

3.	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 9th February 2010</p> <p>Proposed: Anne Glover Seconded: Harry Torry The Chairman introduced Laura Keil, a prospective new Youth Member.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from 9th February 2010</p>	
9.1	<p><u>Car Sales on Verges of A96 between Linkwood Way and Reiket Lane.</u> The Chairman advised that no reply had been received to date and agreed to e-mail Aileen Scott for a response. Ongoing.</p>	AK
15c	<p><u>Caravans on Lossie Green.</u> Alex Macmillan advised that one caravan had now been removed and the occupants of the last caravan were waiting to be re-housed at which point that caravan would also be removed. He also advised that a paper regarding Halting Sites was to be submitted to the Communities Committee of Moray Council on the 13th April 2010; more details should therefore be available at the next Community Council meeting. Ongoing.</p>	AM
14c	<p><u>Flood Relief Fund.</u> Carry forward to next meeting.</p>	AG
15c	<p><u>Wetlands.</u> Anne Glover advised that Moray Council had now cleared the Wetlands but advised that no programme was in place for this to be carried out on a regular basis, although the Council would do this if requested. Anne Glover agreed to monitor and arrange clear-up as and when required.</p>	AG
6b	<p><u>Mosaic on Plainstones</u> The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from a 7 year old advising how sad she was that the Mosaic was broken and asking when it will be fixed. The Chairman said that he had sent a reply informing her that the Community Council were doing all that they can to arrange for this to be fixed and would keep her informed of any progress and thanked her for her letter. Anne Glover reported that following the last meeting she spoke with Reni Milburn and was advised that no money had been made available for the Mosaic and Reni Milburn suggested taking the matter up further with the new BIDS Manager who will be in place in April 2010.</p> <p>George Littlejohn suggested inviting the BIDS Manager as soon as possible to a Community Council meeting. Secretary to arrange.</p>	AM
5.	<p>Police Business & National Security Update</p> <p>The Chairman said that at the last Better Community Engagement (BCE) Steering Group meeting, it was suggested that they look at having a link with the Police and George Littlejohn had previously highlighted that this had not been done and felt that this would be worth following up.</p> <p>Inspector Mowat advised that one of Grampian Police's primary objectives is community focus and a lot of work had taken place on improving public reassurance and focus in the community. Inspector Mowat advised that the Policing Plan for Moray and Elgin reflects this and the responsibilities that Officers have. Inspector Mowat advised that the Moray Division Public Performance Report is issued every quarter giving details of crime across Moray and Elgin. Inspector Mowat highlighted that 98.9% of all respondents were satisfied with the initial Police contact and that the report</p>	

	<p>is sent to all Councillors and is available to the public via their Website. Inspector Mowat advised that the level of crime was relatively low.</p> <p>George Littlejohn to set-up meeting with Inspector Mowat to discuss further.</p> <p>Anne Glover said that a worker in the Bus Station had recently been verbally abused and that he was unsure who to contact regarding this incident; he asked if patrols could take place in this area. Inspector Mowat advised that the person should report the incident to the Police and confirmed Police patrols do take place in the City Centre. George Littlejohn asked if the CCTV camera at the Bus Station was now hooked into the Police CCTV. Inspector Mowat confirmed that this had been done and was found to be very useful and effective.</p> <p>Michael Gates requested confirmation on the reporting of people using their mobile phones whilst driving. Inspector Mowat advised that any report can be taken forward but if there was only one witness the driver would have to admit to the offence but if there were two witnesses it would be easier to prosecute. Inspector Mowat advised that it was important to try and obtain the registration number of the car.</p> <p>Murray Ross raised concerns at the speed of cars in Reiket Lane. Inspector Mowat advised that the Traffic Inspector was aware of this and action was being taken. Inspector Mowat to provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Wilma Milne to pass details of the Young Citizens Award to Inspector Mowat who agreed to forward to appropriate person.</p>	<p>GL</p> <p>CM</p> <p>WM/CM</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>a.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Planning. The Chairman advised that there was nothing new to report.</p>	
<p>b.</p>	<p>Recreation, Leisure & Environment. Anne Glover advised that having made enquiries at the Bus Station following a request from the Chairman with regard to litter, she confirmed that the area is cleared of litter throughout the day and the pavement is swept every morning and bins are emptied on a regular basis.</p> <p>Anne Glover reported that she had established that the car park at the rear of the Bus Station was owned by Robertsons and that she would be contacting them to discuss the issue of litter within that area.</p> <p>Anne Glover reported that she and Murray Ross had met with a representative of Stagecoach to discuss the closure of the Enquiries Desk situated at the Bus Station. They were informed that this was closed due to financial reasons. Anne Glover advised that Stagecoach agreed to put up notices giving directions to the East Road office in the Bus Station. Several concerns/suggestions were raised by members as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronic board does not give details of bus delays. - Possibility of opening office during summer months. - Re-instating sign for 'drop-off, pick-up only' parking spaces within the depot. - Moving the Bus Station Enquiries Desk, and previously the Visitor Information Centre, outwith the City Centre would not help to attract 	<p>AG</p>

	<p>tourists to the heart of the City. Chairman and Anne Glover to draft a letter to Stagecoach highlighting concerns and circulate to members for approval prior to being sent.</p>	AK/AG
c.	<p>Roads & Transportation. Murray Ross presented the Roads and Transportation Committee report; full details at Attachment 1.</p> <p>Murray Ross requested permission to arrange for the planter at Eight Acres to be re-planted. This was unanimously agreed. Murray Ross agreed to take forward.</p> <p>Regarding the inadequacy of bus provision, previously highlighted by Harry Torry, George Littlejohn advised that the C&RBoECC R&T Committee will be suggesting that Moray Council, Transportation Dept, puts detailed protected timetables on all four bus stops in the area.</p>	MR MR/GL
7.	<p>Community Planning</p> <p>Kieron Green, Chairman of the Elgin North Area Forum gave a presentation on how the Community Council and Forums could work closer together and in particular his proposals on the Forums' role in the Elgin Ear initiative.</p> <p>Following the presentation, George Littlejohn raised concerns regarding the Elgin Ear and the amount of extra workload which it may generate for the sub-committees within the Community Council. Alex Macmillan advised that a small Steering Group has been set-up consisting of one member from each Forum, two members of the Community Council, the Community Support Officer and Inspector Mowat. He stated that all reports received by the Elgin Ear will initially go before the Steering Group for filtering and be distributed to the Forums or Community Council, as appropriate, for discussion and action.</p> <p>Kieron Green to forward slides to Alex Macmillan for circulation and it was agreed to discuss any issues of concern or approval at next meeting.</p> <p>Murray Ross advised that the next Elgin South Area Forum meeting was due to take place on 23rd March 2010.</p> <p>Murray Ross advised that he would be unable to attend the Elgin South Area Forum meetings or the Elgin High School Parent Council meetings due to other commitments. Allan Sim volunteered to attend the High School Parent Council meetings and Murray Ross agreed to pass on relevant details to Allan Sim.</p>	KG/AM MR
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Morna Abernethy had resigned as Treasurer due to work commitments. The Chairman advised that Steven Milne had agreed to take on this role if necessary. Alex Macmillan proposed Steven Milne as the new Community Council Treasurer and this was seconded by Murray Ross.</p>	
9.	<p>Elgin Ear</p> <p>Alex Macmillan gave a presentation on the Elgin Ear initiative and advised</p>	

	<p>that the official launch of the Elgin Ear will take place at midday on Friday 26th March 2010 in the St Giles Centre.</p> <p>It was agreed to keep on Agenda for regular updates.</p>	AM
10.	<p>Cooper Troopers</p> <p>The Chairman noted his disappointment that no members of the Cooper Troopers had attended this Community Council meeting.</p> <p>Harry Torry advised that he and Wilma Milne had attended a Cooper Troopers meeting at the Academy which he felt was positive and attendees seemed enthusiastic. George Littlejohn raised concerns about the project and felt that unless the Cooper Troopers come forward and present their case then it would be hard for the Community Council to support them. Wilma Milne re-iterated these concerns and advised that no constructive plans were in place and she felt it would be difficult to move forward with the plans they have.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested the Community Council do their best to support the group.</p>	
11.	<p>Youth Membership</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Laura Keil was in attendance and he hoped that she would be willing to attend future meetings as a Youth Member. <i>Secretary's Note: Laura has now agreed to become our second Youth Member.</i></p>	
12.	<p>Deanshaugh Playing Fields</p> <p>Nothing to report. It was agreed to leave on Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p>Future Funding of Community Councils</p> <p>The Chairman advised that new figures had been received. Harry Torry advised that the new figures showed incorrect population figures. Alex Macmillan stated that he had recently attended a meeting to discuss the proposals and confirmed that three options were available. He felt that the first option was not acceptable as it did not take into account population figures. He also felt that the third option was unacceptable as it was based on a per capita of school group area and he therefore recommended that members opt for the second option which gave a basic grant of £500 to each Area Forum and Community Council, plus a per capita amount based upon the existing figures.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to chase John Ferguson for correct figures and it was agreed that Alex Macmillan would e-mail members the accurate figures when available.</p>	AK/AM
14.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The following correspondence was presented and members were invited to read the following submitted documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Alarms and Telecare (Moray Lifeline) Services – NHS Grampian. 2. Draft Allotment Policy Consultation. 	

	<p>3. Community Council Cluster Training – Planning Aid for Scotland – Aberdeen 20th March 2010.</p> <p>4. Community Councillor Pearl Paul re. Budget Process.</p> <p>5. Proposed Road Traffic Order – waiting restrictions, various streets – Elgin. Pass to Murray Ross.</p> <p>6. Coach Drivers Year Book.</p>	
15.	AOCB	
a.	<p>Kathleen Masson advised that she had received some complaints regarding the grit on pavements and that one member of the public had been told by Moray Council to sweep it into the gutter. Kathleen Masson agreed to contact the Road Sweeping Department of Moray Council regarding this issue. Alex Macmillan felt that it was not a good idea to sweep grit into gutters as this could lead to blocked drains which could in turn lead to flooding.</p>	KM
b.	<p>Kathleen Masson raised concerns as to the speed of cars in and around East End and St Sylvester’s Primary Schools. Kathleen Masson agreed to write to the Head teachers of these schools asking them to kindly put a note in their Newsletters urging parents to adhere to the speed limits set in surrounding areas of the school.</p>	KM
c.	<p>Murray Ross agreed to attend the next Transport Focus Group to be held on Friday 30th March 2010.</p>	MR
d.	<p>George Littlejohn asked if the Scout hut in Lesmurdie Road was going to be demolished. Anne Glover advised that she was going to the Scout hut on 10th March 2010 to see if they were aware of this. Anne Glover agreed to contact Murray Ross with her findings.</p>	AG

Date and Time of Next Meeting. - Tuesday 13th April 2010 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

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These Minutes were Adopted as a True Record of Proceedings:

Proposer:.....

Seconder:.....

Chairman:.....

Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date:.....

City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Roads and Transportation Committee Report for

Meeting Tuesday 09/03/2010 at 7pm, Moray Council Chambers

1.	<p>Monday 15th Feb 2010 Murray Ross checked out the directional arrow on the Exit for Golf Course/Thomshill of the Glassgreen Roundabout seeing if it had been repaired. Work was ongoing to replace this sign and was being set to the angle that the R&T committee asked if all exit signs could be positioned at on this roundabout.</p>	Complete
2.	<p>On Tuesday 16th Feb 2010 I passed the Glassgreen Roundabout and noticed that the Keep Left Bollard directly behind the same directional sign had been demolished. I telephoned Mr. James Smith Roads Traffic engineer at Moray Councils Roads Dept Academy Street Elgin to report my findings. Mr. Smith said that this would be checked out immediately by himself. On the same day I passed through this roundabout to see the Moray Council maintenance team hard at work repairing this sign. Full marks to Mr Smith and the Moray Council repair team for their prompt attention getting this sign back in working order. (This was after a heavy fall of snow with a good covering on the road.)</p> <p>Whilst I was on the phone to Mr Smith I enquired as to when the other Directional Signs would be getting re-aligned to the same angle, Mr Smith explained to me, that with the budget situation coming into force there is no money available at this point to carry out work on the others, Mr Smith said we are looking at a costly job to realign the others. The angling of the remaining signs will be carried out when and if they are demolished. We will have to accept this at this time and keep them on our agenda for the future.</p>	On Going
3.	<p>On Wednesday 24th Feb Murray Ross contacted Scottish Water regarding the Manhole Cover repair situation. It was explained to me that the adverse weather has held work up and once this clears work will commence. I have been sent the work schedule set out for these jobs which will be carried out by Turriff Contractors. Scottish Water is hopeful work load should be up to date by end of March 2010. This will be monitored and kept on our Agenda.</p>	On Going

4.	<p>On Wednesday 24th Feb 2010 Murray Ross made contact with Moray Councils Roads Sweeping Dept enquiring when the Grit would be cleared off the Chevron Markings on Reiket Lane It was like driving on Lossie Beach when making a right turn into the Junctions. I spoke with Mr Steve Williamson of this department who said that this would be carried out in the near future, I pointed out the dangers this was causing to motorists and in turn Mr Williamson said he would have this checked out.</p> <p>On the morning of Thursday 25th Feb there was a road sweeping machine hard at work clearing these marked areas. I passed on a message for Mr Williamson thanking him for the speedy response on carrying this out.</p>	Complete
5.	<p>On Friday 5th March 2010 Murray Ross along with George Littlejohn Carried out a Road inspection looking for Potholes within the City of Elgin. We were successful on this and a report will be made up as to where these were found to cause problems, this will be sent out to the appropriate companies attached to a letter shortly.</p>	On Going
6.	<p>On Tuesday 9th March 2010 Murray Ross along with Anne Glover met with the Manager Angela Lamb of Stagecoach at her office within the bus garage on East Road We discussed various issues regarding Timetables, Ticket Office and Litter around the Elgin Bus Station. Anne will give report on part of this meeting.</p>	On Going
7.	<p>Footpath behind Elgin Cemetery This work was carried out on Tuesday 9th March 2010 and seems satisfactory. Next heavy rain fall will be a test for this area.</p>	Completed

Signed _____

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Roads & Transportation Committee