



**Minutes of Elgin North Area Forum
Vandalism and Litter Prevention Focus Group
Held on Thursday 26th February 2008
At New Elgin Primary School Annexe**

Present: Harry Torry (Group Chair), Alex MacMillan (Elgin Community Council), Eilidh McLean (Victim Support), Angela Stuart, PC Phil Cameron

In attendance: Michelle Gillibrand (Support Worker)

Apologies: Stuart Sim

Note of the last meeting on 11th December 08: The note of the last meeting was accepted as a true record after the correction of 'prosecutions' was changed to 'fixed penalty notices'.

Matters Arising:

- Elgin Community Council are progressing the idea of a Youth Community Award Scheme.
- The Moray Forum invited Chief Inspector Mackenzie to their last meeting where he gave a presentation on the proposed 'Community Champions' in relation to vandalism.

Feedback from the Moray Forum, the Stronger and Safer Theme and Engagement Groups: The Moray Forum had written to the Safer and Stronger Theme group to discuss the possibility of a Moray-wide campaign on vandalism and litter. This was discussed by the Theme group who felt there were enough initiatives on the ground in taking this forward. The meeting thought the Theme Group did quite understand the what was been suggested so Harry agreed to meet with Andy Jamieson, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, to discuss further.

The Way Forward: There followed a long and detailed discussion on the challenges of continuing to improve on the incidents of vandalism and littering. It was felt along with a positive campaign there should also be a harder line in the local judicial service with people being prosecuted. It was agreed before approaches are made to the Fiscal and the Scottish Executive on this matter information needed to be gathered to make sure the group were not basing their facts on perception. Eilidh agreed that she would look into this.

Action: Eilidh

Also agreed was Michelle to gather information on local initiatives which relate to the Safer and Stronger Theme Group and SOA.

Action: Michelle

AOCB:

Keep Scotland Beautiful- National Spring Clean Event – Michelle informed the group about the campaign. The group also asked Michelle to speak to the Academy and Amy Cheer about young people being involved in the Vandalism and Litter Prevention Focus Group.

Action: Michelle

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 16th April 2009 at 7pm, at the Elgin Primary School Annexe.**