

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council will be held in the  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00pm.**

| 1. | <b>Sederunt and Apologies.</b>   | <b>ACTION</b>       |
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|    | <p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <div> <div>David CHAPMAN(Assoc)</div> <div>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair),</div> <div>Laura MILLER(Youth),</div> <div>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair)</div> <div>Jim WISEMAN(Minutes)</div> </div> <div> <div>Steven CHRISTIE,</div> <div>Eric MARRIOTT,</div> <div>Pat PATERSON,</div> <div>Eddie WALLACE</div> <div>Daniel PICKINGS</div> </div> <div> <div>Anne GLOVER,</div> <div>Gordon METHVEN(Secretary)</div> <div>Mary WALL,</div> <div>Gordie WELLS</div> </div>  |                     |
|    | <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <div> <div>Cllr Graeme LEADBITTER</div> <div>Cllr Patsy GOWANS</div> <div>Sgt Gavin FARQUHAR(Police)</div> </div> <div> <div>Cllr Barry JARVIS</div> <div>Sheila HOLLIS (SPICE),</div> </div> <div> <div>Cllr Mike SHAND</div> <div>Joe MILLICAN(Northern Scot)</div> </div>   |                     |
|    | <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <div> <div>Aiden MILNE</div> <div>Cllr James ALLAN</div> <div>Cllr James ALLAN</div> </div> <div> <div>Steven MILNE</div> <div>STAGECOACH</div> <div>Kathy GRANT(Community Warden)</div> </div> <div> <div>Cheryl ROBB</div> <div>Cllr John DIVERS</div> </div> <p>Our speaker Angus Robertson MP tendered his apologies due to urgent parliamentary business in London.</p>   |                     |
|    | <p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy took the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>   |                     |
| 2. | <p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>a. Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 INAUGURAL<br/>The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Gordie Wells, seconded by Steven Christie and there were no objections. AK to ratify minutes with Tracy Rae</p> <p>b. Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 REGULAR<br/>It was noted that a suggestion for a proposed visit to the Police Station was missed from the minute and AK was to propose a date and time for the visit. With that amendment the minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Steven Christie, seconded by Eddie Wallace and there were no objections.</p> <p>c. Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 SPECIAL<br/>It was noted that Gordie Wells had tendered his apologies to the meeting. With that amendment the minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Eddie Wallace, seconded by Steven Christie and there were no objections.</p> | AK                  |
| 3. | <p><b><u>Matters Arising.</u></b></p> <p>a. Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 INAUGURAL</p> <p>ITEM 6: Alastair Kennedy reported that the results of the community council elections had been published bringing welcome publicity and a new enthusiasm for the Community Councils which led to an unprecedented 5 elections.</p> <p>ITEM 7: James Wiseman reported that he was not yet receiving the weekly lists of planning applications and had written to Joanne Chisholm about it.</p> <p>b. Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 REGULAR</p> <p>ITEM 3: Contact with Glen Moray regarding flowerbeds has been transferred to the Community</p>   | <p>JW</p> <p>SC</p> |

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|           | <p>Council's partner organisation SPICE (Strategic Partnership for the Improvement of the City of Elgin)</p> <p>ITEM 3: Alastair Kennedy reiterated that an education representative should be appointed to represent the Community Council in the upcoming Sustainable Education Study which, as agreed by the Depute-head, can include the voice of young people. Mary Wall offered to attend if the date was suitable.</p> <p>ITEM 5a: James Wiseman said that our comments were included via other representations</p> <p>ITEM 5a: It was noted that there is no time limit on completing a development so long as it is begun within 3 years</p> <p>ITEM 9d: Lesser Boroughbriggs – See Agenda</p> <p>ITEM 10: Gordon Methven to progress Community Awards.</p> <p>ITEM 14: Remembrance Day parade attendees from the Community Council were Anne Glover, Alastair Kennedy, Pat Paterson and Bryan Watson. Other members and attendees were present in different groups.</p> <p>ITEM 14: Social media – See Agenda</p>  | MW   |
| c.        | <p>Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 SPECIAL</p> <p>ITEM 4d: Cyclepaths had been used by various people and found to be good, perhaps more so in New Elgin. James Wiseman reminded everyone that cyclists must not ride on the pavement and where a cycle route is shown but there are no signs, eg South Street, then cyclists should dismount. Gordon Methven added that cyclists must obey all road signs.</p> <p>ITEM 14: Alastair Kennedy to contact Jacqui Taylor regarding a visit to Life Science Centre.</p> <p>ITEM 14: The name of the Community Council was discussed in the context of its use on Social Media. It was agreed to retain the full name "The City and Royal Burgh of Elgin" for correspondence to reflect the historical context and status of Elgin but to use the shortened title "Elgin Community Council" where required for practical purposes.</p> <p>ITEM 14: The SPICE Litter Pick on 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> October was successful in clearing Lady Walk, Morriston Playing field, Back of High Street – St Giles Centre to Ladyhill, and the wetland area off Edgar Road.</p>   | AK   |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Agency Updates</b>  |  |
| a.        | <p>Police Scotland – including National Security – Sgt Gavin Farquhar.</p> <p>Report in line with focus on the main headings of the Multimember Ward Plans which are Antisocial Behaviour, Dogs, Speeding, Parking, and drugs and alcohol.</p> <p><b>ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:</b> 6 FPNs for Urination were issued and notably none for drinking in public or street disorder. Street disorder typically increases at this time of year and Police Scotland are to mount increasing High Vis patrol in the lead up to festive period.</p> <p><b>THEFTS:</b> One male was jailed for 6 offences. However, house breakings and sneak thefts are still occurring in New Elgin. Residents are advised to be on their guard.</p> <p><b>TRAFFIC:</b> No speeding offences were reported during the month. Patrols at schools are to be undertaken for speeding and parking including access and disabled parking violations.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy noted that the Traffic Wardens had stopped operating due to staff circumstances and asked if the Council would take it over. Cllr Leadbitter said that the Moray Council had written to the Government seeking funding to provide the service.</p> <p>Pat Paterson commented on parking issues at Covesea Road. Cllr Gowans had also been contacted about this. Police to take up problem with Moray Council.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis commented on the number of vehicles jumping the red lights at the junction of</p> | <p>Cllr GL</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Police</p> |

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|           | <p>Morrison Road and Lossiemouth Road throughout the day. Eric Marriott suggested it may be related to speeding which he sees regularly. Gordon Methven suggested the issue may be with the phasing of the lights. Alastair Kennedy added that the kerb on the Lossiemouth side of the junction was dangerous and should be amended. Daniel Pickings said that he had seen lights in Bulgaria that show how many seconds until they change.</p> <p>Gordon Methven noted that licencing should be added to the agenda after Police report.</p>   |   |
| b.        | Stagecoach – No report  |   |
| c.        | Community Warden – No report  |   |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Committee Reports:</b>   |   |
| a.        | <p>Planning. – See report</p> <p>James Wiseman referred to his report and outlined the salient points St Giles Centre Extension approved; Glen Moray Distillery Expansion Approved; Question about unfinished development answered.</p> <p>THORNHILL ROAD: James Wiseman responded to the Consultation 13/01969/APP on Site CF4 Thornhill Road Elgin Moray for Springfield Properties PLC 32 house development. More information was required to consider the application.</p> <p>The main point of note was the related document 02/01131/FUL which made mention of a site for church and other community neighbourhood retail and office uses on land at CF4. Are these to be built and if so, where? If they are not to be built on CF4 are they now provided for elsewhere? As regards the church provision we have a note of interest from a church body so we want to know where it is to go and how would it be developed. Lisa MacKenzie (Moray Council Planning) had said that it was likely that the developers had not been approached for a church and also that the area of housing was previously designated for a school so this application is a change of use.</p> <p>James Wiseman to forward any further information received.</p> <p>James Wiseman reported a newspaper article he had seen about a Report on Flexible Planning Solutions by Richard Hartland which if used correctly would allow the economic benefit of schemes to be clearly understood by all. However, it could dilute the strength of any Community Council representation expressing the views of the Community. Cllr Graeme Leadbitter said the report was effectively to formalise a freedom that Councillors already have. James Wiseman added that if economic benefit was to be considered then it would also be a reason for objection too.</p> <p>BISHOPMILL POST OFFICE: James Wiseman outlined a consultation to move the Bishopmill Post Office to a franchise on Morrison Road and the comments received so far. The comments were generally negative and it was agreed to canvas further opinion and obtain more information to inform a workshop to conclude the Community Council's response. It was particularly noted that many people recognise the high quality of service provided by the current Bishopmill Post Office staff and that this should feature in the Community Council response.</p> <p>Eric Marriott suggested the store on Morrison Road was too small and the proposal to use the 2 existing tills was not secure. Also the number of school children using the store would result in queues. Various people commented on the limited parking and that the existing Bishopmill Post Office has excellent access. Eddie Wallace asked what the community would gain from the move? Laura Miller asked what would happen to the existing building if the move went ahead? Cllr Barry Jarvis clarified that the proposal was not a hostile take over. Whilst the manager of the Spar Shop was interested in the proposal he had anticipated the move being initiated by retirement of the existing staff and he was unaware of the consultation until it was launched.</p> <p>James Wiseman to organise workshop. Attendees to be Laura Miller, Daniel Pickings, Gordon Methven, Eric Marriott, Sheila Hollis.</p> <p>There is an exhibition on the future of the A96 at the New Elgin Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 12:00 to 19:00</p> | <p>JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JW/SH/<br/>LM/GM/<br/>EM/DP</p> <p>R&amp;T</p> |
| b.        | <p>Recreation, Leisure and Environment</p> <p>FLOWERBEDS – LADYHILL: Anne Glover asked for help on Saturday and Sunday to plant Ladyhill Flowerbeds Start time 10:30am.</p>   |   |

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|    | <p>FLOWERBEDS – EIGHT ACRES: James Wiseman said he had seen and spoken to the people planting the Eight Acres Flowerbed a couple of weeks back.</p> <p>FAIR TRADE: Mary Wall apologised for not submitting a report and said the Fair Trade group were planning activities for Fair Trade fortnight including another farmers market, shop promotions and a quiz.</p> <p>c. Roads &amp; Transportation.<br/>DUNCANSFIELD ESTATE: Comments were submitted about this – See report. Further discussion raised a question over the position of the bus stop and whether this requires the 30mph to be all the way out and whether street lighting is required because of the crossing of footpath and cycle path.</p> <p>d. Youth.<br/>Elgin Academy has some things which we would like the Community Council to be aware of:</p> <p>Litter pick:</p> <p>After the litter pick a presentation was giving to all student telling them of how much litter was collected.</p> <p>Things that we are doing after the Litter pick to ensure the Elgin Academy students are not the cause for the litter.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <p>Mr Barnett ( Headteacher) Walking up and down the Lady's walk to check for litter and telling Student to use the school paths and not the Lady's walk.</p> <p>The Head Student at Elgin Academy is in the process of assigning Sixth Year students to go on the Lady's walk to stop students using it during lunch hours.</p> <p>For pupils to do regular littler picks of the area.</p> <p>Eco School Comittee:</p> <p>To help with the litter problem Eco school Committee are doing a design a bin competition to try and get more people to use the bins.</p> <p>They are also working towards the Green Flag award for the school.</p> <p>The can crushes are in the school and are being used by all years regularly.</p> | e. |
| 6. | <p><b>Community Planning:</b></p> <p>a. Elgin South<br/>Steven Christie outlined the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 the minutes of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The next meeting is the AGM 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013.</p> <p>b. SPICE<br/>Steven Christie outlined the current SPICE activities including Ladyhill War Memorial Gardens. The veterans' cottages were being considered for a number of potential uses and this was discussed. Cllr Graeme Leadbitter advised that they were the subject of a trust and as such there were conditions attached to their use i.e. they were gifted to house veterans who tended Ladyhill. He undertook to investigate and report back on the legalities of changing the use of the veterans cottages.<br/>SPICE earned an IYN award at an In Your Neighbourhood event in Stirling and the award was on display.</p>  |    |

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|            | <p>The litter pick was successful</p> <p>Steven Christie asked for suggestions of areas to pick litter. Alastair Kennedy proposed that Flowerbeds be moved to SPICE. Bryan Watson seconded that, and there were no objections.</p> <p><b>Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th November 2013 at 7pm Cedarwood</b></p>   |     |
| c.         | <p>JCC</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reported that the raising awareness campaign had been successful. The next meeting was Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm to be attended by Eric Marriot and Anne Glover.</p>  |     |
| d.         | <p>Town Centre design Charrettes</p> <p>A Charrette for Elgin is proposed early next year and a Community Council attendee will be required.</p>   | AK  |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Education –</b>   |     |
| a.         | Elgin High School – No update  |     |
| b.         | <p>Elgin Academy</p> <p>S2 are having a farmers market stall on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and all are welcome 10:30 to 14:45</p>  |     |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Primary Schools</b>   |     |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Treasurer's Report. – No Report</b>   |     |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Ongoing topics</b>  |     |
| a.         | Deanshaugh Playing Fields – See 10c below.   |     |
| b.         | <p>Oldmills</p> <p>Eric Marriot outline his idea for taking the Old Mills back in to public ownership. He asserted the historical value of the mill and the need to save something of such historical significance saying that Scottish Heritage could not act until the building came to a state of advanced decay. Alastair Kennedy asked Eric to prepare an action plan for discussion.</p> | EM  |
| c.         | Morrison Running Track – No report. Remove from the agenda.  |     |
| d.         | <p>Lesser Boroughbriggs</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that there were two locations for the 3G pitch: one being Lesser Boroughbriggs, the other being Deanshaugh Playing Fields. Bryan Watson proposed promoting two 3G playing fields.</p>  |     |
| e.         | <p>Elgin Fund – Cooper Park</p> <p>This proposal is now progressing to a planning application.</p>   |     |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Events</b>  |     |
| a.         | <p>Community Awards</p> <p>Gordon Methven has been in touch with Jenny Devlin and will meet to discuss.</p>  |     |
| b.         | <p>Training</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy had asked for training on responding to Planning Applications and Licencing Applications but no resources were available at present.</p>   | AK  |
| c.         | <p>Community Empowerment Bill</p> <p>Alastair was working on a response to this consultation and advised anyone with a view to respond.</p>  | All |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Correspondence</b>  |     |

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|     | <p>Letter from War memorials trust about looking after war memorial</p> <p>The data protection registration renewal fee is due (£35.00) to the ICO</p> <p>Launch of the consultation for the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill</p> <p>Letter from the Post Office re Bishopmill Post Office proposed move</p> <p>Letter from Transport Scotland re dualling programme of the A96 exhibition at New Elgin Hall</p> <p>12.00pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</p>   |  |
| 13. | <p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>Laura Miller asked if the wreaths at the war memorial would be taken away. Cllr Leadbitter had also been concerned that it could be seen as disrespectful to leave them to the elements. It was agreed that 1 month to 6 weeks would be appropriate.</p> <p>Mary Wall asked if the remembrance parade area could be cordoned off next year as it is difficult for some to see.</p> <p>Steven Christie invited all to the SPICE night out in December.</p> <p>James Wiseman asked if it would be worth adding a Chairman's Report and a Secretary's report. Alastair Kennedy agreed.</p> <p>Eric Marriott asked the Councillors, who to contact about rogue traders. The answer was Peter Adamson in Trading Standards or the Police.</p> <p>Gordon Methven suggested that we meet for a drink after the December meeting. All agreed.</p> <p>David Chapman raised the issue that tyres were not accepted by the Moray Council's recycling facility. Cllr Leadbitter explained that tyres are very expensive to recycle and such a service could be abused by commercial waste producers.</p> |  |
| 14. | <p><b>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Council Chambers at 7.00pm.</b></p> <p>CLOSE: There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9:20pm</p>  |  |

CITATION: These Minutes were adopted as a True Record of Proceedings:

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_