

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 7.00pm.

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Bob ANDERSON, David CHAPMAN*, Steven CHRISTIE, Anne GLOVER, Donnie McLEAN, Steven MILNE(Treasurer), Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Bronagh DALLAS, Moira DALLAS, Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Graeme LEADBITTER, Cllr Barry JARVIS, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), Dave GOWANS, Peter HASLAM, Murray ROSS, Sgt Sean JONES (Police Scotland)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Krystian KACZALA(Stagecoach), Eric MARRIOTT, Cheryl ROBB, Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Gordie WELLS, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Cllr Mike SHAND, Gordon METHVEN(Sec').</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Bronagh Dallas was presented with a book token from the Community Council by Alastair Kennedy in recognition of her voluntary litter picking.</p>	
c.	<p><u>BISHOPMILL BRIDGE & FLOOD ALLEVIATION</u></p> <p>Dave Gowans gave an overview of progress on the Elgin Flood Alleviation project.</p> <p>Peter Haslam reported on progress with the Cooper Park amphitheatre proposed in the name of the Community Council on behalf of the Elgin Fund. There has been a Planning condition imposed regarding the composition of the soil being used for which Peter Haslam will provide a statement evidencing the provenance of the soil.</p> <p>Various ideas were suggested for using the redundant parapets from the Bishopmill Bridge including a seat and cycle route markers but the leading suggestion was to use the parapets as a fence highlighting the entrance to the Cooper Park in that area.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 10th June 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Steven Christie, seconded by Eddie Wallace and there were no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reported that our decision to destroy hard copy minutes after 6 months had been challenged but he recommended we stick to it and there were no objections.</p>	
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – Sgt Sean Jones</u></p> <p>Sgt Jones gave a breakdown of the 584 calls attended this month.</p> <p>The Cooper Park vandalism remains undetected.</p> <p>An operation targeting assault and antisocial behaviour is ongoing.</p> <p>Some Police Officers from Elgin will be deployed at the Commonwealth Games and assurance was given that the local service would not be affected.</p> <p>A specific incident of a lorry driver using a mobile phone while driving was reported at the meeting.</p>	

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b.	STAGECOACH – No Report	
c.	COMMUNITY WARDEN – No Report	
d.	CONSULTATIONS	
	Community Empowerment Bill – Call for evidence	
5.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
a.	<p>PLANNING. – See Report</p> <p>A Local Development Plan follow up meeting was held 24/6/2014 and our response is being considered.</p> <p>James Wiseman criticised the attitude shown by towards the Community Council by the planning officials in relation to the New Elgin High School draft processing agreement. Alastair Kennedy supported James’s criticism and advised that as a consequence of this incident Jim Grant will be invited to attend the next Community Engagement Group part of the Community Planning Partnership.</p>	
b.	<p>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the relationship of Anne Glover’s Ladyhill Flowerbeds Group to the Elgin Community Council.</p> <p>Anne Glover reported on the work done to date on the Ladyhill Flowerbeds and spontaneous donations made by passers-by.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy suggested obtaining a banner.</p> <p>Mary Wall thanked Graham Leadbitter and George Littlejohn for the help they gave to the Fair Trade team at the recent farmer’s market in Elgin. Thanks also went to Lidl for a large donation to the Fair Trade stall.</p> <p>Donnie MacLean advised that BIDs road sweeper will soon be back on the road.</p>	
c.	<p>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION. – See Report</p> <p>Eddie Wallace advised that advice had been sought from the Police regarding the parking issue at Newfield Road which is preventing a bus service to Larch Court. Cllr Barry Jarvis reported that his motion to keep the route had been passed unanimously.</p> <p>Eddie Wallace emphasized that any road issues, including pot holes, should be reported in the first instance to the Moray Council rather than the Community Council.</p>	
d.	YOUTH. – No report	
e.	<p>CHAIR’S REPORT – See Report</p> <p><u>16/06/14</u></p> <p>I was asked to chair a seminar on coastal erosion. It was an interesting evening and a number of members from other Community Councils attended.</p> <p><u>18/06/14</u></p> <p>There was a meeting of the Community Awards group but I was unable to attend.</p> <p><u>20/06/14</u></p> <p>As a CC representative on SPICE I attended an event in Edinburgh which was an annual event about the Achieving Community Empowerment (ACE) which SPICE is currently involved in.</p> <p><u>24/06/14</u></p> <p>Along with other ECC members we met with members of the Planning Department for feedback on our response to the Draft Moray Development Plan.</p> <p><u>26/06/14</u></p>	

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	<p>I attended a LEADER Focus Group meeting. This group is currently drawing up a Local Development Strategy and there is currently a Survey-monkey which is looking for as many as possible to feed in what they see as the needs of their local community. Responses will very much influence the strategy so I would urge as many as possible to take part. The link is https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HVD58Y6 I will forward the link electronically.</p> <p><u>26/06/14</u></p> <p>I attended a SPICE meeting which, as stated earlier, is currently part of the ACE programme.</p> <p><u>27/06/14</u></p> <p>I attended the official opening of the Alexander Graham Bell building which was opened by Princess Ann. There were presentations from the different degree courses by the students and it was a very interesting day.</p> <p><u>1/07/14</u></p> <p>I attended a meeting of the Community Engagement Group at which I highlighted what we see as the latest piece of poor engagement on behalf of the Planning Department – although ECC eventually got a softening of the initial approach.</p>	
f.	SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Report	
6.	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that a subgroup had met to discuss the Community Council budget. He advised that the Community Council had spent more than its allocation last year relying on previous allocations. An allocation of remaining funds has been made and the Treasurer will report on spending against allocation.</p>	
7.	COMMUNITY PLANNING.	
a.	<p>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</p> <p>See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk</p>	
b.	<p>SPICE</p> <p>See SPICE minutes circulated.</p>	
c.	<p>JCC</p> <p>Next meeting 14th August 2014 – Richard Lochhead will not attend due to referendum.</p>	
d.	TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTE – No report	
e.	<p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING – No Update</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy is following this up.</p>	
8.	EDUCATION	
a.	<p>ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>See Planning</p>	
b.	ELGIN ACADEMY – NO REPORT	
c.	PRIMARY SCHOOLS – NO REPORT	
9.	ONGOING TOPICS	
a.	DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS - No Update	
b.	OLDMILLS No Update	
c.	LESSER BOROUGHBURGS – No Update	

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d.	ELGIN FUND	
	See Item 1c for amphitheatre proposal.	
10.	EVENTS	
a.	COMMUNITY AWARDS The date for the ceremony is 21 November 2014 in the Alexander Graham Bell Centre.	GM
b.	TRAINING – No update	
11.	A.O.C.B. A group was appointed to look at IT issues for the Community Council. Eddie Wallace raised the fact that the Community Council was not mentioned on any of the notice boards in Elgin. Bob Anderson gave an update on the Taxi consultation. Landshut Bridge is to be formally opened in the coming weeks. Anne Glover sought clarification on the rules about trimming hedges overhanging footpaths. Cllr Leadbitter said that overhanging greenery over 8ft above the ground does not have to be trimmed.	
12.	NEXT MEETING 7:00pm Tuesday 12th August 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.	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____