



*The City and
Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

**Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 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	NONE	
1.Previous Minutes 9th June 2026	Proposed : Graham Jarvis Seconder: Brian Irvine	✓
2. Matters Arising	Fleece's for Elgin illuminations – the members of the CC agreed to sponsor the cost of fleece jackets for the Illumination group – Proposed Graham Jarvis Seconded – Brian Irvine	
3. Finance Steve Correspondence	All payments are up to date. ✓ The question of as to why an audit of the accounts is being requested for a third time in year - Alastair to put this to Debra Duke CCLO. None	Appendix B AK C
4. Gulls Area Plans	As reported at the May meeting the development of an area plan with a view to gull control is to be undertaken. The first meeting of the group who will be partly responsible for this has taken place albeit with a number of people missing. The CC members who attended the meetings with Naturescot are of the opinion that the £10,000 awarded to	

	Moray Council for the development of an area plan was to be further disseminated to local groups involved in this work. It transpired at the meeting that the Council are to use this money to develop a 'Policy' for the control of gulls which is not what the CC had thought. Steve felt that the production of such a policy is backward and that public consultation should happen first to find public opinion and use that as a basis to write any policy. Alastair felt that it is not what was asked for by Naturescot and that any policy written would end up on a shelf never to see the light of day At a recent Naturescot event held in Perth attended by Cllr Amber Dunbar, the survey conducted by Jonathan was discussed and those present were keen to see something similar conducted in other areas, as it was felt that the results were much different from survey conducted from ground level. Diane said that the proposed area plan needs to reflect what the issues are and what it is intended to do about them, an example of this is the aggression which the birds display and carry out towards the public.	
5. Planning James Wisman Edgar Road	James informed the group that Leiths have launched an appeal against the decision given regarding the proposed quarry at Myreside Birnie. He feels that there is no substance to the appeal and that the objections as made by Elgin CC still stand, it is felt that all other objectors will take the same stance. Members of the CC have expressed concern regarding the entrance / exit from Elgin Retail Park which they feel will only be exasperated with the inclusion of Aldi on the site. Unlike the nearby Springfield Retail park there is only a single entrance /exit to the site onto which is already a busy road, with traffic issues which are still subject to build up due to transporters servicing both Arnold Clark and Hawco car sales. CC members feel that these issues need to be looked at in more detail and resolution made to improve traffic management from the retail park and on Edgar road itself.	
6. Cooper Park Alison Stockley	Alison gave her latest update regarding the park to the group. The proposal is to remove the fence which runs along the side of Alexandra Road from the Grant Lodge to the Library / Halfords area and replace it with a continuation of	

Ladyhill	the wall which forms the entrance to Grant Lodge. It was agreed that this would enhance the area. Work on the toilet block has started but that on the pond was held up due to a nesting GULL with chicks but has now recommenced with work being undertaken to repair and improve the paths along the edge of the pond. Alastair mentioned that plans for a proposed amphitheatre near the new toilet block / café have been dropped due to the cost being an eyewatering £800,000 which he and the rest of the members felt was grossly exaggerated. Nothing to report	
7. Asset Transfer Alastair Kennedy	Alastair explained to the members that the Elgin Sports Community Trust (ESCT) which run the Gleaner Arena have applied for an asset transfer relating to the adjoining ground to the arena. If successful, this would be used to build a sports complex further enhancing sport in Moray. Following discussion, the members agreed to support the application.	
8. Public meeting	Alastair, Brian and Steve recently held a meeting with 43 members of the community from the Newfield Road area of Elgin. They are concerned that SSEN plan to build a new power sub-station next to their homes. As far as we are aware not decision on a site has yet to be reached nor applied for by SSEN. – Further updates on this will be given as they transpire and following any further meetings.	
8. Elected members	Amber and Sandy being the only elected members present gave the following updates. • Funding for the Grant Lodge redevelopment has been confirmed. • The Coastal Communities Fund is now open and stretches 13km inland. Moray is seeing an increase in more funding than have had before. • Housing – consultation on a pet policy , performance indicators published by Scottish Housing Regulator, Electrical testing – council working hard to catch up with this work on council homes. • The money originally earmarked for the EHS extension will now be invested in work to Buckie High School • The STEM center at the library is very popular and busy, the center funded by the Moray Growth Deal is still subject to conditions and bookings.	

	The playpark at Greenwards primary is due to be installed in early September this comes following consultation with the public to choose the design and equipment for the park.	
9. AOCB	Future meetings – Steve has been in contact with Kirsty at SSEN regarding a return visit – Likely to take place in either October / November depending on availability. Alastair is to invite both Hilda Jenks and Jackie Andrews to a future meeting to tell us about the Neighbourhood Board. Underpass – Allan vented his frustration at the apparent lack of work to repair the hand rail at Elgin’s underpass on Alexandra Road. Cllr Keith said that he would chase this up with Amey who are responsible for this work. Bus Station – Pat Patterson informed members that the waiting room at the bus station is now CLOSED, We were unaware of this as recent communication with Douglas had only mentioned the closure of the travel shop which Douglas had mentioned as being a loss to commuters not only local but from further afield. Alastair informed Pat that we would ensure this is brought to the attention of Douglas whom he is sure will chase it up as a matter of concern. Steve also mentioned that Douglas intends to chase up issues with Elgin Railway Station following his return from London. NOTE: The next meeting of the Joint Community Councils (JCC) is due to take place on 11th August 7pm in Elgin Community Center - papers expected soon.	DOUGLAS CLARK
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 9th AUGUST @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	

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Attendance record

Meeting date **14th July 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 Heald			
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		
Pat Patterson		✓	
Jimmy Leith		✓	



Attachment **B**

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Finance Report

01 -31 JULY 2026

Opening Balance 01/07/2026 £6,478.86

Expenditure

Minutes -JUNE £0.040.00

Microsoft office Subscription £0.059.99

Bank Charges £0.004.25

Information Commissioners Office £0.052.00

Venue Hire x 2 Elgin Town Hall £0.090.00

Expenditure total £0,246.24

Income

Income total Nil

Statement balance on 30th June 2026 £6,232.62

Prepared by Steve Christie 2nd August 2026

