



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th August 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 |
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| Guests Mark Crowley & Sophie Dinak-Martin | <p>Mark & Sophie have joined us to give an update of their latest activities.</p> <p>The community youth bus has been well received; it was introduced for the first time at the recent event on Elgin's Plainstones. It is due to go out again on 15th August to the Thornhill area of Elgin. The bus sponsored by Stagecoach will be used to visit various areas of Elgin, there will be set hours.</p> <p>The wardens said they were enjoying their Jobs which although has set hours, these can be adjusted accordingly depending on operational commitments. Mark also said that the summer period has been surprisingly quiet in terms of anti-social behaviour.</p> | |
| 1.Previous Minutes | <p>Proposed: Graham Jarvis Seconder: Alastair Kennedy</p> | |
| 2. Matters Arising | Joyce is hoping to return in the new session | |
| 3. Road Safety | No updates Find out from Nicola Moss, who is responsible for running the Road Safety group | Alastair |

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| 4. Finance | The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid. The interest account is currently at £570+ | B |
| 5. Planning | No Report as James was unavailable, we did learn that Leiths have raised issues with all of the objections. The proposed bore hole was not mentioned in their application; this is likely to have an impact on water sources and will be subject to scrutiny by both SEPA and Scottish Water. | |
| 6. Levelling Up Neighbourhood Board | Nothing to report as the scheduled meeting was postponed with no further date given as yet. Due to meet again in a couple of weeks, now has 18 members originally limited to 15, plan to hold further public consultation. | |
| 7.Elgin Christmas lights. | The group set up to organise Christmas lights now has about 20 members. The CC members agreed for this group to be recognised as a sub group of the CC. The Elected members present gave their support for the group. Elgin BID has 3 board members left to oversee the final progress of winding up, they are due to meet on the 18 th JD stated that in some areas where the vote had also went against BID's there has been calls to have them reinstated. | |
| 8. Resilience | Nothing to report, will aim to make progress after the CC elections, Steve may take on some of the work but ideally, we need a few more than the three members currently involved. | Ongoing |
| 9. Seagulls | No date as yet for the Gull Summit proposed for Inverness. It has been noted that there has been a significant increase in the amount of gulls in the town, including in areas which were usually noted as quiet, JD mentioned that the sonic sound machines were switched off -early July. Elgin Academy was highlighted as being a particular hot spot, with many birds nesting across the roof space. Douglas mentioned that one of his neighbours was a drone operator – Douglas will talk to him to see if he might conduct a fly-over to ascertain bird numbers at the Academy. Anne told those present that she was recently attacked and defecated on by a gull near her home, her clothes were binned. | Douglas |

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| 10 Deep clean | <p>Councillor Keith responded to a question regarding the 'Deep clean'</p> <p>It is a four week programme but currently running a week behind due to recent weather conditions. They have been clearing 1.5tonnes of litter and detritus each day.</p> <p>Cllr Keith is going on a street walk with the programme manager on Thursday.</p> <p>Over 10yrs the street cleaning machines have decreased from 9 double manned machines to 3 single manned machines. This has been notable around our housing estates where weeds and pile of detritus are often found along the kerb lines.</p> | |
| 11. Elected Members | Planning approval has been granted for the next phase at Findrassie and for the site at Bilbohall (west) | |
| 12. AOCB | A group of travellers had recently occupied the hard standing area at Deanshaugh park, it is not clear if they had cut the lock or if the barrier had been left open. The area is currently used for the air ambulance, fortunately it was not required during the period of occupation. | |
| NEXT MEETING | TUESDAY 9 September @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE | |

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Attendance record

Meeting date **12th August 2025**

| NAME | | ATTENDING | APOLOGIES |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Alan Bell | | | × |
| Alastair Kennedy | Chair | ✓ | |
| Alison Stockley | | | × |
| Anne Mitchell | | ✓ | |
| David Chapman | | ✓ | |
| Douglas Clark | | ✓ | |
| Diane Burgess | | ✓ | |
| Graham Jarvis | | ✓ | |
| James Wiseman | | | |
| Joyce Bremner | | | × |
| Steve Christie | Treasurer | ✓ | |
| Jim Talbot | | | × |
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| 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 | ✓ | |
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| David | P&J | | |
| Sean Angus | Press | | |
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| Pat Patterson | | | |
| William Fitzsimmons | | ✓ | |
| Judith Reid | | ✓ | |
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| William McKenzie | | ✓ | |



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

August 2025

Opening Balance 12/08/25 **£7,130.87**

Expenditure

13/08/25 Minutes £0.040.00

13/08/25 Microsoft Office £0.059.99

Total expenditure **£x,099.99**

Income

NO INCOME

Current Balance (main Account) 31/08/25 **£7,30.88**

Prepared by Steve Christie 31st August 2025