



*The City and Royal Burgh of
Elgin
Community Council*

*Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 in Elgin
Community Center at 7pm*

Sederunt: **See appendix A**

Mr Kennedy opened the meeting in the usual manner and welcomed all present:

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests	Diane Anderson and Eily Webster both Moray Council. Diane and Eily have come along to update the CC on where they are at in terms of the Levelling Up Fund and in particular the transportation proposals. Since 2022 many costs for projects have escalated which may lead to some minor changes being made. • Work has commenced to transform the former Gordon Arms Hotel on Elgin High Street in to a creative arts center. This will ultimately contain a dance studio, rehearsal rooms, art rooms and an art gallery amongst others. • The South Steet Development is also underway with the demolition phase being complete, building has started on the 38 flats for Cairn Housing, a commercial development and a courtyard. • Flood alleviation works are to take place along the stretch of Edgar Road – Linkwood Road. • Upgrades to both the Laich Moray & New Elgin Road roundabouts will be upgraded, however more extensive upgrades may take place in future once it is known about a possible A96 bypass across Moray. • The work to install rise and fall bollards in Elgin High Street - Batchen Street, and Commerce Street is still on schedule, along with other improvements and the relocation of disabled spaces, and a taxi rank.	



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	Q. Douglas asked about emergency vehicle access once the bollards are in situ – the emergency services will be issued with access fobs James – Edgar Road and in particular access and exit from Elgin Retail Park once Aldi relocate their store to that site – these will be scrutinised and any changes made as required. The flow of traffic around the car park will also be looked at and changes made as necessary. Arnold Clark – have previously been warned about transporters stopping directly in front of their premises – anyone seeing this happening are encouraged to make note of the date, time and vehicle and to contact the police. Graham asked about vehicles trying to enter the Plainstones area from the ‘Costa’ end as currently when challenged drivers either swear, or extend the middle digit, no vehicles should enter the area from that direction signage clearly states that. William Fitsimmons commented on vehicles parking on the pavement between the Cadora chip shop and Poundland, this practice will cease as the area is to be redeveloped for the relocated disabled spaces. A taxi rank will be reinstalled beside Wetherspoons on East High Street. Diane and Eily will return once there are further updates on these projects.	
1.Previous Minutes 11th August 2026	Proposed : Diane Burgess Seconder: David Chapman	✓
2. Matters Arising	None	
3. Finance	Alastair – permission to order and pay for poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday – granted.	Appendix
Correspondence	An email received from OCU working on behalf of SSEN network – they would like to come along and talk to us about	B



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	upgrades to the network taking place across Elgin and the North of Scotland. Steve has responded to the email and has provisionally invited OCU to attend our October meeting subject to agreement of members – ‘Granted’ the invite will now be confirmed.	Steve
4. Agenda setting	Steve explained to the members that a vital part of each meeting is setting the agenda, until now that has been undertaken by Alastair, Brian, Alison and Steve. As Brian has had to step back due to health issues, we are looking for a member to assist with the agenda, a meeting which is usually held a week prior to the meetings to keep items current. Graham Jarvis agreed to join the meeting – Steve will keep him updated.	Graham / Steve
5. Gulls	The Gull sub group continue to meet with the area plan being the main agenda item. Jonathan is currently writing an application for funding to Naturescot, this will be used to further enhance the survey work and to develop software to make the interpretation of the drone footage easier.	
6. Planning James Wisman Edgar Road Maryhill Health Center	The subject of the Elgin Retail Park was raised earlier in the meeting and will be ongoing. James informed members that the works required at Maryhill Health Center appear to have been escalated via the NHS and we expect to hear that the improvements to the carpark will take place.	James
7. Cooper Park Alison Stockley Ladyhill	The Masterplan for the park is all but complete - and will be on display at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Board event on Elgin High Street. No update	
8. Elgin High Street	The cleanliness of Elgin High Street continues to be raised on a number of forums, especially the ‘closes’ some of which are described as being both a health hazard and dangerous (when wet) Questions being asked as to why	



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	there is no street sweeper available – Cllr Divers mentioned that Elgin BID as was were in the process of looking at the purchase of a suitable machine, and the current one as used by the council is too big for many of the areas within the center of town. It was also raised that the current consultation into the introduction of a ‘Tourist Tax’ is somewhat farcical given the mess and emptiness of Elgin Town Center which is hardly inspiring to local far less tourists. Members were urged to complete the consultation which can be found on the Council website.	
9.Christmas Lights	Alastair and Steve asked the CC members if they would agree to the CC becoming the main sponsor for this year’s Christmas lights – Agreed with a sponsorship limit of £500.00	
10 Commendation	We spoke earlier about the cleanliness of the Town Center, there is a particular shop owner who cleans his shopfront everyday just as shopkeepers did in the past. It was agreed that the shopkeeper in question is worthy of a commendation, something that may inspire others to do the same. Steve agreed to look into this and arrange something ahead of the next meeting.	Steve
11. Elected members	Moray Council is amongst the first local authorities to agree for the undergrounding of cables for EV charging where it is not possible for residents to either park on a driveway or find an alternative charging point. The cables would be placed in a channel below the surface of the pavement and covered with a removable, level surface plate permission will be required before any channels are made and this work will be done at the residents expense. Education – recent talk of school mergers would not affect Elgin – these are mainly focused on rural schools	
12.. AOCB	The issues regarding the closure of the waiting room at Elgin bus station still persist, despite being told that the room is open 8 – 2 ? and that the green film covering the widows has not been removed as promised. The introduction of additional benches is at present unknown; we have been told that yes they will be installed but when?	DOUGLAS



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	There has been no consultation on the works to upgrade the electricity network at either end of the town, and there were major issues regarding the closure of the pedestrian crossing on Alexandra Road. There is a consultation regarding the relocation of New Elgin Post Office from its current location to the service station further up New Elgin Road. Members may wish to complete this consultation by there will be no formal response from the CC given our past experience of PO consultations – and we can accept that this will also be a ‘fait au complete’	
NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER @ 7pm, ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	



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Attendance record

Meeting date 8th September 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		✓
Jeremie 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		
Diane Anderson & Eily Webster	Moray Council	✓	
David	P&J		
Sean Angus	Press		



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William Fitsimons	✓	
Jimmy Leith	✓	

Appendix B

Finance Report

01-30 September 2026

Opening Balance 01/09/2026

£6,717.19

Expenditure

Minutes **August**

£0.075.00

Bank Charges

£0.004.25

Elgin Town Hall – ECC & Gull meetings

£0,270.00

Internet security (AK)

£0,125.00

Stationary

£0,079.72

Frame for commendation (3)

£0,018.99

Expenditure total

£0,572.96

Income

ZERO

Income total

Statement balance on 04 October 2026

£6,144.23

Prepared by Steve Christie 4th October 2026