

A Meeting of the City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council was held in the  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.00pm.**

| 1. | <b><u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u></b> (* Associate, ** Youth)  | <b><u>ACTION</u></b>           |
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| a. | <p><b><u>MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair),                      Gordon METHVEN(Sec'),                      Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair),<br/>           Steven CHRISTIE,                              David CHAPMAN*,                              Andrew GRAY<br/>           Ann GLOVER,                                      Donnie MacLEAN,                              Pat PATERSON,<br/>           Eddie WALLACE,                                  Jim WISEMAN(Minutes).</p> <p><b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Patsy GOWANS,                              Cllr Graham LEADBITTER,                      Cllr Mike SHAND,<br/>           Kathy GRANT (Community Warden)      PC Yvonne SQUAIR (Police Scotland),<br/>           Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach).          Joanna PEEBLES (Scottish Water)</p> <p><b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Cllr James ALLAN,                                  Steven MILNE,                                  Mary WALL,<br/>           Gordie WELLS,</p>   |                                |
| b. | <p><b><u>WELCOME</u></b></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Joanna Peebles of Scottish Water.</p>   |                                |
| c. | <p><b><u>SCOTTISH WATER – Joanna Peebles</u></b></p> <p>Joanna Peebles introduced herself as the Regional Community Manager for Scottish Water and as such is the main point of contact for Community Council's in her area which Moray, Argyle &amp; Bute, Highland Region and the Western Isles. She acknowledged that it had been some years since anyone from Scottish Water had attended Elgin Community Council and added that she was also in the process of contacting the other Community Councils in Moray. Alastair Kennedy introduced himself as the Chairman of the Joint Community Council's in Moray.</p> <p>David Chapman asked about the boundary between SEPA and Scottish Water in relation to Sewers. Joanna Peebles explained that Scottish Water gets licences from SEPA in relation to all publicly owned septic wastewater assets but not privately owned ones. She added that Scottish Water used to do first time provision but this stopped about 8 years ago.</p> <p>James Wiseman said that Elgin Community Council had responded to the consultation on Scottish Water's Business Plan and commented that the consultation process adopted was one of the better ones we have had recently. Joanna Peebles said that the CEO of Scottish Water with herself will visit the Moray Council to explain the 2015-2021 Business Plan. Further information will then be rolled out to the Community Council.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy asked about the localised flooding issues in Elgin which he had written to the CEO about and Joanna Peebles confirmed that no help could be offered at the moment.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy thanked Joanna Peebles for her presentation and said that the Elgin Community Council appreciates being kept up to date.</p> |                                |
| 2. | <p><b><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Pat Paterson with no objections.</p>   |                                |
| 3. | <p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></b></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 1c – REAP, Elgin Scheme<br/>No update.</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3d – Gifts from Illinois<br/>Cllr Patsy Gowans advised that these can't go to Elgin Museum as they are not of any antiquity. The matter is to revert to Anne Glover.</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3a – Christmas lights<br/>In Gordie Wells absence, Alastair Kennedy read out his report updating the Community Council on the activities of the Christmas Lights Committee which included a collection at the farmers market and bag packing at Marks &amp; Spencers.</p> <p>d. Page 2 item 3e - Membership</p>  | <p>AG</p> <p>GW</p> <p>All</p> |

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|    | Continuing to seek ideas on how to increase membership.   | AK     |
| e. | Page 2 item 3f – Ladyhill Steps<br>This need is to be fed into the Town Centre Charrette.   |        |
| f. | Page 2 item 3g – Newfield Road<br>Matter concluded.   |        |
| g. | Page 2 item 3h – New bus route at Birnie<br>This route has started operation.   | AK     |
| h. | Page 2 item 3i - Community engagement.<br>Meeting with Gary Templeton to be arranged.   | JW     |
| i. | Page 2 item 3j – Local Development Plan<br>No Update still with the Reporter.   | JW     |
| j. | Page 2 item 3k – Elgin High School<br>James Wiseman & Alastair met High School project team and management to discuss resolving the objection.  | AGI    |
| k. | Page 2 item 3l – Veteran’s cottages<br>No Update  |        |
| l. | Page 2 item 3m – Community Concerns agenda item<br>See agenda item under committee reports  |        |
| m. | Page 2 item 3o – Flooding on Maisondieu Road etc.<br>See Scottish Water Item 1c above   | AK     |
| n. | Page 2 item 3p – Parking on verges of Edgar Road<br>No update   | BW/All |
| o. | Page 2 item 3q – Future speakers<br>Bryan Watson is waiting for BT to get back to him re’ attending ECC.  | All    |
| p. | Page 3 item 4d(2) – Wifi not spots<br>No not spots have been reported to ECC to date.   | AK     |
| q. | Page 3 item 4d(3) – Youth Crime consultation report to be done<br>Alastair Kennedy advised that he was intending to respond to the consultation.  |        |
| 4. | <b><u>AGENCY UPDATES</u></b>  |        |
| a. | <b><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – PC Yvonne Squair</u></b><br><br>Further to a recent alert on house breakings Police are asking people to be security conscious.<br><br>Parking is to be targeted particularly obstructive parking and the short term parking spaces and loading bays in Elgin High Street. Cllr Graham Leadbitter added that he has heard complaints from North Guildary Street and Commerce Street as well.<br><br>A campaign against domestic violence has been initiated and will be running in the lead up to Christmas.  |        |
| b. | <b><u>STAGECOACH – Krystian Kaczala</u></b><br><br>Smart Cards are now available for weekly and monthly tickets and they are reloadable online which should reduce the queues.<br><br>Krystian Kaczala highlighted some end of year statistics. Stagecoach carried 3.5 million passengers in Moray of which half were adults. Their busses travelled 4.5 million miles, consuming 2.2 million litres of diesel at about 8.5 mpg.<br><br>New Bus route at Birnie has started.<br><br>New Aberdeen Inverness route changes coming Feb 2015.<br><br>Only 2 routes are subsidised now.<br><br>James Wiseman reported that Stagecoach had been complimented by the Moray Forum for their input to the the transport group workshops. |        |
| c. | <b><u>SCOTTISH WATER – See above</u></b>  |        |
| d. | <b><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – See Report</u></b>   |        |
| e. | <b><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></b><br><br>None to discuss  |        |

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| f. | <b><u>DATA PROTECTION</u></b><br>Gordon Methven reported that the Data Protection Registration Renewal had been paid.  |          |
| 5. | <b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u></b>   |          |
| a. | <b><u>PLANNING</u></b><br><b>New Elgin High School:</b> See discussion in matters arising.<br><b>Brown Muir Wind Farm:</b> James Wiseman tabled proposed response and asked for comments. David Chapman highlighted some concerns he had had.  | JW<br>JW |
| b. | <b><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b><br>No report due to work required with the plants which Covebay delivered. Ann Highlighted the dog mess at Ladyhill.   |          |
| c. | <b><u>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION – See Report</u></b><br>The Moray Transport Guide is now out and will be delivered to every home in Moray. ECC are not contributing to the distribution of the guide.<br>BEAR Scotland are tackling verges on east road in respect of car dealerships unauthorised use of the verge. Boundaries are to be enforced. |          |
| d. | <b><u>YOUTH. – No Report</u></b>   |          |
| e. | <b><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></b><br>Bryan Watson reported 318 followers on Facebook and 127 followers on Twitter. Consideration was given to a facebook targeted advert.   |          |
| f. | <b><u>MEMBERS BUSINESS – No Items</u></b><br>Gordon Methven draw attention to the Crown Estate Review and the RAF Lossiemouth Annual Report available to read.   |          |
| g. | <b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT – See Report</u></b>  |          |
| h. | <b><u>SECRETARY'S REPORT – See Report</u></b>  |          |
| 6. | <b><u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u></b>  |          |
| a. | <b><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></b><br>See ESAF Minutes circulated and available on <a href="http://www.yourmoray.org.uk">www.yourmoray.org.uk</a>   |          |
| b. | <b><u>SPICE</u></b><br>See Minutes circulated.<br><b>Signs:</b> The signs for litter prevention are to be deployed by the end of February 2015.<br><b>Shrub Clearance:</b> The shrubs near the bus station were cleared and thanks to all involved.  |          |
| c. | <b><u>JCC &amp; COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></b><br>Alastair Kennedy gave a review of the November meeting mentioning particularly KCR seeking links to Community Councils, and Mark Palmer talking about the future austerity in Moray meaning resources will be tighter.   |          |
| d. | <b><u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTES – No report</u></b>  |          |
| 7. | <b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>  |          |
| a. | <b><u>New Elgin High School – See Planning</u></b>   |          |

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| b.  | <b><u>Elgin Academy</u></b>  |        |
|     | Pat Paterson and Mary Wall attended as Fair Trade representatives and ran a stall within the school.<br>REAP are to assist with an allotment.  |        |
| c.  | <b><u>Primary Schools</u></b>  |        |
| 8.  | <b><u>TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report</u></b>   |        |
| 9.  | <b><u>ONGOING TOPICS</u></b>   |        |
| a.  | <b><u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS – No Update</u></b>  |        |
| b.  | <b><u>ELGIN FUND COOPER PARK – No update</u></b>   |        |
| c.  | <b><u>GRANT LODGE</u></b><br>Next meeting is in the museum on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2015.   | AGr/AK |
| 10. | <b><u>EVENTS</u></b>   |        |
| a.  | <b><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></b><br>Gordon Methven reported that the Community Award ceremony was well attended on 21/11/2014. Lucy Lintott won the overall award. Thanks were given for the Excellent coverage given to the awards by the Northern Scot. Feedback received to date is positive and plans will be made for another event next year.  | GM     |
| b.  | <b><u>TRAINING – No update</u></b>   |        |
| 11. | <b><u>A.O.C.B.</u></b><br><b>Bring your own Heritage:</b> James Wiseman had attended the event held in the Library and described it.<br>Alastair Kennedy had attended an event at the youth café and was as part of the Grant Lodge Short Life Working Group where he met with a number of young people at Elgin Youth Café to get their views on what future uses have been proposed for Grant Lodge through the public consultation.<br><b>Sawmill Site:</b> Donnie MacLean highlighted that the sawmill site looks like it could attract travellers. It was understood that there were powers to remove travellers from construction sites. |        |
| 12. | <b><u>NEXT MEETING – 9 DEC 2014</u></b><br>7:00pm Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin.  |        |
| 13. | <b><u>CLOSE</u></b><br>There being no further business the Chair thanked wished everyone compliments of the season and closed the meeting at 20:33   |        |

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

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

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

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

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