

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.00pm

| 1. | <u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth) | <u>ACTION</u> |
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| a. | <p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Steven CHRISTIE, Andrew GRAY, 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, Cllr Graham LEADBITTER, Cllr Kirsty REID, Andrew MacKIE (Community Warden) PC Michael IRWINE (Police Scotland), Krystian KACZALA (Stagecoach) Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot)</p> <p><u>APPOLOGIES</u></p> <p>David CHAPMAN*, Donnie MacLEAN, Steven MILNE, Cllr James ALLAN, Cllr Mike SHAND,</p> <p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Andrew MacKie Community Warden and Councillor Kirsty Reid. He noted with sadness the death of Councillor Joe Mackay.</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES 11th November 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Steven Christie and seconded by Eddie Wallace with no objections.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>a. Page 1 item 1c – REAP, Elgin Scheme No update.</p> <p>b. Page 1 item 3d – Gifts from Illinois Anne Glover to contact library re displaying the gifts. Anne Glover & Mary Wall to propose a reciprocal gift.</p> <p>c. Page 1 item 3a – Christmas lights See update circulated by Gordie Wells.</p> <p>d. Page 2 item 3e - Membership Continuing request for ideas on how to increase membership.</p> <p>e. Page 2 item 3f – Ladyhill Steps Anne Glover reported that the steps had been repaired.</p> <p>f. Page 2 item 3i - Community engagement. Alastair Kennedy & James Wiseman to meet Gary Templeton and his team regarding community engagement in relation to the local plan and related topics.</p> <p>g. Page 2 item 3k – Elgin High School James Wiseman & Alastair Kennedy continued discussions with the High School project team and management to resolve the objection.</p> <p>h. Page 3 item 4d(3) – Youth Crime consultation Alastair Kennedy advised that he had responded to the consultation.</p> | <p>AG AG/MW</p> <p>All</p> <p>AK/JW</p> <p>JW/AK</p> |
| 4. | <u>AGENCY UPDATES</u> | |
| a. | <p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND – Sgt Michael Irwine</u></p> <p>Parking was targeted, particularly short term spaces in the town centre, and dozens of tickets were issued. A small number of complaints were received. School zone parking was also mentioned.</p> <p>497 calls were taken in the last month, which is high. There were no house breakings. National Security is currently at "heightened".</p> <p>Anne Glover asked about parking in Institution Road causing problems with visibility at East End Primary</p> | |

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| | <p>School.</p> <p>James Wiseman asked about the definition of parking zones in Elgin.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy raised concern about driving standards at the Bailey Bridge near the Moray Leisure Centre.</p> <p>In response to a question from Alastair Kennedy Sgt Irwine outlined the legitimate uses of the Plainstones area for vehicular access.</p> <p>Sgt Irwine advised police are giving these areas passing attention when they can.</p> | |
| b. | <p><u>STAGECOACH – Krystian Kaczala</u></p> <p>Services 31 & 35: New timetables start April 2015.</p> <p>Realtime information system to go live in May 2015. This system will enable better timetable compliance.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the new rail franchisee Abellio would be approaching Stagecoach with a view to integration of rail and bus services.</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>SCOTTISH WATER – No Update</u></p> | |
| d. | <p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN – Andrew MacKie</u></p> <p>Andrew MacKie started working in Elgin this week and has issued one FPN for dog fouling already. Anne Glover mentioned the dog fouling also occurring at the Ladyhill area and Andrew MacKie agreed to investigate periodically.</p> | AMacK |
| e. | <p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p><u>Local Development Plan</u></p> <p>The Moray Local Development Plan is still with the Reporter.</p> <p><u>Abellio Rail Franchisee</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy to issue notes of his meeting with the rail franchisee Abellio and George Littlejohn.</p> | JW AK |
| 5. | <p><u>COMMUNITY CONCERNS</u></p> | |
| a. | <p><u>Western Link Road</u></p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed to set up a subgroup including Gordon Methven, James Wiseman and the R&T committee in response to comments received via social media to look at the possibility of offering a compromise solution.</p> | GM |
| 6. | <p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u></p> | |
| a. | <p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>The Moray Local Development Plan is still with the Reporter.</p> <p>James Wiseman to close out objection to New Elgin High School ASAP.</p> <p>Response to Brown Muir Wind Farm Planning Application was submitted.</p> | JW |
| b. | <p><u>RECREATION, LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>Graham Leadbitter is now Chair of the Elgin Fare Trade Group.</p> <p>Under AOCB Pat Paterson requested a contribution of £80 to the admin costs of the Fair Trade Group and there was no objection.</p> <p>Planning is underway for the Fare Trade Fortnight in February & March 2015.</p> | |
| c. | <p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION – See Report</u></p> <p>BEAR Scotland are still tackling verges on east road in respect of car dealerships unauthorised use of the verge. Boundaries are to be enforced.</p> | EW |
| d. | <p><u>YOUTH. – No Report</u></p> | |
| e. | <p><u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u></p> | |

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| | <p>Bryan Watson reported he ran an advert on Facebook over Christmas and New Year which resulted in an increase from 318 to 407 followers on Facebook. This was successful and it was agreed to try a higher value advert in the future. We now have 137 followers on Twitter.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy to arrange for a facebook link to our page from Moray Council's website and to tie this in with the KCR interest in Community Councils.</p> | <p>BW</p> <p>AK</p> |
| f. | <u>MEMBERS BUSINESS – No Items</u> | |
| | <p>Paths for all: It was suggested that Steven Christie attend for SPICE and Alastair Kennedy to attend for ECC.</p> | SC/AK |
| g. | <u>CHAIR'S REPORT – See Report</u> | |
| h. | <u>SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Report</u> | |
| 7. | <u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u> | |
| a. | <p><u>ELGIN SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM</u></p> <p>There was no ESAF meeting in December.</p> <p>See also ESAF Minutes circulated and available on www.yourmoray.org.uk</p> | JW |
| b. | <p><u>SPICE</u></p> <p>See Minutes circulated.</p> <p>The signs for litter prevention are to be deployed by the end of February 2015. Meeting being held this week.</p> | SC |
| c. | <p><u>JCC & COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY PLANNING</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that the JCC meetings are now less formal. Each Community Council is being asked to give an example of something they have done such as the Findhorn Emergency Plan.</p> <p>Next meeting 12th February 2015.</p> | AK |
| d. | <u>TOWN CENTRE DESIGN CHARRETTE</u> | |
| | The public Charrette is being held in January – March. | |
| 8. | <u>EDUCATION</u> | |
| a. | <u>New Elgin High School – See Planning</u> | |
| b. | <u>Elgin Academy</u> | |
| c. | <u>Primary Schools</u> | |
| 9. | <u>TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report</u> | |
| 10. | <u>ONGOING TOPICS</u> | |
| a. | <u>DEANSHAUGH PLAYING FIELDS – No Update</u> | |
| | The planning application for the retention of the ramp has not been brought back. | |
| b. | <u>ELGIN FUND COOPER PARK – No update</u> | |
| c. | <u>GRANT LODGE – No Update</u> | |
| 11. | <u>EVENTS</u> | |
| a. | <p><u>COMMUNITY AWARDS</u></p> <p>Gordon Methven reported that at a review meeting the Community Award Ceremony was found to be a success and will be repeated next year.</p> | GM |

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| b. | <u>TRAINING</u> | |
| | Training on the role of the Community Councillor and mediation is in abeyance. Access to streets training follow up is coming soon. | |
| 12. | <u>A.O.C.B.</u> Steven Christie suggested that following the recent refurbishment of the Town Hall an advertising board should be considered to eliminate the need to sello-tape pages to the window. Eddie Wallace advised that himself and David Chapman would be attending the mobility forums next meeting. Councillor Patsy Gowans reminded everyone about the Health and Social Care Integration workshops that were being held in Elgin on 20 th January and 26 th January. Councillor Graham Leadbitter advertised the High School will be at the High Church raising funds for their Zambia trip. Councillor Graham Leadbitter said that Moray Access Forum is looking for members and anyone interested should contact Ian Douglas at Moray Council. Alastair Kennedy's suggestion posted on facebook about getting the Cathedral lit at night received some positive facebook so he proposed taking the idea forward and it was agreed. | SC EW AK |
| 13. | <u>NEXT MEETING – 9 DEC 2014</u> 7:00pm Tuesday 10 th February 2015 Council Chambers, High Street, Elgin. | |
| 14. | <u>CLOSE</u> There being no further business the Chair thanked wished everyone compliments of the season and closed the meeting at 20:40 | |

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

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

Chair: _____ Mr Alastair Kennedy

Date: _____