN notice had been received and circulated regarding a consultation from 12 July until 4 August 2021 including a live chat session between 2pm and 6pm on 14 July.

5 Eddie's Leaflet/Elections - Discussion

There was a discussion about promoting the forthcoming elections. An alternative leaflet had been proposed by the JCC for use across Moray, however it was agreed to promote the Elgin elections via social media and personal contact.

6 Elgin Town Centre Masterplan update

The responses to the Elgin Town Centre Masterplan and the Elgin Town Centre Access Plan had been submitted. The timescale for the Town Centre Masterplan Consultation had allowed sufficient time for anyone to respond competently.

7 Elgin Town Centre Access Consultation update

See above.

8 Elgin BID update

Alastair Kennedy said he had met with Gemma Cruickshank (Elgin BID Manager) and Willie Duncan (Elgin BID Ambassador).

9 Cooper Park

Alastair Kennedy and James Wiseman are to participate in judging a Primary School Poster Competition on suggestions for the Cooper Park.

10 Website - e-bulletin

There was no discussion about the website but Steven Christie highlighted a hard copy of a book he had obtained which had been produced by Kinross Community Council.

11 Deanshaugh Playing Fields update

Further discussions had taken place with Moray Council regarding Deanshaugh being restored to playing fields. A relevant Council Officer had confirmed that the plan was progressing. It was agreed to purchase a set of goalposts to assist the effort.

12 Elgin City status update

Graham Leadbitter advised that the Council is looking at what is required to gain City status. Alastair Kennedy to write a letter of support.

13 Elected Member updates

There was general praise for the Council staff and in particular the Waste Collection team. The Council is working with Elgin BID to fund weed killing between the High Street and the Cooper Park. Seagulls were discussed briefly.

14 AOCB

There was no other competent business.

15 Items for next meeting

There were no new items.

16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 August 2021

If any member has an item they would like to raise, please contact the Chair or the Secretary in advance so as to ensure it can be included in the Agenda.