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Minute of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 in Elgin Community Center at 7pm

Sederunt: **See appendix A**

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

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTIONS
Guests **OCU – Jennifer & Richard**	Jennifer & Richard both OCU – working on behalf of SSEN Jennifer and Richard have come along to update the CC on progress to upgrade the electricity network within Elgin. The work involves the laying of a new underground cable between the substation at Trinity Road to an upgraded substation at Bilbohall. This work is essential to upgrade and protect the power supply to the Bilbohall area, including a new housing scheme which is the first of many new homes planned for this area of Elgin. The route for the new cable will see it eventually come out at Young Street where it will then cross the railway line using H poles and then transferring back to underground ducting and on to its destination. Jennifer explained to those present that both she and Richard have been and shall be talking to as many local groups, schools and businesses to keep them updated regarding the works which are funded by OFGEN. The first phase of this project is scheduled for completion by April 2027	
Kevin McPherson – Police Scotland	Kevin has joined us this evening, following the publication of the latest police report, of which he gave those present an update on the key points. There are currently 8 volunteers (special constables) who work with the Elgin station. These volunteers for which there is no restriction in numbers, carry out a wide variety of jobs and can carry out most of the duties of the full time Police.	

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1.Previous Minutes **8th September 26**	**Proposed : Graham Jarvis** **Seconder: Alastair Kennedy**	✓
2. Matters Arising	Alastair asked the elected members why £500k of funding had been relocated from the vacant sawmill site at Linkwood Road to the Gordon Arms project on the High Street. – The move is due to there being no progress on the sawmill site, and unlikely to be for some time. Graham said that the Levelling Up Board were not consulted about the moving of funds only informed. The Gordon Arms once finished will become a center for art, performing arts, music etc and although owned by the council it will be run by Moray Arts Development & Engagement (MADE)	
3. Finance **Correspondence**	The Finance report was circulated with the minute – No questions. The Accounts have been audited April – September and examined by Mr G Fraser – Passed as correct. Will now be submitted to the CCLO. Nothing other than that circulated by email. .	**Appendix B**
4. Planning **James Wiseman**	James mentioned that the application to convert a former office block 30 – 32 High Street into residential units has been approved. He did question whether or not the building formally occupied by TsiMoray is suitable for this type of conversion given that one of the towns busiest pubs is directly next door. The Maryhill Medical practice – The carpark issues seem to have been resolved. Steve Asked James if he could ask the planners if the proposed new shed on Grampian Road could be made subject to a condition whereby anti gull measures should be installed on the roof. Steve mentioned that it would in fact	

	be ideal if such conditions were applied to any new building with a roof area of 10m^2 or greater.	**James to enquire**
5. Gulls	The Gull group continues to meet on a regular basis; at the most recent meeting there was no representative from the council. We are also questioning the validity of a claim that the council are working on an area plan which doesn't involve the group and that Naturescot have been involved. We found out to the contrary that Ns knew nothing about it, which leaves a 'bitter taste' as we see it. And why is it that no one from the environmental team is involved only housing?	**Q**
6. Cooper Park	There have been numerous questions raised by the public as to the length of time it is taking to get the pond finished and refilled with water. This summer period has been a miss for the public and tourists alike as all that can be seen through the Harris fencing is a giant mud hole covered in weeds. Questions asked included are there any penalties applied to projects which are not delivered on time, and has the cost increased due to the extra time taking to do the job. An online survey has been launched asking those who take part what they would like to see happening with the Cricket Pavillion Overall, at present the general perception of council led projects is poor amongst the public.	
7. Elgin High Street	This is still a topic of discussion in and out with the meetings, Many people complain about the cleanliness and the general look of the place. With almost 40%of the North Side of the center being closed, it is hard to imagine them being reoccupied any time soon. Steve has written to both the waste and environmental services asking if members from their teams could come along and update us of the state of the place and what should be done to clean it up. We spoke previously about issuing commendations to those shops/ businesses which keep there area tidy. Steve	**Steve**

	now has the first one ready and is looking to organise a date for when the presentation could take place. – Once done will notify members via email.	**ALL**
8.Christmas Lights	Elgin Illuminations have been busy organising events to raise funds, these include a dining experience at Scribbles on 28th October and a quiz night at the Seaforth Club on 14th November.	
9. Maternity Services at Dr Grays	The announcement that there is a delay in returning the maternity service at Dr Grays to capacity and employing new staff comes as no surprise. The public perception of Grays is that it's a poor show with many of the clinics now being held in Aberdeen.	
10. Pansport outfall	Alastair asked the question as to what is happening with the works at Pansport. Cllr Kieth reported that work has been ongoing to unblock one of the pipes which was wrongfully blocked off during the flood alleviation works, but the work is scheduled to be completed on time.	
11. **Elected members**	The Cooper park master plan – admittedly there has been a lack of communication with the public – something that was highlighted by Gary Templeton a couple of months ago. The Council have been seeking to apply for funding to do something with the vacant St Giles Center- **watch this Space** **LEAMS –** Amber reported that the reason behind the council not reporting to keep Scotland Beautiful – is that of a money saving nature, "it is not mandatory to do this" – which seems to contradict the report and the call to KSB which says it is mandatory.	
12.. AOCB	Alastair invited the members to think about a Vice Chair as the position is currently vacant	
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		

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Sean Angus Press		
William Fitsimons	✓	
Jimmy Leith	✓	

Appendix B

Finance Report

01-31 October 2026

Opening Balance 01/10/2026 **£6,144.23**

Expenditure

Minutes **September** 0.075.00

Bank Charges 0.004.25

Expenditure total **£0,079.25**

Income

ZERO

Income total

Statement balance on 31 October 2026 **£6,064.98**

Prepared by Steve Christie 6th November 2026

