

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u> Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Eddie WALLACE, Anne GLOVER, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Gordie WELLS, Bob ANDERSON, Steven MILNE(Treasurer), Steven CHRISTIE, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Sgt Gavin Farquhar (Police Scotland), Krystian KACZALA(Stagecoach), Cllr Mike SHAND, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graeme LEADBITTER, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot),</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u> Donnie McLEAN, Kathy GRANT (Community Warden), David CHAPMAN*, Cllr Barry JARVIS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Eric MARRIOTT, Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Cheryl ROBB, Cllr James ALLAN,</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u> Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>PREVIOUS MINUTES 13th MAY 2014 The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Mary Wall, seconded by Steven Christie and there were no objections. It was agreed that in the absence of any advice on the matter paper minutes would be kept for 6 months.</p>	
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING. Poppy wreaths – Alastair Kennedy advised that on the suggestion of Grenville Johnston, Lord-Lieutenant of Moray that the date for removal of poppy wreaths could be around the end of January he had contacted the Ex-Service Mans Club, the Seaforth Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge all of whom agreed 31st January would be appropriate. Bishopmill Post Office – FOI Received and circulated. James Wiseman advised that no further action was to be taken. Newfield Road – See R&T Report. New Elgin hall – letters of commendation were sent.</p>	
4.	AGENCY UPDATES	
a.	<p>POLICE SCOTLAND – Sgt Gavin Farquhar Sgt Farquhar outlined the breakdown of the 712 calls attended this month noting break-ins to commercial premises. The work of the Street Pastors complimenting the Police service was noted. A member complained about parking on the corner of Hay Street and Moray Street affecting visibility. Action was requested on the Cooper park toilets vandalism. There were discussions on community policing changes, tackling mobile phone driving distractions and parking obstructions.</p>	
b.	<p>STAGECOACH – KRYSYAN KACZALA Krystian Kaczala reported that the new timetable was operational and has improved punctuality. Alastair Kennedy suggested maps on the timetables would be a worth while improvement. There was a discussion on the withdrawal of the service to Larch Court due to issues in New Field Road which the Community Council regards as unacceptable and the Community Council will continue to drive this matter forward to an acceptable solution.</p>	EW

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c.	COMMUNITY WARDEN – No Report	
d.	Councillor Numbers	
	There was a discussion on Councillor numbers prompted by a recent consultation – Alastair will complete this consultation.	AK
5.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
a.	PLANNING. – See Report Local development plan consultation completed and follow up meeting proposed for 24/6/2014. Request from Moray Council to agree timescale for Elgin High School consultation. Glen Moray Biomass consultation.	JW
b.	RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Anne Glover reported that Ladyhill had been attended to and some weeding done at Eight Acres Flower Bed. Mary Wall announced that Elgin had achieved Fair Trade status and a photograph was taken of the Fair Trade Team and their banner.	
c.	ROADS & TRANSPORTATION. – See Report	
	Further work is planned to resolve the Larch Court/Newfield Road problem. Main issue is deliberately obstructive parking now confirmed by discussion in Item 4A above as illegal if causing an obstruction to other vehicles.	
d.	YOUTH. – No report	
e.	CHAIR'S REPORT – Taken as Read .	
f.	SECRETARY'S REPORT – Taken as Read .	
6.	COMMUNITY PLANNING.	
a.	ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk	
b.	SPICE See SPICE minutes circulated.	
c.	JCC Next meeting 14 th August 2014 – Richard Lochhead will attend. A subgroup on Community Engagement has been set up.	
d.	TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report	
e.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING – No Update Alastair Kennedy is following this up.	
7.	EDUCATION	
a.	ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL Anyone interested in responding to this consultation should advise James Wiseman.	
b.	ELGIN ACADEMY – NO REPORT	
c.	PRIMARY SCHOOLS – NO REPORT	

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8.	TREASURER'S REPORT. Account #1 £3,646.28 Account #2 £1,328.38 The subgroup of Steven Milne, Eric Marriott, James Wiseman and Alastair Kennedy appointed to look into the Elgin Community Council budget and spending forecast has yet to meet.	SC/EM JW/AK
9.	ONGOING TOPICS	
a.	DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS - No Update	
b.	OLDMILLS No Update	
c.	LESSER BOROUGHBRIGGS – No Update	
d.	ELGIN FUND Alastair Kennedy advised that a Planning Application has been made by the Community Council on behalf of the Elgin Fund for a development at the south end of Cooper Park's cricketing area utilising surplus material from the Flood Alleviation Scheme. Excess soil will also be utilised to raise the level of an area north east of the library which remains wet at all times.	
10.	EVENTS	
a.	COMMUNITY AWARDS Ongoing and not discussed.	GM
b.	TRAINING – No update	
11.	A.O.C.B. Gordon Methven tendered his apologies for the next meeting due to holidays. Steven Christie proposed an award suggested by Murray Ross and a £30 book token was agreed. Alastair will organise the book token. Alastair Kennedy raised an issue from Harry Torry about hog weed on the tarred path beside the Elgin Academy. Cllr Mike Shand confirmed that Harry Torry had reported this matter to the Council already.	AK
12.	NEXT MEETING 7:00pm Tuesday 8th July 2014 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.	
13.	CLOSE: There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8:13pm.	

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

Proposer: _____

Secunder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr
Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____

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Progress report for ECC meeting 10th June 2014 of Roads and Transportation Committee

Newfield Road Bus turning: Larch Court

Back in November last year we got involved with a disagreement between Stagecoach Bus Company and a resident of Newfield Road based on safety issues at the roundabout of Newfield Road. On inspection of the road and looking at the events it became clear that some underhand steps had been put in place to prevent the bus driver from fulfilling his job safely. The resident was informed that the bus company had the right to access the road and the turning area should be kept clear for large vehicles to turn at any time of the day. He indicated he was unhappy with the outcome.

Moving onto April this year and another resident has began a deliberate act of obstructing the movement and manoeuvrability of the bus in Newfield Road by parking vehicles in such a position that the bus had to mount the pavement to get through and led to some unsavoury moments between himself and the driver. The outcome from it all was Stagecoach's decision to remove the service from July. May I add that the resident, even after the decision was made, positioned two blue vans and a Land Rover in a way to continue making it difficult for the bus driver.

It hasn't been necessary to involve Larch Court residents up until the report of the bus service being withdrawn and therefore I had a meeting with two representatives of their residents committee to let them give their point of view.

Margaret McLean is the Chair and Elizabeth Kelman is the Treasurer and they told me Larch Court is a Sheltered Housing Facility built 19 years ago for Moray Council with 33 flats and 37 tenants, there are 14 parking spaces and 7 cars belonging to residents.

I wanted a history of the bus service, but three years was the furthest back they could go, but they were aware that the bus did in the past make a reversing manoeuvre adjacent to the centre, but was stopped from doing so after a resident of Newfield complained which led to the bus being re-routed from then on down to the turning area.

There has been various statements in the press and a resident of Newfield Road telephoned to offer the following comments – She is not against Larch Court having a bus service - Stagecoach can sometimes use too large a bus for this residential route - why can't the residents walk to Lesmurdie Road and pick up and drop off there - why does Larch Court get a service and Chandlers Rise don't - Can the 'Dial a Bus' service be used - what about using a smaller bus for the route. She also points out that on some occasions a large number of cars appear outside the Larch Court front door and along Linksfield Road, they park in Newfield Road in a position which makes it difficult for the buses to get round the corner into Newfield Road, and she also suggested another route for the bus which I am looking into. The attitude of the residents is quite clear they want the bus service to remain, the service is well used by most of the tenants for all sorts of reasons in summer and particularly in the winter months when it can be a lifeline for getting about. They are upset that a decision was made to stop the service without any consultation or consideration, they are determined to fight for the bus service to remain.

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The issue is not just about the removal of a bus service is more about how it was down, we have two residents acting in a irresponsible manner to get their way, this anarchical approach needs to be dealt with in a right and proper manner. In both cases the resident acted in a manner without prior discussion or negotiation, surely this cannot be acceptable.

Pupils Safety Issue: I have not received feedback from the Academy after two months, I therefore intend sending in the document to the appropriate department.

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Chair`s report for June meeting

20/05/14 Attended Elgin North Area Forum on behalf of ECC

21/05/14 Attended a Community Awards meeting Gordon, Steven and others. We have been offered the Alexander Graham Bell building at the Moray College for the ceremony.

Steven, Eddie and myself attended a photo-shoot at Newfield Road following the problems Stagecoach encountered.

22/05/14 I was out of circulation as I was a Presiding Officer at a polling station for the European elections.

23/05/14 In company with George Littlejohn I met with Richard Lochhead MSP. This was to ask for his support in lobbying for a bridge suitable for disabled, elderly or people with heavy luggage to cross the railway line at Elgin Station. Richard Lochhead has now written to Network Rail and Transport Scotland on our behalf.

27/05/14 I attended a meeting of the Community Engagement Group which was about whether or not the group should access support from the "Supporting Communities" initiative which is broadly similar to Achieving Community Empowerment (ACE) which SPICE is currently involved in.

29/05/14 This was the third SPICE meeting involving the ACE initiative. The meeting started early to allow business to be done before the ACE part of the meeting started.

30/05/14 I attended a meeting of the LEADER Focus Group which will write a Local Development Strategy by September of this year. This document will show the needs of Moray and will be used as a guide to deliver ALL future European funding in Moray. That equates to many millions of pounds. Workshops will take place in three places in Moray. Due to circumstances, these are at very short notice but I would urge anyone who is able to come along.

See below:-

HAVE YOUR SAY

Moray is currently preparing a joint Rural and Fisheries local development strategy to bid for funding from the 2014 – 2020 European Programmes. As part of this process the Local Action Groups are organising the following community consultation workshops:

Monday 9th June – 6pm to 8pm- Elgin, Laich Moray Hotel

Tuesday 10th June – 6pm to 8 pm, Buckie Town Hall

Wednesday 11th June – 6pm to 8pm, Dufftown Memorial Hall

The workshops are open to all community groups, businesses and members of the public with an interest in community led local development. Please come along and give your views on what you consider the priorities are for the new LEADER and Fisheries Programmes. Refreshments provided.

To help with planning please confirm your attendance to:

EHAdmin@moray.gov.uk or telephone 01343 563345

Any further questions contact Susan Grieve susan@rural-development.co.uk 01307 850470

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03/06/14 I attended a meeting of the Community Engagement Group. There were presentations from the Forestry Commission on its current consultation and from Craigforth who are responsible for the Citizen`s Panel. This is used as a consultation tool, mainly on-line, by the Community Planning partnership.
(If any member wishes the minutes of the CEG meetings let me know.)