

Minutes of Meeting of the City and Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council
Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.00pm in the Moray Council Chambers

1. Present

Members:	Alastair Kennedy (Chairman)	Bryan Watson (Vice Chairman)
	Alex Macmillan (Secretary)	Steven Milne (Treasurer)
	Morna Abernethy	Alan Bell
	Anne Glover	George Littlejohn
	Kathleen Masson	Wilma Milne
	Pat Paterson	Murray Ross
	Harry Torry	Mary Wall
	Michael Gates (Youth Member)	

In Attendance:	Cllr Divers	Cllr Jarvis
	Cllr Leadbitter	Cllr Russell
	Denise Gormley	Kieron Green
	Inspector Mowat (until 20.19)	Mary Dow (Minutes)
	Andy Jamieson, Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator, Moray Council for duration of Item 2.	

Apologies:	Laura Keil (Youth Member)	Cllr Shand
	Cllr Sharp	

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
2.	<p>Andy Jamieson, Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator, Moray Council gave a presentation on priorities and initiatives in place to deal with antisocial behaviour. Following a Community Safety Strategic assessment carried out three years ago, four main areas were highlighted as priorities:</p> <p>Violence Reduction. Domestic violence and safer streets; initiatives include the introduction of Taxi Marshalls and more Police patrols in the High Street during the Christmas period. Also, a pilot scheme is currently being run whereby a nurse is stationed in the Custody Suite at the Police Station on a Friday and Saturday night to carry out assessments on people in custody.</p> <p>Road Safety. Fund all S5 pupils to attend the Drive Safe/Stay Alive initiative in Aberdeen. Identify areas where there are known problems with antisocial driving and the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade set up a stall and invite members of the public to attend in order to get the safe driving message across. Also available is over 55 driver training.</p> <p>Fire & Home Safety. The Police, Fire Brigade and Health Visitors have been trained to carry out all three home checks.</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour. Dog fouling and litter is being dealt with through education and fines, and also looking into possibility of the 'Adopt a Street' initiative whereby members of the public take responsibility for cleaning a designated street.</p>	

	<p>Mr Jamieson informed members that they can arrange for the removal of graffiti free of charge providing it could be removed by washing. Under aged drinking is being tackled by targeting areas where under aged drinking is known to be taking place and Grampian Police will deal with the enforcement and other agencies will tackle prevention and information.</p> <p>Mr Jamieson advised that Antisocial Behaviour Orders could only be issued if there is a proven pattern of antisocial behaviour. He advised that should any member of the public have any issues relating to antisocial behaviour to contact the Police each time it happens as the calls are recorded. Members of the public can also contact the ASB Service Helpline which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 5877197 or contact him direct on 01343 663623, e-mail andy.jamieson@moray.gov.uk.</p> <p>Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions:</p> <p>Q. Is your Department responsible for Community Service as some members of the Community Council feel that people carrying out Community Service should be litter picking.</p> <p>A. Community Service is managed by Social Workers.</p> <p>Q. Why does it take so long to issue an ASBO?</p> <p>A. It has to be proven that there is a history of conduct and all other avenues have been explored. An ASBO is issued as a last resort. An interim ASBO can be issued if the case is severe and health or safety issues are involved and again this would have to be proven.</p> <p>Q. Why don't police deal with antisocial behaviour under 'Breach of Peace' legislation?</p> <p>A. The Police will charge an individual if there is evidence of an offence taken place. The Police can also go through the ASBO route if they feel this is appropriate.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Jamieson for his presentation.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2010</p> <p>The following corrections were proposed and approved for previous minutes of 11th May 2010.</p> <p>Page 2 item 15b – Delete 'Kathleen Masson agreed to visit the schools'.</p> <p>With these corrections recorded, the previous minutes were approved as accurate</p> <p>Proposed: Murray Ross Seconded: Harry Torry</p>	

4.	<p>Matters Arising from 11th May 2010</p> <p><u>Future of Deanshaugh Playing Fields.</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
14c.	<p><u>Flood Relief Fund.</u> Anne Glover advised that a letter had been sent.</p>	
6b.	<p><u>Mosaic on Plainstones.</u> Anne Glover advised that she has spoken to Alan Potter, the original Artist, who confirmed that it could be repaired at a cost in the region of £6,000 - £7,000, excluding the plinth. Members agreed that it would be worth pursuing and trying to obtain grants from different sources. Anne Glover suggested the possibility of an Appeal in the paper. Cllr Russell congratulated Anne Glover for persevering with the project and suggested exploring funding options from the Elgin Fund, City of Elgin BIDS, Town Centre Benevolent Fund and the Common Good Fund.</p> <p>Denise Gormley agreed to meet with Anne Glover to explore funding sources.</p>	AG/DG
6b.	<p><u>Stagecoach.</u> The Chairman advised that the letter regarding the re-opening of the Enquiries Office at the Bus Station has now been sent following the approval of members.</p>	
15b.	<p><u>Letter to Schools re Speeding.</u> Kathleen Masson advised that as far as she is aware the issues raised had been mentioned in the Parents' Newsletters.</p>	
15d.	<p><u>Scout Hut at Lesmurdie Road.</u> Ongoing.</p>	
14b.	<p><u>Oldmill Site.</u> The Chairman advised that a letter had been sent giving the C&RBoE CC's full support.</p>	
14c.	<p><u>Boots store at Springfield Retail Park.</u> The Chairman advised that members were happy with the draft letter produced and it was agreed for the Chairman to send the letter.</p>	AK
7c.	<p><u>Burn outside Walkers, Edgar Road.</u> Anne Glover advised that this has now been cleared of rubbish.</p>	
13a.	<p><u>Tree-felling.</u> Harry Torry advised that he had spoken to Dave Gowan regarding the issues raised at the previous meeting. He was advised that the riverbank is only inspected once a year, which he did not feel was acceptable. Harry Torry advised that Mr Gowan has offered to attend the C&RBoCC meeting to discuss further and it was agreed for Alex Macmillan to invite Mr Gowan to the meeting on the 14th September 2010.</p>	AM
13b.	<p><u>Street Name Bank.</u> The Chairman agreed to obtain a full alphabetical listing of all street names already in use in Elgin and circulate to members. It was agreed for members to send their suggestions to the Chairman.</p>	AK/ALL

<p>5.</p>	<p>Police Business and National Security Update</p> <p>A Community issue was raised and forwarded to Grampian Police.</p> <p>Inspector Mowat advised that previous concerns raised were being dealt with.</p> <p>George Littlejohn asked if Grampian Police had any intention of carrying out patrols on push bikes? Inspector Mowat advised that this was being progressed and training was currently being undertaken.</p> <p>Kathleen Masson asked if Police cars had to obey the speed limit unless they had their blue lights flashing as she had witnessed a Police car which did not seem to be pursuing another vehicle travelling what she thought was above the speed limit. Inspector Mowat advised that police vehicles have to stay within the speed limits unless responding to an emergency.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>a.</p>	<p>Committee Reports – The Chairman advised that Committee reports were circulated prior to the meeting, as previously agreed, and asked members if they had wished to raise any issues. George Littlejohn had no objection to the new format but felt that the democratic right of each Committee to explain their report or highlight particular issues had been taken away. Anne Glover felt that having the reports prior to the meeting was a good idea and that members have the choice to raise any relevant questions. Wilma Milne agreed with Anne Glover and stated that she felt it was important for members to read the reports and have the democratic right to raise issues.</p> <p>Planning. Nothing new to report.</p>	
<p>b.</p>	<p>Recreation & Leisure.</p> <p>Nothing new to add to the R&L report. George Littlejohn raised the issue of illumination between the Recreation & Leisure and Environment Committees be created. Wilma Milne stated that there were issues that overlap between the two Committees. It was not felt to be a problem by Anne Glover and Wilma Milne who advised that two reports would be produced each month as previously agreed.</p>	
<p>c.</p>	<p>Environment.</p> <p><u>BIDS Update.</u> Anne Glover advised that she was meeting with Jacqui Taylor, BIDS Manager on 9th June 2010 to discuss the greenery growing from the gutters above the High Street premises and would give an update at the next meeting.</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p>d.</p>	<p>Roads & Transportation. Murray Ross presented the Roads and Transportation Committee report; full details at Attachment 1.</p> <p><u>Signage for Visitor Information Centre.</u> Murray Ross advised that he had contacted Mr Alistair Campbell at Moray Council with regard to incorrect signage at the bus stop in Station Road to the Visitor Information Centre.</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>Mr Campbell agreed to look into this.</p> <p><u>Cycle Bays at Linkwood Medical Centre.</u> Murray Ross advised that following a request from the Elgin South Area Forum, he will be writing to the Linkwood Medical Centre regarding the possibility of having bays for cycles put in place outside the new building and also having a spur coming from the cycle path on Thornhill Road linking up with the footpath outside the new Chemist shop. Alex Macmillan suggested a copy of the letter be sent to Chris Thompson, Urban Development Co-ordinator, Moray Council.</p> <p><u>Linkwood Residents' Forum.</u> The residents are now fully constituted.</p> <p><u>C&RBoECC Beautification Scheme.</u> Murray Ross advised that plants on the Planter at the Morrison Road A96 Junction would be planted within the next week. Murray Ross will be contacting Springfield Properties with regard to the Planter on the A941.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>e.</p>	<p>Youth.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the Youth Committee has not been formed yet due to Michael Gates and Laura Keil being busy with their exams.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he has been in contact with the Chair of the Youth Council who advised that a meeting was due to take place within the next couple of weeks and they would be happy for Michael Gates and Laura Keil to attend on behalf of the C&RBoECC. The Chairman agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss the Youth Committee with Michael Gates, Laura Keil and Denise Gormley.</p>	<p>AK</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Planning</p> <p><u>Elgin North Area Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waulkmill Residents' Association have raised concerns with regard to traffic speed at the entrance to Waulkmill and would like a more substantial roundabout in place to slow traffic. <p><u>Elgin South Area Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Allotment Association are delighted to have the use of a garden share on Wards Roads and is receiving favourable comments from the public. They are still seeking to obtain ground for allotments from Moray Council. • Elgin South Area Forum are seeking to be made aware of the plans etc. the Community Planning Partners have for Elgin South and are using every other Forum meeting for themed speakers. On 15th June 2010 they will have a representative from NHS management. • A letter has been sent to the Appeals Panel regarding a dispensing contract for Boots, Edgar Road as it is felt that their move to Glass Green has created a void for the housing immediately south of Edgar Road. They have also written to Grampian Health Board to enquire why the only community consultation conducted was left 	

	<p>to those who have a commercial interest, namely Boots.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Alan Bell has agreed to represent the Community Council at the Elgin South Area Forum.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Steven Milne advised that the statements are still being sent to Morna Abernethy and he had only received these tonight. Steven Milne agreed to circulate a spreadsheet by next week.</p> <p>No. 1 account = £621 and No 2 account = £4,144. A cheque had been received from Moray Council for £476.</p>	<p>SM</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Elgin Ear</p> <p>Alex Macmillan advised that they had received two responses from two anonymous reports to the Elgin Ear.</p> <p>011 - Housing issue regarding why this anonymous person wasn't getting a Council house and also complained about Moray Council employees getting preference on the housing list.</p> <p>Response – Letter from Gill Stewart, Community Services Chief Housing Officer giving full details of how they operate their policy which is consistent with the appropriate legislation and must give preference within their policy to those who are overcrowded, those who are homeless, those who are living in poor housing conditions and those with large families. As the Council employs a workforce of approx. 5000 and is one of the largest employers in the local area, it would not be unreasonable for the housing list to contain persons who are also employed by the Council. The Council does have a leaflet that explains the process of Mutual Exchange and one of the conditions is specific to the issue of rent arrears. A tenant should not owe rent for their current property. However, where a person does have arrears and providing there is a repayment agreement in place which has kept to for a set time, a mutual exchange would not be refused on these grounds.</p> <p>012- Litter in the area of Tesco's to Aldi and Asda to Lidl and also the suggestion of litter picking being part of Community Service. – This is being dealt with by Andy Jamieson, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Response: Letter from Andy Jamieson, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator - Details of your complaint have been passed to the Community Warden for investigation. In line with the Antisocial Behaviour procedure, I will endeavour to provide you with an update within 14 working days. Alex Macmillan will continue to monitor the situation. The suggestion with regard to litter picking being part of Community Service – Alex Macmillan agreed to speak with Blair Dempsey regarding this issue.</p> <p>Alex Macmillan stated that the only way to communicate with an anonymous report is via the press or the minutes of the meeting.</p>	

	<p>Alex Macmillan advised that more publicity for the Elgin Ear was needed and he was disappointed at the lack of support by the Community Council at the Motorfun 2010 event. Richard Lochhead, MSP and the Lord Lieutenant (Grenville Johnson) were made aware of the project at this event. Alex Macmillan thanked Denise Gormley for providing the display board and gazebo and to Denise's husband Michael for his assistance in the erection of the gazebo.</p> <p>Alex Macmillan advised that schools were involved in making the Listening Post boxes and should be available by the end of the month. Alex Macmillan hoped that as this is a community involvement project it would generate more publicity.</p> <p>Alex Macmillan urged members to take copies of the brochures to hand to neighbours and friends publicising the Elgin Ear. Posters are also available for display purposes.</p> <p>The next Elgin Ear Surgery is on Tuesday 15 June in the New Elgin Annex.</p> <p>Wilma Milne asked for more volunteers from the Community Council and Forums to be actively involved in the Elgin Ear as Listeners and if anyone was interested please contact Alex Macmillan direct.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Future Funding of Community Councils</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he has been in contact with John Ferguson who has agreed to take on board all input and preferred options.</p> <p>As agreed at the meeting held on 13 April 2010, the Chairman agreed to inform Moray Council that the C&RBoECC wished to opt for Option 2.</p>	<p>AK</p>
<p>11.</p>	<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"> a. Copy of letter from Educational Services, dated 12th May 2010, to Elgin High School Parent Council re. Development of facilities. b. Community Council Annual Grant – cheque for £476.45 (includes £35.00 for Data Protection Registration). c. Grampian Health Plan 2010-2013. d. Invitation to attend Carers Service Provider Network – Town Hall, Wednesday 16th June 2010. e. Community Planning Update – 4th June 2010. f. Moray Council Draft Allotments Policy. g. Community Planning e-bulletin – Please inform Chairman if you are interested on being on distribution list. 	<p>ALL</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>a.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chairman asked Cllr Russell if a litter bin could be placed at Lossie Cottages.</p>	

<p>b.</p>	<p>Anne Glover raised concerns at the amount of litter on the waste ground between Tesco's and Aldi. Cllr Leadbitter advised that Tesco's have cleared this area in the past and he will contact them again to arrange for this area to be cleared. Anne Glover also agreed to contact Tesco's regarding this issue.</p> <p>Alex Macmillan suggested having steps between the end of the Toucan crossing down the bank towards Tesco's. Anne Glover to investigate.</p>	<p>GL</p> <p>AG</p>
<p>c.</p>	<p>George Littlejohn advised that having read the recent BIDS update, he was in support of the proposals with regard to benches and the removal of greenery from guttering in the High Street. However, he felt that money should be spent on updating the buildings from the M&S end of the High Street, as the buildings were different colours and he would like to see a good sight line. George Littlejohn advised that the C&RBoECC R&T Committee would be arranging another meeting with David Urquhart, Chairman, Elgin BIDS to discuss these issues further. George Littlejohn also advised that and he would like to involve the Environment Committee.</p>	<p>GL/MR</p>
<p>d.</p>	<p>Alex Macmillan advised members of presentations which are due to take place as follows:-</p> <p>13th July 2010 - Andy Holby, Environmental Ranger involved in the Wetlands.</p> <p>10th August 2010 - Educational Services Representative from the Youth Justice Team.</p> <p>14th September 2010 - Dave Gowans, Environmental Services regarding issues on the Lossie (to be arranged).</p>	
<p>e.</p>	<p>Concerns were once again raised regarding caravans moving onto the site at Lossie Green. Cllr Russell advised that two halting sites in Arradoul and Kingsmeadow, near Forres were going out for consultation. Cllr Russell also advised that under current legislation if the Council do not have halting sites available it is extremely difficult to ask the Travellers to move on from unauthorised sites, and even there were halting sites available there is no guarantee that the Council can make Travellers move on.</p>	
<p>f.</p>	<p>Anne Glover suggested that members of the Community Council be issued with some form of identification. The Chairman agreed to investigate.</p>	
<p>g.</p>	<p>George Littlejohn asked that Moray Councillors consider the future of the City of Elgin when they cast their vote on whether or not parking charges should be introduced at Lossie Green.</p>	

Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 13th July 2010 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11pm.

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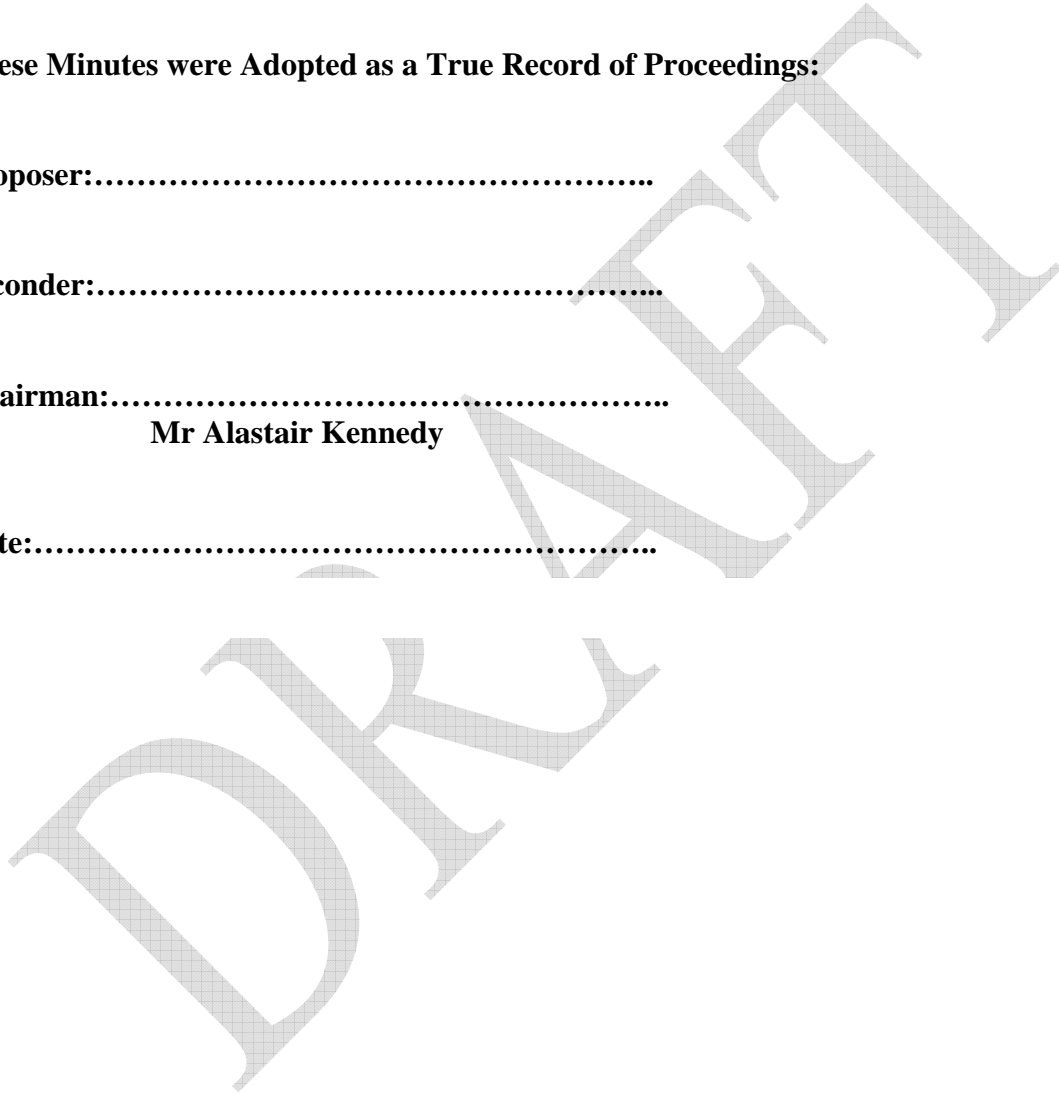
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Mr Alastair Kennedy

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City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Roads and Transportation Committee Report for

Meeting Tuesday 08/06/2010 at 7pm, Moray Council Chambers. City of Elgin.

<p>1. 12/05/10</p>	<p>At last C&RBoECC Meeting Mr Harry Torry pointed out to me that there was misleading information on a notice board east side of Elgin Station wall, the sign directs people to the nearest bus stop being at Sty Giles Centre, there is a bus stop directly outside the station on Station Road. The same sign then directs people to the Tourist Information Office on the High Street as a 10 minute walk, we all know now where this office is situated within the Elgin Library in Cooper Park. I in turn made a visit to the Station to check this out and there it was, I then telephoned Mr Alistair Campbell at Moray Council as Mr Campbell assured us during discussions about the moving of the T/I office that all signage would be corrected, this is not the case here and it has not been the first reported. I was assured by Mr Campbell that he would look into this and speak with the Station Manager regarding having it replaced. To Date 08/06/10 this sign is still in place. What chance have we getting visitors to The City of Elgin when the people responsible for tourism can't get the Directions right to help them.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2. 13/05/10</p>	<p>Murray Ross attended the tour of the Plainstones with Ann Glover. Ann will report on the outcome of this tour.</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>3. 17/05/10</p>	<p>Murray Ross along with the Chairman Mr. Alistair Kennedy attended a photo shoot along with Councillor Divers and Leadbitter. This was for the Boots Pharmacy on the Springfield Shopping Development on Edgar Road. The date of the hearing for this licence is 17/08/10. The Chairman has letter of support of Boots in hand.</p>	<p>On Going</p>
<p>4. 18/05/10</p>	<p>Murray Ross along with Alistair Kennedy attended the South Forum meeting held at the Elgin High School annex. The Boots Pharmacy was discussed and support from the Forum was also given to this issue. I was asked at the meeting if the C&RBoECC could look into having Bays for Cycles outside the new Linkwood Medical Centre put in place. I was also asked if we could look at having a Spur coming from the Cycle Path on Thornhill Road linking up with the</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>Footpath outside the new Chemist shop. I spoke with the Practice Administrator of the practice Sarah Gibb regarding and she asked if I could put the proposals to her on letter. There is no manager at this centre now and Sarah is standing in.</p>	
<p>5. 19/05/10</p>	<p>Murray Ross attended the Linkwood residents meeting at the New Elgin Primary School annex. The Constitution was discussed and approved at this meeting and the Committee formed. The residents are now a constituted group and are in the process of looking at funding. Issues within the Linkwood Estate were discussed and are being looked into by the committee</p>	
<p>6. 04/06/10</p>	<p>Murray Ross received phone call from Mr Grant Speed Moray Council Lands & Parks enquiring if the C&RBoECC required the Planter at the Morrision Road A96 junction planted up. Murray Ross gave the go ahead for this as agreed at earlier meeting, the plants could be in place today 08/06/10 or week commencing 14/06/10. Look forward to another fine display on entering The City of Elgin from the West.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Signed _____

City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council.
Roads & Transportation Committee