

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 14th October 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), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Bob ANDERSON, David CHAPMAN*, Ann GLOVER, Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS, Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr John DIVERS, Cllr Patsy GOWANS, Krystian KACZALA Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot),</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Steven MILNE, Steven CHRISTIE, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Mike SHAND.</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 9th September 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Gordie Wells and seconded by Eddie Wallace with no objections.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Christmas Lights: Attendance at Christmas Lights committee was discussed but no one was available to attend.</p> <p>Deanshaugh Playing fields: Progress on lights and ducts for lights was discussed.</p> <p>Amphitheatre: Planning Permission was granted with conditions that work can't start until Flood Alleviation is complete, and proof of provenance of the fill material has to be provided.</p> <p>Website: It was agreed to close down the Website because of progress on social media.</p> <p>Remembrance Day: Alastair Kennedy advised that the wreaths have been ordered and invited Community Council members to attend the ceremony on 9th November 2014. Gordon Methven to lay the wreath.</p> <p>Illinois: Discussion on response to gifts from Illinois.</p> <p>Membership: Alastair Kennedy sought ideas for increasing membership. Eddie Wallace suggested that people might not know the Community Council exists. Bob Anderson suggested an advert in the library. Bryan Watson suggested an advert on Costa Coffee's notice board. Krystian Kaczala offered to host a banner perhaps with our Facebook page at Elgin Bus Station.</p> <p>Lady Hill Steps: The need for renovation of the Ladyhill steps was agreed and sources of help were discussed. Bob Anderson had contacted Moray Council and Historic Scotland and it was suggested that the need be fed in to the Town Centre Charrette.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>(SM)</p> <p>All</p> <p>AK</p> <p>RA</p>
4.	<p><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></p>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – No Update</u></p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH – Krystian Kaczala</u></p> <p>Twitter: Stagecoach now operate a twitter account (@stagecoachNscot) to update passengers. It can take 5 minutes or so to update.</p> <p>Newfield Road: Recent developments in the ongoing problem of careless or selfish parking on Newfield Road leading to the removal of the bus services to Larch Court were discussed. Cllr Patsy Gowans asked if that bus service could be reinstated but it was explained that the route was a source of complaints and complaints take time to investigate even if found to be unsubstantiated. Krystian Kaczala emphasised that</p>	<p>EW</p>

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	<p>Stagecoach is here to serve the public and they don't want to be engaged in controversy and arguments like this but at the same time they don't take withdrawing services lightly.</p> <p>Elgin Bus Station Real Time Display: now working.</p> <p>New Services: Bob Anderson and Eddie Wallace suggested a new service to Birnie Road and Glassgreen be considered and Eddie Wallace provided a report on the idea.</p> <p>Drivers: Krystian Kaczala thanked the Community Council for its feedback and was pleased that over the last year there were no driver complaints.</p>	RA/EW
c.	<u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – NO REPORT</u>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Police: Eddie Wallace sent a response to the recent Police consultation seeking community feedback.</p> <p>Planning: Alastair Kennedy reported that Gary Templeton was seeking feedback on the Development Plan consultation through the MCPP Community Engagement Group to make improvements next time round. Meeting to be arranged between Alastair Kennedy, James Wiseman, and Aileen Marshall.</p>	AK/JW
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>Local Development Plan: Track progress of the local plan is ongoing. James Wiseman reported that he had heard concern that some issues are being resolved while others are being left eg R13 was reported in the press as having been resolved.</p> <p>New Elgin High School: James Wiseman had circulated previously a link to the planning application documents. No comments were received from the Community Council. However, being aware of the interest in this application shown by the Elgin South Forum it was agreed to support the Elgin South Forum's response as a community response and Alastair Kennedy was likely to be at the Elgin South Forum meeting and would represent the Community Council. Cllr John Divers reported that a separate planning application will be submitted for the drop off point.</p>	
b.	<p><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Lady Hill: Anne Glover reported that slates had fallen off the roof of the Veterans' Cottages at Lady Hill and the matter was discussed. The urn is going to be refurbished. A price list has been obtained for next year's flowers.</p> <p>Food & Drink Festival: Mary Wall thanked those who helped with the Fair Trade stall at the Moray Food and Drink festival which was an excellent event.</p>	
c.	<u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION – See Report</u>	
d.	<u>YOUTH. – No Report</u>	
e.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT – See Report</u>	
f.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT – See Report</u>	
g.	<p><u>STRUCTURE OF MEETING</u></p> <p>It was agreed to add an item in the agenda to allow members to put forward their own agenda items. James Wiseman explained that some items normally brought up as AOCB could go earlier in the agenda to give people time to think about them prior to the meeting and better time to discuss them in the meeting. AOCB is still required for items not on the agenda.</p>	
h.	<p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> <p>Bryan Watson reported 116 followers on Twitter and 444 posts. Both Twitter and Facebook are underused although we have 381 friends on Facebook. It was agreed to put the agenda on Facebook and introduce a new agenda item for Social Media. James Wiseman asked for meeting dates to be written out in full on posts so there was no confusion with old posts.</p>	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	

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a.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u> See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk	
b.	<u>SPICE</u> Litter Pick: The next litter pick is on 25/26 October 2014	
c.	<u>JCC – Alastair Kennedy</u> Next Month: Roddy Burns will attend the meeting on 13 th November 2014. Training: Training is being developed to enable self-governance of Community Councils. This will include training on mediation and the role of Community Councillors. James Wiseman expressed an interest in the training.	
d.	<u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report</u>	
e.	<u>COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u> MCPP - CEG: Alastair Kennedy stated that he was to discuss the purpose of the CEG and the 10 year plan with Ian Todd.	
7.	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
a.	<u>ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL – No Report</u>	
b.	<u>ELGIN ACADEMY – No Report</u>	
c.	<u>PRIMARY SCHOOLS – No Report</u>	
8.	<u>TREASURER’S REPORT – No Report</u> Still on track. Low spend this month.	
9.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS – See Matters Arising</u>	
b.	<u>ELGIN FUND COOPER PARK – See Matters Arising</u>	
c.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u> Bob Anderson represents ESAF on the Grant Lodge Short Life Working Group (SLWG) and reported that the SLWG had undertaken a community consultation on the future use of Grant Lodge. 200 returns were collated and a single package could fit all and the SLWG are to work with Council officials to work up the option. A trust is to be formalised. The next meeting of the SLWG is on 29/10/2014 where they will look towards HIE funding. Alastair Kennedy represents ECC on the SLWG.	RA
10.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u> Gordon Methven reported that the Community Award ballot boxes had been distributed. Details of the awards are on www.moraycommunityawards.com . Nominations can be submitted via info@tsimoray.org.uk The awards ceremony is to be on Friday 21 st November in the Alexander Graham Bell Conference Suite, Moray College UHI.	GM
b.	<u>TRAINING – No update</u> The JCC are arranging training on the Role of a Community Councillor and Conflict Management	

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11.	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Flooding: Alastair Kennedy asked if there was anything we can do regarding the flooding on Masedieu Road. Cllr John Divers made reference to a recent meeting between the Moray Council Leadership, Scottish Water and Richard Lochhead. It was agreed to lobby Scottish Water for some assistance.</p> <p>Parking: Alastair Kennedy reported issues with cars being parked on the verges at Edgar Road.</p> <p>Broadband: Bryan Watson noted superfast broadband is being installed in Elgin and offered to get a speaker from BT.</p> <p>Future Speakers: BT (See above), Ann Davidson from REAP and Elaine Penny from Moray Council were suggested.</p>	
12.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING – 11 NOV 2014</u></p> <p>7:00pm Tuesday 11th November 2014 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.</p>	
13.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 20:42.</p>	

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____