



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2025
at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

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

| ITEM | CONTENT | ACTIONS |
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| Guests Gary Templeton Diane Anderson | <p>Gary begun by mentioning that the levelling up fund stands at £18.3million which should be spent by the end of March 2027.</p> <p>There are a number of projects earmarked for this funding subject to planning consents and budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The former sawmill site on Linkwood Road – redeveloped to create a public park.• The South Street development – receive partial funding.• Active travel measures• Cooper Park – the pond to be redeveloped and the boats reintroduced.• Toilet block to be redeveloped – will also include a café. <p>The Neighbourhood Board - £20million over 10 years – event to be held on 12th July – Elgin Plainstones.</p> <p>Town centre traffic control measures:</p> <p>Access control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plainstones• Batchen Street• Commerce Street• Thunderton Place | |

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| <p>Guest 2 Mark Crowley Community Warden</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lossie Wynd – Plainstones <p>Rise and fall bollards – Permission to enter (key fob activation – will be monitored for abuse) Businesses encouraged to accept deliveries before 11am and after 4pm – can be adapted as required. Changes to pedestrian orders, relocate disabled parking from Commerce Street to west of Plainstones area (consultation until 25th August – Moray Council website) Flexibility for events etc.</p> <p>Concern raised that those who can't find parking will use disabled bays, the answer may lay with decriminalisation. A new Transport Manager takes up employment on 14th July – this should be an item on their desk.</p> <p>Proposed changes would see a northbound only link from Moss Street (Laichmoray) to Lossie Wynd, would include new pavements, carriageway improvements , a contraflow cycleway – a consultation event will be held in the Williamson Hall at the end of July.</p> <p>Mark informed those present that the Youth bus is ready and will get it's first outing this weekend 12th on the Plainstones. He also mentioned incidents of anti-social behaviour where bottles had been smashed in both the St Giles and Batchen Street car parks. More worrying was a case whereby three youths had threatened ASB against a young mother and her child who were out walking in the Linkwood Burn area.</p> | |
| <p>1.Previous Minutes</p> | <p>Proposed: Alison Stockley Seconder: Jim Talbot</p> | |
| <p>2. Matters Arising</p> | <p>Alison gave a summary of our meeting with Neil Gray (secretary for health) The situation with NHS Grampian has been described as acute, there needs to be better communication with patients, and travelling to Aberdeen for clinical appointments via the A96 is less than satisfactory. ARI has at least 5 MRI scanners yet one planned for Dr Grays was shelved – he took note of this and will look into it.</p> | |
| <p>3. Road Safety</p> | <p>No updates</p> | |
| <p>4. Finance</p> | <p>The account is healthy; all expenditure has been paid.</p> | <p>B</p> |

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| 5. Planning | James informed the committee that Leiths have challenged our objection to their proposed quarry at Birnie. The challenge is at best weak; it reads more like a case of sour grapes on their part. | |
| 6. Levelling Up | Nothing to report | |
| 7.Elgin Christmas lights. | <p>Steve reminded those present that following the demise of Elgin BID, the Elgin Christmas lights are in jeopardy of not happening this year. Following discussion, it was agreed to try and set up a group of interested people to investigate what can be done to save the lights.</p> <p>Update will be given at the next meeting</p> | Steve to consult via Facebook for interested people |
| 8. Resilience | Brian has taken a step back from the CC due to health issues, he has agreed to complete the current work on resilience to enable another to take it on. | Ongoing |
| 9. Seagulls | Steve gave an update on last week's gull count and highlighted that the area with the biggest seagull issue lays in the corridor between Asda and Pinefield. This ties in with what we already knew, the second most affected area is New Elgin with a second corridor from the Cottar Hoose to Elgin High School. Elgin Central came third with Bishopmill being recorded as the least affected area. A request for a place at the forthcoming 'Gull Summit' in Inverness has been made and a holding response has been received. | Steve |
| 10. Elected Members | <p>Cllr Keith explained that the £14,000 towards a deep clean of the Town Centre is the money which Moray Council would have paid towards their BID levy.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the proposed introduction of 20mph limits across Elgin's roads.</p> <p>The Councils £60,000 housing sustainability fund was discussed; this has proven to be successful and has seen a substantial amount of housing debt reclaimed.</p> | |
| 11. Community Council Elections | Steve asked all members present, who if any of them were planning to stand again in the forthcoming CC elections. All present said that they would as did Pat Patterson who is a former member. | |
| 12. AOCB | There is a lack of public toilets in Elgin, and the comfort scheme is poorly advertised so that people are unaware of where they can use the conveniences. | |
| NEXT MEETING | TUESDAY 12th AUGUST @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE | |

Attendance record

Meeting date **10th June 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 | ✓ | |
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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 Community Warden | ✓ | |
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| David P&J | | |
| Sean Angus Press | ✓ | |
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| Pat Patterson | ✓ | |
| Cally Day – Positive Action Group | ✓ | |
| Jackie Andrews – Elgin Town Hall | ✓ | |
| Gary Templeton / Diane Anderson – Moray Council | ✓ | |
| William McKenzie | ✓ | |



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

July 2025

Opening Balance 09/07/25 **£7,170.87**

Expenditure

09/07/25 Minutes £0.040.00

Total expenditure **£x,040.00**

Income

NO INCOME

Current Balance (main Account) 31/07/25 **£7,130.87**

Interest collection account (balance) **£571.34**

Prepared by Steve Christie 31st July 2025