



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026
7pm at Elgin Community Centre**

Sederunt: **See attachment A**

Alastair opened the meeting in the usual manner and welcomed those present:

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests	SGT Pete Campbell – Police Scotland North East Sgt Pete Campbell is currently responsible for 10 officers, who work from Elgin Police Station. Looking at the key points from the recent Police Report; * Only one ASBO in effect at present, possibly down to the amount of work that needs to be undertaken for one to be issued. * Robberies from homes / business premises have decreased, Theft via shoplifting seem to be increasing. * Joint exercise – Police road unit & the Drone Unit from Dudee have been conducting a joint operation to tackle e Bikes – which are being ridden illegally on our roads and footpaths. These bike which are not expensive are being driven by youths without any insurance , committing numerous driving offences. * Drink / Drugs driving – incidents of drink driving are in decline whereas Drug driving (mainly youths) is on the increase. * Pete went on to say that the Police rely on information from the public when tackling crimes such as E bikes & Scooters, cuckooing and other general crimes.	

	* Questions * Can the E-bikes / Scooters be insured - As far as we are aware you can't get motor insurance for them hence; they can't be used on public roads. Many of those who are using them on the roads wear masks thinking that we can't identify them, but other methods can be used for identification. * Is there education at schools - Steph Bayliss is the Schools Liaison Officer * Scams – At any one time there are many scams on the go, fraud in general is a daily occurrence – dedicated team work day in day out to try and catch scammers. * The Police Report – All present agreed that the content and layout of the report are just right, we also have peter's details should we need to contact him.	
1.Previous Minutes 9th April 2026	Proposed : Graham Jarvis Seconder: Brian Irvine	✓
2. Matters Arising	NONE	
3. Finance Correspondence	All payments are up to date. ✓ A letter from Lossiemouth CC was read out, they are looking for support with their campaign to replace 'Arthurs Bridge' which is slowly deteriorating and becoming less suitable for use. It was agreed to write a letter of support.	Appendix B C
Gulls The Survey report Naturescot meeting Area Plans	Jonathan Heald issued his report following the survey of gulls which was conducted from the sky using a drone. This was as far as we are aware the first time a survey of gulls has been conducted using drones. The report has been widely accepted and goes to prove that Elgin does have a significant gull problem as the numbers show a much higher population of gulls than we had previously thought. The count did not include airborne gulls nor any chicks, just adult birds which were nesting. Following a second meeting with Naturescot which was held last week, we are now looking to set up a group to look at developing an area plan and ultimately a way forward with gull management. This group could comprise of members from the CC's Gull Group, Edward Thomas / Mike Rollo from Moray Council, Councillors, Pest Prevention /Control and waste	

	management. Although the area plan maybe Elgin centric the goal is to set up the plan in such a way that it can be replicated across Moray. With our neighbouring Local Authorities also charged with producing area plans the ultimate aim is to produce a document which will cover ALL areas which have a gull problem. The licensing system for nest / egg removal is not fit for purpose in its current form as it requires individual premises to seek a license which are either not issued or are issued too late and the chicks have hatched. A review of the system should also form part of the Area Plans including other methods of control such as sonic sound emission and the use of lasers. The push / pull system of management will also be looked at by the group. As it sounds this method is to pull gulls away from populated areas and to push them towards areas where they should naturally be. Next Step – Invite to and organise a meeting of a group to look at the area plan	STEVE
5.Elgin Christmas lights.	Steve asked the CC members if they would be willing to Sponsor fleeces for the Elgin Illumination group. The fleeces Would have the main Illumination logo on the breast and the CC logo on the sleeve. The CC members were in favour of this but asked that we provide some costs before the final agreement is made.	
6. Cooper Park Ladyhill	Alison reported to the group that the Cooper Park master plan is on the last stages of becoming finalised. Work in the park which has already started is now a couple of months behind schedule. The proposed amphitheatre has been dropped, yet the controversial board walk over the pond remains. The request for a bandstand is unknown at this time. Ladyhill comes under the care of Moray Estates, Grant Speed, Lands & Parks MC is to investigate funding sources for the resurfacing of the paths both at the gardens and the access path to the top of the hill including the steps.	
7. The Deep Clean	Elgin High Street underwent a ‘deep clean’ late 25 early 26 but already is showing signs that nothing was done. There was discussion on this and the question was asked as to why the money spent wasn’t allocated to the purchase of a street sweeper which could have been used two or three times/week to keep on top of the cleanliness.	

8. Elected members	The new development for Tesco at Findrassie has been approved, 1st Elgin Scouts have several issues at their site at the Wards, Elgin. These include problems with the main hall which is in desperate need of repair. Construction has started on the South Street Site The new cemetery is now complete, expected to be brought into use in early 2027 The consultation on the replacement playpark next to Greenwards Primary School is complete. Ground breaking has taken place for the new housing site at Bilbohall The consultation on taxi fare increases has been opened. A blocked outlet pipe on the junction of Grampian Road and Pansport Road is to be replaced. Traffic disruption will be kept to a minimum.	
9. AOCB	Asda has lodged an objection to the proposed Aldi development at Elgin Retail Park, siting that the move from Greyfriars Road / North Street will be detrimental to the Town center. On looking at the objection, it is very weak on content and there are more notices in favour of the development in comparison to the single Asda objection. Future meetings – Invite Hilda Jeyns from the Neighbourhood Board to come along and give us an update.	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 14th JULY @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date 12th May 2026

NAME	ATTENDING	APOLOGIES
Alan Bell	✓	
Alastair Kennedy Chair	✓	
Alison Stockley	✓	
Anne Mitchell	✓	
Brian Irvine	✓	
David Chapman		✓
Douglas Clark		✓
Diane Burgess	✓	
Graham Jarvis	✓	
James Wiseman	✓	
Olusegun Adebayo		✓
Ron Cameron		✓
Samuel Zizighi	✓	
Steve Christie Secretary	✓	
Jonathan Weald	✓	
Amber Dunbar Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Elaine Kirby Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Jereme Fernades Cllr Moray Council	✓	
John Divers Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Peter Bloomfield Cllr Moray Council		✓
Sandy Keith Cllr Moray Council	✓	
Debra Duke CCLO Moray Council		
Mark Crowley, Sophie Dinak-Martin Community Wardens		
Gary Templeton & Diane Anderson, Moray Council		
David P&J		
Sean Angus Press		
Andy Imlah	✓	
Jimmy Leith	✓	
Peter Lovet	✓	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

01 – 30th June 2026

Opening Balance 01/05/2026 **£6,713.81**

Expenditure

Minutes -**MAY** £0.040.00

INK for printer £0,052.70

Bank Charges £0.004.25

Venue Hire x 2 Elgin Town Hall £0.138.00

Expenditure total **£0,234.95**

Income

Income total **Nil**

Statement balance on 30th June 2026 **£6,478.86**

Prepared by Steve Christie 1st July 2026

Douglas Clark

Good morning, Kim.

Thank you for your help when I have contacted you about Stagecoach matters, and for arranging for Kyran Dyer to attend the last JCC meeting in Elgin.

Last week, I was disappointed to see a notice at the Elgin bus station waiting room announcing that the travel shop there will be closed permanently from 26th June, 2026. I spoke yesterday to the very helpful lady who runs the travel shop to thank her for all the help she has provided to numerous passengers over the years and to wish her well for the future. This facility will be sorely missed.

It is also disappointing after all the discussion about improved communication and the need for consultation with bus users that the closure seems to have been decided without any effort to keep bus users informed, other than the printed notice on the waiting room door appearing about two weeks ago.

When was the decision to close the travel shop taken, please, and by whom? Why did nobody from Stagecoach contact the community council to alert the council to the decision? Actions speak louder than words and it seems that the recent reassurance from Stagecoach that it wants to work more closely with community councils are simply so many words.

I understand that the lady at the travel shop has been made compulsorily redundant. I can't remember how many years she has worked there but it was certainly pre-Covid so she would have needed to have been informed of the redundancy at least six weeks before the closure. Correct me if I'm wrong but that would imply that the decision to close the travel shop was known before Kyran Dyer attended the JCC meeting in May 2026, but no mention of the impending closure was made.

If Stagecoach really is serious about wanting to improve communication with bus users and communities, then this would appear to be an inauspicious start.

Kind regards

Douglas Clark
for City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Kim Shaw

29 Jun 2026,
13:40 (2 days ago)

Hi Douglas

No problem at all, happy to help.

Appreciate your concerns regarding Elgin Bus Station, I have copied in my colleague Mike MacMillan who will respond.

Thanks

Kim

Hi Douglas,

Thank you for your email and for raising your concerns.

I appreciate the disappointment felt by many passengers regarding the closure of the travel shop and recognise the valuable service it provided over a number of years.

The decision to close the travel shop was taken at a level above the local management team. While we fully appreciate the importance of keeping local communities informed, there is a formal process that must be followed when changes affect colleagues, and it is important that staff are advised through the appropriate channels,

I understand the point you raise regarding Kyran Dyer's attendance at the JCC meeting in May. However, Kyran would not have been aware of the travel shop closure at that time and therefore would not have been in a position to discuss or communicate it.

I would also clarify that the notice period involved was 30 days rather than six weeks.

I appreciate your comments regarding communication and relationships with local communities. The local team remains committed to working positively with community councils and bus users, and we recognise the importance of open dialogue as we move forward.

Kind regards,

Mike

Mike MacMillan | Area Operations Manager

Inverness, Tain, Aviemore & Elgin

Douglas Clark

Fri 26 Jun, 09:17
(5 days ago)

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