

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.00pm.**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>a.</b>	<p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Steven CHRISTIE, Mary WALL,</p> <p>Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Donnie McLEAN, Eddie WALLACE,</p> <p>Bob ANDERSON, Pat PATERSON, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, PC Scott DONALD (Police Scotland), Kathy GRANT (Community Warden),</p> <p>Cllr Barry JARVIS, PC Brian DONALDSON (Police Scotland), Wendy JOHNSTON (Moray Council),</p> <p>Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot),</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Ann GLOVER</p> <p>David CHAPMAN*,</p> <p>Gordie WELLS,</p>	
<b>b.</b>	<p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the speaker.</p>	
<b>c.</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITY ALARM AND TELECARE – Wendy Johnston</b></p> <p>Wendy Johnston outlined the community alarm scheme and the desire to meet potential clients and volunteer responders. She explained and exhibited some of the 35 sensors that can be used to address specific client needs. Some clients can't provide 3 responders and volunteers are required. Potential responders can volunteer on a part time basis and clients can be referred by contacting the care team on ☎01343563999 or ✉accesscareteam@moray.gov.uk.</p>	All
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>PREVIOUS MINUTES 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Eddie Wallace with no objections.</p>	SC/EW
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b></p> <p>It was agreed between Alastair Kennedy and Pat Paterson to postpone purchasing a banner for the Ladyhill flower bed.</p> <p>Following last month's presentation it was noted that the Flood Alleviation Scheme had worked well in the recent floods. Although incomplete, it had protected many properties from river flooding, evacuations were precautionary and there was less panic in the community. It was acknowledged that some areas like the railway yard, Victoria Crescent and around the auction mart were affected by the intensity of rainfall being so high.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>AGENCY UPDATES</b></p>	
<b>a.</b>	<p><b>POLICE SCOTLAND – PC Scott Donald &amp; PC Brian Donaldson</b></p> <p>See report</p> <p>Mary Wall praised the night service she recently experienced at the Elgin Police Station.</p>	
<b>b.</b>	<p><b>STAGECOACH – No Report</b></p>	

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c.	<b>COMMUNITY WARDEN</b>	
	See report The anti-dog-fouling stencils were purchased with the money from the Community Council who fully support this initiative. There was a discussion about target areas for litter ticketing.	
d.	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>	
	There were very few consultations this month most likely due to holidays.	
5.	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	
a.	<b>PLANNING. – See Report</b> The document “The Moray Proposed Plan 2014 Summary - Rev 03” prioritising Local Plan issues was approved. James Wiseman to advise Moray Council Planning Team of our priorities.	JW
b.	<b>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</b> Community Food Moray met with the Fair Trade Group with a view to selling fair trade products to the public.	
c.	<b>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>	
	The cleaning of road drains was discussed. Cllr John Divers confirmed that key surface water drains are cleared twice a year and others are cleaned once a year. Cllr Barry Jarvis noted that the surface water drains in the vicinity of the mart had not been upgraded after Sainsbury’s withdrew their interest in building on the mart site.	
d.	<b>YOUTH. – No report</b>	
e.	<b>CHAIR’S REPORT – Alastair Kennedy</b> See Also AOCB As you will see below, this time of year was quiet as usual probably due to many people being on holiday. <b>Wednesday 15/07/14</b> I attended the Elgin South Area Forum meeting. <b>Monday 28/07/14</b> You will recall that the JCC is part of the LEADER Focus Group which is looking after the Local Development Strategy (LDS) which will be used as the main tool for delivering future EU funds. I attended a meeting of the Focus Group which is currently working with a consultancy to have a business plan for the LDS drawn up. <b>Thursday 07/08/14</b> I attended a meeting with other LEADER people to look at methods of monitoring and evaluating the future LDS. <b>Monday 11/08/14</b> I attended a meeting of the Community Awards group.	

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f.	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gordon Methven</b>	
	<p>See also Community Awards</p> <p><u>Report on Scottish Rural Parliament</u></p> <p>The key themes for the Scottish Rural Parliament have been identified through a survey conducted with over 1,000 people from across rural Scotland and they will be examined by people from rural communities and decision-makers at the gathering in Oban</p> <p>November 6 - 8</p> <p>Atlantis Leisure Centre, Dalriach Road Oban, 01631 566800 PA34 5JE</p> <p>The themes are confirmed to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rural businesses and employment</li> <li>▪ Land use, planning and land reform</li> <li>▪ Transport infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Protecting our natural assets and adapting to environmental changes</li> <li>▪ Broadband and connectivity</li> <li>▪ Support for communities to lead with confidence</li> </ul> <p>Although not identified as a main theme, sufficient interest and concern arose through the consultation on the topic of 'Delivery of health and social care' that this will be adopted this as a future theme to follow from the first Rural Parliament in November.</p> <p>I must admit that I am disappointed at the way this was done because we were initially told that the themes would be agreed at an advisory forum meeting to be arranged for some time in September. However a survey was carried out online and the information on this was circulated at the time. The next advisory forum has been arranged for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Salutation Hotel in Perth which I intend to attend. The already agreed themes will be discussed as well as the most important discussion at this stage, the event itself.</p> <p>The organizers have been holding an occasional rural hour discussion on Twitter but the information on this has been fairly sketchy. I was informed about the one on 6<sup>th</sup> August by email on 5<sup>th</sup> August. I haven't been keeping a close eye on the website for details so I don't know when it was uploaded onto that.</p> <p>The latest one was on Transport. You can check out the past discussions on the following link: <a href="https://storify.com/normanmacaskill/scottish-parliament-ruralhour-2">https://storify.com/normanmacaskill/scottish-parliament-ruralhour-2</a></p> <p>Although I fully intend going to the event in Oban I am becoming concerned at the way this is progressing. Although it is being publicized as a bottom up approach for rural communities to make their voice heard, the way the information is being gathered seems to be a bit one dimensional i.e. through social media and email. They seem to be relying on local people holding meetings to promote the rural parliament and gleaning information from such meetings. However there doesn't seem to be a lot of them happening anywhere, although I have heard one has been organized here through tsiMoray; 6.00pm to 9.00pm at the Inkwel on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. There may be more happening than I am aware of but it is my perception. Hopefully, the rural parliament itself will be more comprehensive.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
6.	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report</b>	
7.	<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</b>	
a.	<p><b>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</b></p> <p>See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on <a href="http://www.yourmoray.org.uk">www.yourmoray.org.uk</a></p>	

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b.	<b>SPICE</b> See SPICE minutes circulated.							
c.	<b>JCC</b> Next meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2014							
d.	<b>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report</b>							
e.	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING – No Update</b>							
8.	<b>EDUCATION</b>							
a.	<b>ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL</b> New Project Manager is in place and planning application is due soon.							
b.	<b>ELGIN ACADEMY – NO REPORT</b>							
c.	<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS – NO REPORT</b>							
9.	<b>ONGOING TOPICS</b>							
a.	<b>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS - No Update</b>							
b.	<b>OLDMILLS – Delete from the agenda</b>	<b>GM</b>						
c.	<b>LESSER BOROUGHBRIGGS – Delete from the agenda</b>	<b>GM</b>						
d.	<b>ELGIN FUND</b> The Cooper Park amphitheatre proposal has hit a snag with the provenance of the material being used. The Elgin Fund are proposing an alternative scheme.	<b>AK</b>						
10.	<b>EVENTS</b>							
a.	<b>COMMUNITY AWARDS</b> The categories have been agreed and are detailed on the attached table.	<b>GM</b>						
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helping young people make the most of their abilities and shape up to be good citizens.	<i>group leader (Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, BBs etc), sports coach who has helped an individual or individuals register achievements and develop as young persons.</i>
Fundraising Champion: A person or group who has done outstanding work in raising money for a charity, organisation or community.	<i>Could be a person who has helped raise a substantial sum of money for a charity, organisation or community, or gone to exceptional lengths to raise that money.</i>
Health Champion: A person or group who can be held up as an example in encouraging others to look after their fitness, health and well-being.	<i>Could be a person who has played a leading role in encouraging others to exercise through fitness, jogging, sports, walking etc groups, thereby improving their health and well-being.</i>
Green champion: A person or group who has worked in their local community to enhance the local environment and surroundings	<i>Could be a person who plants out flowers beds, flower baskets, keeps grass areas, tidy and picks up litter, to make their community look better.</i>
Community champion: A person or group who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her community in the last year.	<i>Could be someone who doesn't necessarily fit into a themed category but has made an outstanding contribution to their local community, benefited the lives of others or achieved a status of being a great inspiration.</i>
Ultimate Champion/Champion of the Year: Each of the winners from the above categories are judged against one another to determine Moray's overall Ultimate Champion or Champion of the Year.	

The timeline for the awards process has been agreed and is as follows:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Story in Northern Scot alerting readers to launch of Moray Community Awards in next week's Northern Scot; accompanied by pic of members of organising group. Look out for your nomination form next week.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Launch of Nomination Form in The Scot, across social media, and printed forms put into outlets throughout Moray, with posters also put up. Soundbites from each member of the organising group on why they think it is an important initiative for Moray.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> October: Publication of Nominations Form in Northern Scot. Stories on the response and urging people to nominate.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 24: Deadline for nominations.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Shortlist Panel

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Judging Panel

(A scoring matrix will be used during the process and any decisions weighted accordingly. The final judging panel will see anonymous information to prevent any bias or nepotism.)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Awards ceremony

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	It would be appreciated if members could advise/assist with where we could site collection/drop off points for nomination forms.	
<b>b.</b>	<b>TRAINING – No update</b>	
	There was a proposal at the last JCC meeting that a number of members of CCs from across Moray get some training in mediation to allow better methods of resolving any problems that arise within individual Community Councils. Alastair Kennedy to meet with a Moray Council officer who is trained in mediation to discuss what training is required.  Street Audit training has been offered in September. Volunteers have put their names forward and are awaiting a date.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>A.O.C.B.</b>  Alastair Kennedy advised that a letter arrived at the Moray Council recently from Elgin, Illinois. Because the council represents the whole of Moray this letter, along with some small gifts, has been forwarded to Elgin Community Council. Alastair Kennedy to bring them to the next meeting.  Alastair Kennedy advised that former member Harry Torry is leaving the area to be nearer his family. We all wish him well.  Alastair Kennedy advised that former member George Littlejohn was seriously ill in hospital and thanked Mary Wall for visiting him. We all wish him a speedy recovery.  Mary Wall asked for a list of Common Good Assets.  Pat Patterson outlined an incident where the Aberdeen bus was late in to Elgin and the driver took a break immediately on arrival. Cllr Barry Jarvis suggested this was most likely due to tachograph rules which Donnie McLean demonstrated were now electronic and downloadable by police at any time.  Gordon Methven had noticed seeing a welcome to Dundee sign which stated it is a fair trade city. He suggested something similar for Elgin. Cllr John Divers undertook to obtain a price for a sign via James Smith.	AK     MW   Cllr JD
<b>12.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>CLOSE:</b> There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 20:36.	

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

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

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

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

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



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**1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

Crimes and offences reported for the month of July 2014 :

2 x Theft By Housebreaking to residential premises - 1 in the Bishopmill area and 1 in the town centre.

No Theft By Housebreaking to commercial property has been reported this month.

No Thefts from motor vehicles have been reported this month.

15 x Vandalisms - spread throughout the town with no particular pattern which is an increase of 3 from the previous month

Elgin Officers attended 687 calls during this month, 103 more than in June.

**2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Days of action have taken place throughout the Division, including Elgin, to prevent incidences of assault and to arrest and report those responsible to crimes already reported.

Divisional Roads Policing Units have continued with enforcement activity on a number of roads in and around Elgin, complimented by staff from within the Community Policing Team who have reported a number of speeding motorists and mobile phone offences throughout the month of July.

**4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

As intimated in last month's report, July saw Elgin Officers deployed with colleagues from all over Scotland to the Commonwealth Games events in Glasgow and Angus.

We are pleased to report that the planning that was put in place allowed those officers who remained locally to continue delivering a quality service to the communities of Elgin.

Inspector Colin Taylor has joined the Elgin Community Policing Team as Inspector for Elgin North, where he will be working alongside the existing Inspector, Ewan Strachan, who covers Elgin South.

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**Elgin Community Council Wardens Report**

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>
Targeted Patrols	9	3
Abandoned Vehicle	7	3
Dog Fouling	6	1
Rowdy Behaviour	2	
Neighbour Disputes	5	
Noise	6	3
Advice given	3	1
Harassment / Intimidation	2	
Feeding seagulls	2	
Fly Tipping	1	1
FPN – 1 x £200 for fly tipping		1 x £200 for fly tipping

These figures do not include day to day enquiries and is not a true reflection on the amount of time taken to resolve these issues.

The dog fouling stencils are ready to be used – example shown

Litter initiative – the wardens are coming together with environmental protection and putting together a campaign to combat some of the litter issues. We have already contacted McDonald, Burger king about placing warning stickers on their items for litter fines. We will also be putting out a press release advising the public of pending patrols in the high street of all areas across Moray with a view to clamp down on cigarette butts.

I am undergoing training to drive the MIB (Mobile Information Bus) belonging to the NHS, this will enable us to carry out more advice meetings in the community.

I have become involved with the early years drug and alcohol team by helping families establish routines. Next week we do our first visits where we will be doing bed time routines and story evenings on the MIB to try and help families get a healthier bed time routine for young children.