

Minutes of Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council,

Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7pm held in the Moray Council Chambers

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Members:	Alastair Kennedy (Chair) Pat Paterson Anne Glover	Steven Christie Mary Wall James Wiseman (Minutes)
In Attendance:	PC Ewan Strachan Hazel Lawson (Northern Scot) Cllr Barry Jarvis Cllr John Divers Graeme Leslie (Stagecoach)	Kathy Grant (Community Warden) Cllr Patsy Gowans Cllr Mike Shand Cllr Graham Leadbitter
Apologies:	Gordon Methven (Secretary) George P Littlejohn Bryan Watson (Vice Chairman) Aidan Milne (Youth)	Murray Ross Cheryl Robb Steven Milne (Treasurer) Cllr James Allan

ITEM #	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	WELCOME	
	Alastair Kennedy took the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the members and attendees and wished everyone a Happy New Year.	
1	SEDERUNT and APOLOGIES	
	Apologies were noted as above.	
2	MINUTES OF MEETING held on 11th December 2012	
	The previous minutes were accepted as a true record with no amendments: Proposed: Steven Christie; Seconded: Anne Glover	
3	MATTERS ARISING	
	There were no matters arising that were not going to be covered in reports under the agenda.	
4	POLICE & COMMUNITY WARDEN UPDATE	
	Crime figures for December were low for December which is normally a busy month. 10 public order incidents, 4 drugs offences, 3 drink driving. Inspector Strachan noted the benefits of the Taxi Marshals, the Red Cross, and other bodies involved in funding the Safer Streets Initiative . Anne Glover asked about the Street Pastors. Inspector Strachan said that the street pastors are due to start on 13 th February 2013 and are not a police resource. Quarterly update is due out and expected to mention speeding on Wards Road & West Road, Indiscriminate parking on Brodie Drive and Morrision Road. A Resilience Exercise for a flooding event was carried out and was successful. Alastair Kennedy commented that what could be expected of the Community Council in an emergency is now better understood. Body Cameras are being issued to Police in Moray. This technology is in use elsewhere and tends to reduce court work as more people plead guilty when faced with video evidence. See WWW>STV local/Elgin for short police bulletins by Inspector Strachan. Anne Glover asked if there were any time restrictions on use of fireworks. It was confirmed that there were no time restrictions but there were noise	

	<p>limits and offenders have to receive a warning and continue to offend before being charged.</p> <p>Community Warden Kathy Grant gave an overview of her work and achievements since taking office at the end of June 2012 which included 135 patrols, 6 intimidation and harassment complaints, 9 neighbour disputes, 15 dog fouling complaints, 28 noise complaints, 2 dangerous dogs complaints and 3 Litter complaints. She had also issued 5 Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling. Two significant Community Warden successes were outlined: one long standing noise complaint and one vulnerable adult.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy thanked Kathy Grant for her Community Warden Report and congratulated her on her successes.</p> <p>Various members asked how the Community could help? Kathy Grant said that reporting of incidents by the public is vital in guiding her patrols and activities. She outlined some safeguards that ensure complaints are kept confidential and dealt with appropriately.</p>	
5	STAGECOACH UPDATE	
	<p>Graeme Leslie apologised for not being present at recent meetings but Alastair Kennedy thanked him for the reports given by email in his absence and thanked him for his ongoing commitment to providing updates which are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Punctuality has improved especially the 10 service but challenges still exist such as the PM peak out of Aberden.</p> <p>New services have been introduced from Southside Kinloss to Asda, and a 2AM service Inverness to Elgin. Services from Elgin to Burghead and the evening service to South Lesmurdie have been revised.</p> <p>GPS tracking now allows busses to be seen in real time which informs the real time message boards now deployed and is used to improve reliability.</p> <p>Redevelopment of the bus station is being looked at for the St Giles centre refurbishment.</p> <p>Service levels have suffered this week due to late delivery of parts over the festive period.</p> <p>Pat Paterson asked about crowded services from Inverurie. Stagecoach have worked on this but have been unable to get a licence for >48 passengers but standing is not allowed. Stagecoach are aware of the congestion and are continually reviewing the business case for various services.</p>	
6	COMMITTEE REPORTS	
6a	PLANNING	
	<p>The Main Issues Report is out for public consultation and responses are required by 23 February 2013. No issues have been raised to date.</p> <p>2 King Street is still ongoing.</p> <p>2 Nursery School applications have been lodged for East End Primary and New Elgin Primary Schools. James Wiseman lodged an objection for the Community Council about parking provision at these venues.</p>	
6b&c	RECREATION LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT	
	<p>Anne Glover will be doing a Car Boot sale to raise funds for our flowerbeds. She has also written to BIDS re' the flowerbeds at Ladyhill and the Eight Acres.</p>	AG

	Mary Wall reported that the application for fair trade status has been rejected as goal 3 needs worked on. Alastair Kennedy commented that this set back demonstrates the value of obtaining the fair trade status and asked how we could help. Mary Wall explained that fair trade does make a real difference to people in developing countries. Buying fair trade products in Elgin does help with Goal 3 which is about getting it into the community. There are many products not just coffee and not just food. Many of the products are cheaper than equivalent non fair trade products.	MW
6d	ROADS & TRANSPORTATION	
	No report	MR/GPL
6e	YOUTH	
	No report.	AM
7	COMMUNITY PLANNING	
7a	ELGIN NORTH AREA FORUM	
	Cllr Patsy Gowans gave an overview of the most recent meeting. Academy footpath issue has been resolved and is now complete.	
7b	ELGIN SOUTH AREA FORUM	
	Steven Christie reported that there had not been a meeting since 20 th November 2012. Concerns are being raised over the late changes to the Sandy Road roundabout.	
7c	Strategic Partnership for the Improvement of the City of Elgin (SPICE)	
	Next SPICE meeting is end January 2013.	
8	TREASURERS REPORT	
	Steven Milne reported the balances on the bank accounts as follows. Account 1 at £3,755.66 and Account 2 at £3,173.68. Bank of Scotland business section is taking over our accounts and forms have to be signed for the signatories by 31JAN2013. Signatories: It was agreed that the following signatories be adopted Main Account Signatories: Steven Milne (Treasurer), Gordon Methven (Secretary), Alastair Kennedy (Chairman), Bryan Watson (Vice Chairman). Second Account Signatories: Steven Milne (Treasurer), Gordon Methven (Secretary), Alastair Kennedy (Chairman), Bryan Watson (Vice Chairman), George Littlejohn (Member).	SM SM/AK/ GM/BW/ GPL
9	DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS	
	Work is ongoing at Deanshaugh Playing Fields.	
10	CONSULTATIONS	
	Alastair Kennedy advised that consultations had been received as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesigning the Community Justice Scheme • Alcohol Licencing • Renewable Energy Strategy Current Consultations can be found at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current	
11	GRANT LODGE	

	No Report	AK
12	PROMOTING THE CITY OF ELGIN	
	The Travel Finder App is being looked at by BIDS A Community Awards event is being worked on by Gordon Methven. Community Council Elections will be promoted by the JCC.	GM
13	ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL	
	John Divers explained that a steering group had been set up Alastair Kennedy had forwarded the letter from the Elgin North Councillors urging caution.	
14	SOUTH LESMURDIE STATS	
	No Report	
15	OLD MILLS	
	No obvious improvement to date. Enforcement now due March 2013.	
16	Morrison Running Track	
	John Divers reported that work is progressing to meet the tight timescale required to obtain the community justice funding.	
17	Scottish Orienteering 6 Day Event 2013	
	Alastair Kennedy is working on banners for the event and outlined some Planning difficulties Gordon Methven had encountered.	
18	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Moray Council – Review of Community Council Scheme 2009/2013	
19	AOCB	
	The Scottish Civic Trust is looking for nominations for their my place awards. A Training in Leadership weekend is to take place 8-10 February 2013 and it is free. Review of the Community Council Scheme is being undertaken by the Moray Council and responses are required by 28 February 2013. Anne Glover mentioned that she had a place on the NHS Patient Participation Forum.	All AK/All AG
20	NEXT MEETING	
	Tuesday 12FEB2012 - 7pm at Moray Council Chambers	All

There being no further business to discuss the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8:40pm

These Minutes were adopted as a True Record of Proceedings:

Proposer: _____ **Mr Steven Christie**

Seconder: _____ **Mrs Anne Glover**

Chair: _____ **Mr Alastair Kennedy**

Date: _____