

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 at 7.00pm.**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)</p> <p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Secretary), David CHAPMAN*, Steven CHRISTIE, Anne GLOVER, Pat PATERSON, Cheryl ROBB, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Barry JARVIS, Cllr Mike SHAND.</p> <p>Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), Sgt Mick IRWIN (Police), Krystian KACZALA(Stagecoach), Steven GEORGE (Stagecoach), Bob ANDERSON</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Eric MARRIOTT (Attending Leisure Facilities review), Gordie WELLS, Daniel McGOVERN**, Aidan MILNE**, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr John DIVERS, Steven MILNE, Cllr Graeme LEADBITTER, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Donnie McLEAN, Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Laura MILLER**.</p>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
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<b>2.</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
a.	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b></p> <p>It was noted that Sandy Gallacher was leaving Stagecoach not Steve George. 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>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising.</b>	
	Pg1 –Item 3a) Visits to Police Station and Life Science Centre are being arranged by Alastair Kennedy	AK
	Pg2 – Item 4) Letter was sent on subject of Bullying and 1 response has been received. Alastair Kennedy to follow up.	AK
	Name Badges – Eddie Wallace tabled an example for comments.	EW
<b>4.</b>	<b>Agency Updates</b>	
a.	<p><b>Police Scotland – including National Security. Sergeant Mic’ Irwin</b></p> <p>Sgt Mick Irwin gave a report in line with 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> It was noted that the taxi marshals had a positive effect on reducing antisocial behaviour over the festive period.</p> <p><b>THEFTS:</b> House breakings continue even though 2 people having been apprehended for house breaking crimes. During the festive period shoplifting was targeted.</p> <p><b>SPEEDING:</b></p> <p><b>PARKING:</b> The traffic Warden Service is to be withdrawn but meantime Elgin has no traffic wardens due to specific circumstances. There was a discussion on the removal of traffic wardens. Sgt Irwin stated that whilst the service had been removed, 69 tickets were issued by Police Officers between 31 Oct and 23 Dec 2013.</p> <p>Gordon Methven made an observation that short term parking spaces in Elgin were not available as they are being used for long term parking.</p> <p>Krystian Kaczala of Stagecoach highlighted the problem that inconsiderate parking affects bus punctuality. Private companies have been allowed to patrol parking issues in England but typically they only patrol the busy areas and leaving quieter rural areas.</p> <p><b>CURRENT ISSUES:</b></p> <p>Anne Glover raised her concern that time was being wasted by reporting the vandalism at Lady Hill. The Flowerbeds have been vandalised twice this year and she feels the reports the police have to file are unlikely to result in finding the person responsible and she is concerned that she may be wasting their time. Sgt Mick Irwin said that all crimes should be reported and gave an example of how Police analysts can target specific crimes successfully but only if they have the information so the reports are not a waste of time.</p> <p><b>LICENSING MATTERS:</b></p> <p>There were no licencing issues to discuss.</p>	
b.	<p><b>Stagecoach</b></p> <p><b>SERVICES:</b> Krystian Kaczala advised that Stagecoach were looking to improve the punctuality of the Elgin and Aberdeen to Inverness services</p> <p>Krystian Kaczala advised that the service to Aberdeen via the airport was removed due to delays. Steven George added that Stagecoach operate an efficient service from the Aberdeen terminal to the Airport.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked why the waiting room was not open for the full duration of the day. Krystian Kaczala said this because the waiting room was actually a sales desk and could not be open if staff were not present to ensure public safety.</p> <p>Anne Glover asked why people were not allowed on a bus when the driver was present. Krystian Kaczala said that drivers can’t work on a break and looking after a bus with passengers is not classed as a break.</p> <p>Pat Paterson asked why the electronic timetable boards don’t work. Krystian Kaczala said this was due to the system being outwith the control of Stagecoach so they can’t even turn them off. Steven George added that the system may be transferred to Stagecoach in future but not until software issues are resolved.</p>	
c.	<b>Community Warden – No Report</b>	
	Alastair Kennedy introduced Bob Anderson who wishes to be co-opted. Alastair reminded members that co-optees are not allowed to vote on co-options for one year. Co-option of Bob Anderson was proposed by Alastair Kennedy who asked if there	

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	were any objections. There were no objections therefore Bob Anderson's co-option was agreed unanimously.	
5.	<b>Committee Reports:</b>	
a.	<p><b>Planning.</b></p> <p>No progress on Brown Muir Wind Farm</p> <p>We have received a response from the Post Office about moving Bishopmill Post Office to Morrision Road. They have explained their process in more detail but there are still some issues to resolve. JW to arrange for Post Office to give presentation on this.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Shand recalled the opposition 20 years ago to moving the Bishopmill Post Office to its current location and urged us to consider whether or not the opposition was due to a reluctance to change. He added that one post office in Liverpool is on the top floor of a WH Smith retail outlet.</p> <p>Still working on getting the weekly wards list regularly to the specified contact.</p>	JW        JW
b.	<b>Recreation, Leisure and Environment</b>	
	<p><b>FAIR TRADE</b></p> <p>Elgin Fairtrade Group had their first meeting of 2014 on Tuesday 7 Jan at NEON as usual. We are sad to report the loss of two of our young members due to both work and family commitments. We are actively looking for others to join the group. The main part of the meeting was taken up with compiling the Quiz which we are launching to take place during Fairtrade Fortnight which starts in the last week of February. The quiz involves shops and other outlets which sell Fairtrade goods. The quiz sheet will be on sale at different outlets prior to this and involves finding the shops related to the clues on the Quiz sheet.</p> <p>Other business was the decision to hire a stall at the Farmer's Market in Feb which will more or less coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight and discussion of the possibility of serving teas and coffees again at the Council Chambers in conjunction with Moray Fairtrade Forum. We have yet to hear if there will be speakers coming from abroad this year.</p> <p>Next meeting is Tuesday 4 February</p>	
c.	<p><b>Roads &amp; Transportation.</b></p> <p><u>Progress report for ECC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 of Roads and Transportation Committee</u></p> <p>The turning circle at Viewfield is still under investigation.</p> <p>Car dealerships making improper use of a 9m strip of land at East Road is under investigation</p> <p>Anne Glover confirmed that the broken fence on Laich Moray Bridge was repaired recently.</p>	
d.	<b>Youth. – No report due to exams</b>	
6.	<b>Community Planning:</b>	
a.	<p><b>Elgin South Area Community Planning Forum</b></p> <p>A handover meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.</p> <p>Integration with the Community Planning is an emerging issue.</p> <p>Next Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to be chaired by James Wiseman.</p>	
b.	<p><b>SPICE</b></p> <p>Steven Christie advised that the SPICE annual dinner was a success.</p> <p>Further discussions have taken place with Glen Moray Distillery Manager regarding flowerbeds opposite the entrance to the Eight Acres Hotel.</p> <p>Steven Christie has responded to the consultation on the proposed reduction in grounds maintenance.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy proposed that since SPICE had taken over the flowerbeds at Ladyhill and were arranging work on the Eight Acres Flowerbed a financial contribution from the Number 2 account which was set up for flowerbeds would be entirely appropriate. He suggested £1,500 would be appropriate. The proposal was seconded by James Wiseman and there were no objections.</p>	
c.	<p><b>JCC:</b></p> <p>Harry Torry had observed a near miss at Elgin Academy – pupils crossing the road in an unsafe manner. James Wiseman confirmed that he had seen careless road crossing by pupils around New Elgin High School. Alastair Kennedy to get advice from JCC on how widespread it is. R&amp;T committee to investigate in Elgin and move forward.</p>	AK
d.	<b>Town Centre design Charrettes</b> – Alastair Kennedy advised that a Charrette was proposed for the Town Hall and Lossie Green area.	
e.	<b>Community Council Representation in Community Planning</b>	
	Alastair Kennedy advised that this is still being resolved. James Wiseman expressed sympathy as he had found the same in relation to the South Forum.	All
7.	<b>Education –</b>	
a.	<b>Elgin High School – No update</b>	
b.	Elgin Academy – No Report	
c.	Primary Schools – No Report	
8.	Treasurer's Report. – No Report	
9.	Ongoing topics	
a.	Deanshaugh Playing Fields – No Update	

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b.	Oldmills – No Update	
c.	Lesser Boroughbriggs – No Update	
d.	Elgin Fund – Cooper Park – No Update	
10.	Events	
a.	Community Awards A letter has gone out from TSI moray to partnership and businesses seeking involvement in the Community Awards scheme.	GM
b.	Training Alastair Kennedy to follow up Planning training and Consultation training.	AK
11.	<b><u>Chair's Report for December Meeting</u></b>	
	No report due to festive break	
12.	<b><u>Secretary's Report</u></b>	
	No report due to festive break	
13.	A.O.C.B.	
	Anne Glover advised that the poppy wreaths were blown about and she felt it was disrespectful. It was agreed to look in to the appropriate time for removal of these which was considered to be about 1 month. Gordon Methven suggested contacting the British Legion for advice. Alastair Kennedy to follow up. Alastair Kennedy asked for members interested in meeting the Justice Committee 11:00 on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2014. David Chapman advised that the daycare charity ruin by the Aberlour Trust and the Moray Council had closed but all 80 service users had found an alternative. Pat Paterson asked if we should write to the Academy regarding the Vision and Values in relation to engagement on Fair Trade. There were no objections. James Wiseman reminded members that there was a Flood Alleviation exhibition in Elgin on Wednesday and Thursday.	
14.	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2014.	All
15.	CLOSE: There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9:20pm.	

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

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

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

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

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