

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 9th September 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), David CHAPMAN*, Ann GLOVER, Mary WALL, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p>Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bob ANDERSON, Steven MILNE, Eddie WALLACE,</p> <p>Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Steven CHRISTIE, Pat PATERSON, Gordie WELLS,</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, PC Kevin SKIVINGTON & PC Jamie WALKER (Police Scotland), David WILOX.</p> <p>Krystian KACZALA Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), Eric WATSON,</p> <p>Speakers: Bill HOPE & Stuart HACKETT (Elgin Benevolent Trust)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,</p> <p>Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Donnie McLEAN,</p> <p>Cllr Barry JARVIS, Cllr Mike SHAND.</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the speakers.</p>	
c.	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – STUART HACKETT & BILL HOPE</u></p> <p>Stuart Hackett and Bill Hope outlined the history of Elgin's the Christmas lights. The Lights are owned by the Elgin Benevolent Trust (EBT) but deployed and run with assistance from Elgin BID. It is important for trade and morale that Elgin has a first class show of Christmas lights. A new scheme of lights to meet Elgin's needs has been designed and costed. EBT asking for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The support of Elgin Community Council b) Volunteers and ideas c) Publicity d) A representative to join their committee <p>A substantial amount has to be raised and the target is to have the new lights ready for operation in 2015. Any funds would be gratefully received.</p> <p>The Community Council gave it's support to the project.</p> <p>Anne Glover offered to do some fund raising</p> <p>It was agreed to collate any volunteers and ideas off line.</p>	AG AK/All
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 12th August 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by James Wiseman with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Cllr John Divers advised that the drains are being cleaned as planned.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy to circulate list of Common Good assets.</p> <p>Cllr John Divers advised that Fair Trade city signs can't be deployed as the sign posts already have the maximum number of signs fixed to them.</p>	
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – PC KEVIN SKIVINGTON & PC JAMIE WALKER</u></p> <p>See report.</p>	

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	Police Scotland are conducting a public perception survey. Gordon Methven to recirculate the link.	GM
b.	STAGECOACH – KRYSTIAN KACZALA	
	<p>Krystian Kaczala reported that the Stagecoach operational depot had remained operational during the recent flood no doubt due to the new flood alleviation scheme.</p> <p>Various timetable changes were outlined including a change to the Burghead service on a trial basis.</p> <p>The big display in the St Giles Centre will be removed soon.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked why the number 10 service did not have toilets. Krystian Kaczala explained that the buses without toilets are used on the X10 buses that go from Elgin to Aberdeen then runs between Aberdeen and Inverurie before returning to Elgin.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the bus service to Larch Court.</p>	
c.	COMMUNITY WARDEN – NO REPORT	
d.	CONSULTATIONS	
	There were no consultations to discuss.	
5.	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
a.	PLANNING	JW
	<p>Moray Council are now aware of our priorities for the Local Development Plan. We wish to follow through to see what is passed to the reporter.</p> <p>We responded to a change of use application for amenity land to become a garden saying the same as for a similar previous application.</p> <p>Comments were sent in supporting the cyclepaths on the flood alleviation scheme. Alastair Kennedy and Ann Glover recalled suggesting cyclepaths at the outset of the flood alleviation scheme.</p>	
b.	RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT	MW/All
	<p>Ann Glover thanked Bob Anderson for his help with the flowerbeds at Ladyhill. Pat Paterson reported that the grass had been cut but not very well. Minor vandalism had occurred at the Ladyhill site.</p> <p>Mary Wall advised that the Fare Trade group would be having a stall at the food and drink festival on 20th September 2014 to display and publicise Fair Trade and run a raffle to raise funds. Volunteers are sought to help out at the stall for an hour or so throughout the day.</p>	
c.	ROADS & TRANSPORTATION – SEE REPORT	
d.	YOUTH. – NO REPORT	
e.	CHAIR'S REPORT – SEE REPORT	AK
	Report to be circulated	
f.	SECRETARY'S REPORT – SEE REPORT	
6.	COMMUNITY PLANNING.	
a.	ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM	
	See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk	
b.	SPICE	SC SC
	<p>See SPICE minutes when circulated.</p> <p>Steve Christie reported that he has to address some membership and attendance issues.</p> <p>SPICE will be having a stall at the food and drink festival.</p>	

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c.	<p>JCC</p> <p>Robin Paterson attended the JCC meeting to update them on the social & care services merger.</p> <p>John Calder from KCR attended with a view to promoting JCC on KCR.</p> <p>Gordon Methven updated members on the rural parliament.</p> <p>Community representation on Community Planning was discussed.</p> <p>Training is being developed to enable self governance of Community Councils. This will include training on mediation and the role of Community Councils. James Wiseman expressed an interest in the training.</p>	AK
d.	TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report	
e.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING – No Update	
7.	EDUCATION	
a.	ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL	
	Cllr Divers advised that the planning application is expected next week. Alastair Kennedy asked if the Planning delays meant that the New Elgin High School was late? Cllr John Divers advised that the school is still planned to start operation in October 2016.	
b.	ELGIN ACADEMY – NO REPORT	
c.	PRIMARY SCHOOLS – NO REPORT	
8.	TREASURER’S REPORT	
	Still on track. Low spend this month.	
9.	ONGOING TOPICS	
a.	DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS - No Update	
	Alastair Kennedy had observed that work was progressing on the Deanshaugh Playing Fields and asked if the request to put lights, or ducts for lights, had been actioned? Cllr John Divers undertook to find out.	CllrJD
b.	ELGIN FUND	
	The planning application for the amphitheatre in the Cooper Park is progressing however, there is an issue with proving that the soil is free of Japanese knot weed.	AK
10.	EVENTS	
a.	<p>COMMUNITY AWARDS</p> <p>A meeting was held on 8th September 2014. The awards are to be lunched later this month. The categories have been agreed and award sponsors are coming forward. The form of the awards has been agreed. The awards ceremony is to be on Friday 21st November in the Moray College.</p>	GM
b.	TRAINING – No update	
	Street Audit training is ongoing. Eddie Wallace had attended one session and found it extremely interesting.	
11.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Bob Anderson and Alastair Kennedy are attending the Grant Lodge short life working group. The meeting to review the proposals from the public was cancelled at the short notice and the CSU are to collate the proposals from the public.</p> <p>The website domain is due for renewal. It was thought best to let it expire but the decision is to be made off</p>	BA/AK SM

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	line. The Community Council are to attend the Remembrance Day parade on 9 th November 2014 and a wreath is to be purchased. Alastair invited all those who wish to attend. The gifts from Elgin Illinois were on display and Alastair Kennedy outlined the background to them and asked the Environment committee to decide how best to respond. Alastair Kennedy asked for ideas on how to increase the membership of Elgin Community Council. Bob Anderson expressed concern at the state of the steps to Ladyhill. There was a discussion on which agencies may be involved. Bob Anderson to contact Historic Scotland about the steps. Pat Paterson advised that the running track at Morriston Playing Fields needs repair. Nic Goodchild had said that the Moray Council would clear any debris but not carryout repairs. Cllr John Divers advised that the athletics groups need to lead and then the Council can help.	AK/All AG All BA PP
12.	NEXT MEETING 7:00pm Tuesday 14th October 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 21:02.	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____