

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on
Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

Present

Aileen Marshall (Chair)
Steven Christie (Vicechair)
Rebecca Kail, Resident
Linda McKenzie, Resident
Elizabeth Scott, Resident

Mary Dow (Secretary)
Louise Ellerby (Treasurer)
Marilyn Kelly, Resident
Daniel Scott, Resident

In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers
Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)
Cllr John Sharp

PC Ivor Gunn
Cllr Graham Leadbitter

Mr Dave Gowans, Moray Flood Alleviation Group for duration of Item 2.

Apologies:

Christine Clerk
PC Christopher Harris, Grampian Police

Lyn Young
PC Jamie Macmillan, Grampian Police

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.	<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Dave Gowans, Flood Alleviation Officer gave a detailed presentation on the Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to ask questions:-</p> <p>Q. How high will the embankments be? A. The highest will be 3m although most are between 1m and 1 ½m.</p> <p>Q. How wide will the walkway be on the new Pansport Bridge? A. Probably 2m.</p> <p>Q. What is the timescale for the Pansport Bridge to be built? A. It will take two years to complete.</p> <p>Q. What will the height of the bridge be? A. Approximately the same as the existing bridge.</p> <p>Q. Timeline for scheme. A. Work will commence on site on 4th April 2011 and be completed by May 2015.</p> <p>Q. How will embankments be built and be kept stable? A. Clay like materials will be used to build the embankments together with a clay liner. Testing labs are now on-site to take samples of materials to ensure appropriate materials are used. Embankments will have 1-3m slide slopes and the grass will need to be kept short.</p> <p>Q. Will embankments be turned into a feature? A. Cllr Divers advised that Elgin BIDS and Elgin Funds are looking into what they can do.</p> <p>Q. What is the timescale for work on the Tyock? A. Starting in year 2 and finished in year 3. This will be tied into the embankment works as materials from the Tyock may be used. The water table will drop in the Tyock when channels built.</p> <p>Q. Will the work have an impact on the properties at the back of Pets at Home? A. No impact.</p> <p>Q. Why not dredge Lossie?</p>	

	<p>A. We do not know when we are going to get another flood and we need to be prepared. Dredging can take 80-90 tonnes per flow which may help a bit but not much (2002 flood was 140 tonnes). Normal flow rate is 1-2 tonnes. Dredging will destabilise the riverbanks and bridges. This will slow down the river and will be replaced by sand and gravel and is therefore not a sustainable solution. Sediments will continue to flow through.</p> <p>Q. Is this a sustainable solution with climate change as it is?</p> <p>A. The Scheme will protect businesses and properties. Have to satisfy government of economics of building the scheme. Business case has to be approved by government economists.</p> <p>Q. In September 2009 New Elgin Road was flooded due to surface water not the Tyock, what is to be done about this?</p> <p>A. Maybe we can deal with this locally, we are working with Scottish Water towards solving the problem.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall thanked Dave Gowans for his presentation.</p> <p>Dave Gowans advised that they were in the process of arranging an information day at Elgin Library and this will be publicised (possibly on 7th June 2011).</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>Community Issues</p> <p>Asda Steps - Rebecca Kail advised that a response had been received from Asda advising that they are looking at replacing the steps with a ramp. Rebecca Kail also reported that she has written to Network Rail regarding the ESAF concerns over the access route. Members agreed for Rebecca Kail to continue to liaise with Network Rail/Asda on behalf of the Forum. Rebecca Kail agreed to inform BIDS of situation.</p> <p>Springfield Update – Aileen Marshall advised that Christine Clerk had prepared a report following their meeting with Joe Geoghegan and Springfield Properties</p> <p>Aileen Marshall reported that herself, Rebecca Kail and Christine Clerk had met with Joe Geoghegan and Kenny Shand of Springfield Properties to discuss access for pedestrians and cyclists at the new proposed development at Glassgreen. They felt the meeting was very positive and their points were taken on board. Rebecca Kail advised that she requested an update on access to the Linkwood Medical Centre. Mr Shand offered to investigate the question of the fence, he thought the land on the other side of the fence belonged to Barratt Homes. Alastair Kennedy agreed to get an update on the path from the C&RBoECC.</p> <p>Outcome of Western Perimeter Roads Consultation – Aileen Marshall advised that she had responded to the consultation. Details of the outcome of the public consultation can be found at http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_67565.html.</p> <p>Older Peoples Reference Group – Aileen Marshall advised that interviews were in progress to appoint a Geriatrician. A fuller report on the meeting would be given later.</p> <p>C&RBoECC – Aileen Marshall advised that members had raised concerns at reports of anti-social behaviour in Hossack Drive (later reported in the Northern Scot). Aileen Marshall suggested the subject of anti-social behaviour and housing policy could be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Forum Issues</p> <p>Future Speakers - suggestions:-</p> <p>Change Fund / Health and Social Care – Sandra Gracie. Housing – Mike McClafferty or Jill Stewart Anti-Social Behaviour Officer (Andy Jamieson)</p>	

	<p>Adrian Moar – Grampian Police Drug and Alcohol team – Carol Chambers</p> <p>It was agreed that Sandra Gracie would be asked to give a presentation at the next Themed meeting in July. Which speaker(s) would be best around the topic of housing/anti-social behaviour would be discussed further at the Office Bearer's meeting.</p> <p>Area Forums Conditions of Funding</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked members for any points that they wished to be raised to the Moray Forum. The following comments were put forward:-</p> <p>Patronising document. Delete last four points. May deter people from joining forum. Already have Constitution and do not feel we need anything else. Language extremely strong. Conflict of interest clause – examples (financial/family interests). One member felt the signing of the form was for the Grant clause only, is this correct?</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>Aileen Marshall advised that Kieron Green, Chair of the Elgin North Area Forum was leaving the area and wished him all the best.</p> <p>NE Hall Event 22nd May 2011 between 2-4pm. Full details had been sent to all members.</p> <p>Outdoor Access Trust for Moray – meeting on 21st June 2011. Aileen Marshall agreed to write to advise that the Forum was unable to send a Representative due to being held on the same evening as the ESAF meeting. Also ask for us to be kept informed.</p> <p>CDAS Briefing – e-mailed to all members.</p> <p>Parking Standards – Rebecca Kail agreed to forward any comments (if required, in her judgement) to Aileen Marshall by Friday 20th May 2011.</p> <p>Community Support Unit – more information should be available within the next week.</p> <p>Community Spaces Programme – e-mailed to all members. Please pass any suggestions to Aileen Marshall.</p> <p>Nominations for local hero to open Scottish Parliament on 31st May 2011. Nominations can be made through the STV Elgin website.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 7.00pm in NEON Building.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.35pm.</p>	