



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025
at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair called the meeting to order, welcoming members, guests and reading the apologies

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guest: 1 Louise Pearson Lesley Attridge Dr Robert Lockhart	<p>We were pleased to welcome three representatives from the NHS and thanked them for attending our meeting.</p> <p>Louise – Operational manager Dr Gray’s began by giving us an overview of what has been happening at Dr Gray’s hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maternity – the service is nearly back to being what it was, and there have been some c sections carried out recently.• Paediatric – the children’s ward has been relocated back to where it had been previously, along with additional staff and new facilities (playroom)• Waiting times at A&E remain challenging, there is an improved 101 service where patients are triaged over the phone and signposted to the most appropriate service for them.• Orthopaedics -which had undergone a temporary change due to staff shortages is being restored to its previous capacity (not there yet) and an active recruitment programme is underway. <p>Lesley -Health & Social Care the service faces daily challenges, although a new and improved ‘care at home’ service aims to keep people at home rather than in hospital where this is possible and to cater to the specific needs of that person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Prescribing is designed to signpost people to the service which is best suited to their needs such as Citizens Advice, Physiotherapy etc. This service	

	<p>also has the 'Community Connections' website where people can find all the relevant information they require to access the most suitable service for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment Days – events held at Elgin Sports Center, large clinic event (by appointment) where staff are on hand to deal with specific ailments such as COPD, Physiotherapy etc, there are also information stalls arranged to provide patients with further info etc on their conditions. <p>Dr Robert Lockhart stated that the NHS are 7 years into a contract designed to relieve GP's of extra work, however this is not working as intended and General Practice is struggling. – Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a shortage of GP's with no budget for recruitment• Patients are getting sicker as they cant see a GP as soon as they would like.• NHS reforms – investment into GP practices -keep patients at home -financial pressure on services• Collaborative working with other services -more Grampian than local• Understanding the demographics of the population = a larger elderly population• Government – overseeing financial challenges,• not everyone is PC savvy• Cyber attacks on the rise as is cold calling at doors (there is an NHS resilience team who aim to tackle these issues) <p>What could help would be the sequencing of appointments so that patients don't require to be continuously recalled for appointments GP – bloods - X-ray – consultant = follow up</p> <p>There then followed a discussion on the general state of the NHS which is now called upon to do more than it was ever envisaged to do. The perception that Dr Gray's is being run down in services etc in favour of Aberdeen (ARI) The future strategy for Dr Gray's is available on the NHS Grampian website. ARI has no capacity to take on more work from Moray Patients going private is not always a good thing for the NHS especially those going abroad for procedures with no follow</p>	
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<p>2</p> <p>Sophie Dinak- martin Mark Crowley</p>	<p>up care – which ultimately falls on the NHS if something goes wrong.</p> <p>And finally, we asked – do our guests think Dr Gray’s is fit for purpose -the consensus is NO – specific areas are less fit than others for example A&E – the general layout is out dated compared to the new modern trauma centres.</p> <p>Thanking our guests for coming – we asked if they would return and they were unanimous in saying yes.</p> <p>Community Wardens</p> <p>Mark gave us a brief update on progress since their last visit, the ASB at Elgin bus station has significantly reduced via a targeted approach.</p> <p>The youth bus is nearly complete, still some fitting out to be done, the bus will be Elgin only.</p> <p>Now five wardens covering the whole of Moray</p>	<p>A visit to be arranged in 6 months</p>
<p>1.Previous Minutes</p>	<p>8 April 2025</p> <p>Proposed: Graham Jarvis</p> <p>Seconder: Anne Mitchell</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>3. Road Safety</p>	<p>No updates</p>	
<p>4. Finance</p> <p>B</p>	<p>The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid.</p> <p>The remainder of the Fair Trade Elgin account has been paid into our , this will be added to the ‘interest account’</p> <p>Alison mentioned that as Cove Bay nurseries were no longer able to donate flowers for Ladyhill it was costing £100 for plants – money they don’t have. Steve suggested that we cover the cost from the fair Trade monies – Proposed by Graham and seconded by James. Steve will liaise with Alison to effect payment.</p>	<p>Steve</p>
<p>5. Planning</p>	<p>James has obtained an extension for responding to the ‘Birnie quarry’ application – an extra meeting will be convened to formulate our response - Held on 28th May</p>	
<p>6. Levelling Up</p>	<p>Graham reported that a meeting had been held on 8th May, this included updates on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Street • Gordon Arms • Sawmill site (Elgin South) • Cooper Park • Traffic Control bollards 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel • Edgar Road & Laichmoray Junctions 	
7. Correspondence	Email received from Amey regarding surveying works prior to the resurfacing of the Pansport roundabout. Alastair suggested that we contact Amey with a view to clearing the centre of the roundabout at the same time as the works to improve visibility.	Alastair to write to Amey
8. Resilience	Brian not available	
9. BID – Events & Christmas lights	As Elgin BID were no longer an operational entity – Steve asked the question's . 1. What happens to the funds held by BID & are they returned to the businesses? Cllr Divers said that as far as he knew the funds would go to charities. 2. Who if anyone would take on responsibility for the events and the Christmas lights? Both of which would require significant levels of funding to aid undertaking.	
10. Seagulls	With the breeding season well underway many people are getting agitated by the number of birds swooping, and the continuous squawking. It had been mentioned that Naturescot are getting better at issuing licences – we reserve judgement on that. Steve had reported no response from Naturescot, however after the meeting he received one, which was circulated – agenda for the next meeting	AGENDA
11. Elected Members	Although they have returned from the Spring break there have been few meetings held . One that was recently held discussed and awarded approvals where required to Disabled parking bays, traffic bollards, Morriston Road travel route, Freedom of Moray, Rainbow Castle (nursery)	
12. AOCB	Alastair – asked Jim Talbot if he was mindful to be co-opted onto the committee, which he was – agreed unanimously Elgin Town hall has been closed for two months and nothing appears to have taken place in respect of building work. It was agreed to find out who is responsible for the Town Hall project and invite them to our next meeting to explain what is or isn't happening.	Alastair
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 10th June @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **13th May 2025**

NAME	ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell	✓	
Alastair Kennedy Chair	✓	
Alison Stockley	✓	
Anne Mitchell	✓	
Brian Irvine Vice Chair	✓	
David Chapman	✓	✓
Douglas Clark	✓	
Diane Burgess		
Graham Jarvis	✓	
James Wiseman	✓	
Joyce Bremner	✓	✓
Steve Christie Treasurer	✓	
Jim Talbot	✓	
Amber Dunbar Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Elaine Kirby Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Jereme Fernades Cllr Moray Council	✓	
John Divers Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Peter Bloomfield Cllr Moray Council		✓
Sandy Keith Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Debra Duke CCLO Moray Council	✓	
Mark Crowley & Sophie Dinak-Martin Community Wardens	✓	
David P&J		
Sean Angus Press		
Pat Patterson	✓	
Aiden Henderson	✓	
Louise Pearson	✓	NHS
Lesley Attridge	✓	NHS
Dr Robert Lockhart	✓	NHS



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

May 2025

Opening Balance (30/04/25) **£7,930.22**

Expenditure

Elgin Town Hall **£x,x42.00**

Minutes **£x,x40.00**

Interest Account **£x,xx5.74**

Total expenditure **£x,x87.74**

Income

NO INCOME

Current Balance **£7,842.48**

Report prepared by Steve Christie 31st May 2025