

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Aileen Marshall (Vice Chair) (Minutes) Christine Clerk (Treasurer) Marilyn Kelly Linda McKenzie	Cllr John Divers Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Andrew Mackie, Community Warden	Steven Christie Cllr Graham Leadbitter Cllr James Allan

**MINUTES:**

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome</b> Jim Wiseman took the chair and welcomed everyone including Andrew Mackie, Community Warden, who is replacing Kathy Grant during her secondment to Social Work.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were noted as above.	
3	<b>Minutes From Previous meeting – January 2015</b> The minutes were accepted without amendment. <b>Proposed</b> James Wiseman. <b>Seconded</b> Aileen Marshall	
4	<b>Matters arising</b> <b>Item 6B Roads and Transportation</b> <b>WLR.</b> Alastair Kennedy clarified the position of the ECC group looking at the WLR. It will explore the possibility of compromise on the WLR. <b>Developer Obligations.</b> Per Alastair Kennedy. The JCC and Planning Department are together to launch a Consultation on this issue, possible timing March-May. An info leaflet on the Local Plan is also in production. <b>Lighting.</b> Per James Wiseman. The MC response regarding the lack of street lighting at Troves was that the road had not been adopted to date. There was therefore no lighting obligation and it was a matter for the developer. It was confirmed that Troves is outwith the ESAF area. School rezoning proposals would not change the situation.	
5	<b>Community Warden/Police Update</b> Andrew Mackie informed the group of his long standing experience as a community warden, originally in east Aberdeenshire. Two dog-fouling and one litter fixed penalties have been issued in the last month. There is to be a priority on fast-food litter problems in the coming weekends in Elgin. It is possible that community wardens will assume responsibility for abandoned vehicles. He gave a very interesting account of the Junior Warden schemes he had run in Aberdeenshire. These involved 2 P7 pupils from each secondary school in the area and lasted for 5 days during school holidays. Various aspects of community safety were explored. The response was extremely positive, with excellent spin-offs. It was hoped to run similar courses in Moray with the first planned for October holidays in either Elgin or Buckie. He can be contacted on 07800760662 or via the Community Safety Partnership Facebook page. <b>Multi-member Wards Local Area Plan for Elgin South.</b> Inspector Ewan Strachan had asked for our input. After consideration the following	

	<p>priorities were identified</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Antisocial behaviour in flatted properties</li> <li>2. Littering, particularly weekend</li> <li>3. Domestic Abuse / Bullying</li> <li>4. Blue Badge abuse</li> </ol> <p>James Wiseman to contact Ewan Strachan with this information</p> <p><b>Access to Elgin Police Station</b></p> <p>Linda McKenzie had attempted to visit Elgin Police Station during daytime recently. Entry was not possible. Instead, a message regarding other ways of contacting the Police was played. As we have no recollection of limited access in Elgin being indicated during the recent consultation, it was decided that this should be taken up with Ewan Strachan for clarification at the same time.</p>	<p>Action JW</p> <p>Action JW</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ISSUES &amp; UPDATES</b>	
<b>6.a</b>	<p><b>Schools Sports and recreation Matters</b></p> <p><b>Elgin High School</b></p> <p>The new build EHS has now finally been given official go-ahead.</p> <p><b>Re zoning</b></p> <p>John Divers was able to show us a map of the re-zoning proposals. The Greenwards/New Elgin changes really only bring the zones into line with what is actually the situation. The New Elgin/East End changes may be slightly more controversial. The map also showed the catchment area for a proposed new Elgin South primary school. Even with the new build, the New Elgin roll is expected to be around 400 within a few years. This new school will be added to the Elgin High catchment area. A new school for Elgin North was also shown.</p> <p>There will be a public consultation beginning immediately after the school Easter holidays.</p> <p>Public Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April New Elgin Hall 7-8.30</li> <li>• Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April in Town Hall 2-3.30 and 7-8.30</li> </ul> <p>Paul Watson from Education will attend our May meeting.</p>	
<b>6.b</b>	<p><b>Roads and Transportation</b></p> <p>No new information</p>	
<b>6.c</b>	<p><b>Health and wellbeing</b></p> <p>Per Aileen Marshall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attended the Moray Adult Health and Social Care Integration Consultation public workshop on 26th January. It was a very small but also very effective event with genuine conversation between officials and participants.</li> <li>2. The Integration Consultation has now closed. There will be consultation later on the Strategic Plan where we can have input into priorities. We should be able to have input into our Local Area plan as well as the Moray-wide one.</li> <li>3. News that Linkwood Medical is removing from its list 400 patients in Duffus, Hopeman and Lossiemouth because the practice has expanded so much with the new housing in Elgin South. <i>There was considerable discussion on this point. NHS Grampian had been asked (during our Local Plan discussions) whether provision of any new medical facilities were planned for Elgin. The response was an emphatic no. Should we wish to take this further it is not clear whether it will be an NHS Grampian responsibility or that of the new Joint Health &amp; Social Care Board.</i></li> <li>4. Richard Lochhead has sent a very full response to my letter detailing his key issues for Dr Gray's. These include the need to provide Dr Gray's with greater influence and recognition in NHS Grampian's management decisions, a commitment to ensure that the issues and challenges at ARI do not detract from the issues at Dr Gray's and Moray, and a request that some of the more serious local issues including the recruitment to key posts are given urgent attention. He would be happy to meet with us during recess.</li> </ol> <p>James Wiseman to contact Richard Lochhead with a view to inviting him to one of our meetings, possibly April.</p>	<p>Action JW</p>

	<u>Other Health Issues.</u> Discussion of ongoing communications issues at Dr Gray's and more generally.	
<b>6.d</b>	<b>Housing and Welfare</b> No report	
<b>6.e</b>	<b>Environmental matters including SPICE</b> No report	
<b>6.f</b>	<b>Town Centre Charrette</b> Per Aileen Marshall <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attended the Elgin Charrette Masterplan Workshops on 26 January. This was an important preparatory event leading up to the Public Charrette 2-5 March. It focused on a vision for Cooper Park and a vision for Culture and Tourism. It tries to bring together all the various initiatives including Elgin City for the Future and Castle to Cashmere.</li> <li>2. The Public Design Charrette covers a variety of events which are open to anyone. They include a Future Walk and various workshops. There will be an exhibition on the final day. The full programme is available on the Moray Council website.</li> </ol> There is to be a final exhibition on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 3pm/7.30pm.	
<b>7</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> The balance is £7, 388.25 There was a short discussion on the Consultation on Forum funding. No conclusion was arrived at.	
<b>8</b>	<b>FORUM ISSUES</b> <b>a Planning Ahead</b> Christine Clerk will take minutes at the March meeting. The Vice-Chair may be needed to take the April meeting <b>b Forum Action Plan</b> <b>c Membership</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Moray Forum</b> No further report. See Treasurer's Report for Funding discussion	
<b>10</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> All correspondence has been circulated via the e- mailing list <b>TSI Newsletter 28/1/2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Tutors for Adult Learners Wanted</li> <li>• Volunteer Manager's Network Meeting</li> <li>• Role of Trustees/Board Members Training</li> <li>• REAP is looking for Directors/Trustees</li> <li>• Central Elgin Restoration</li> <li>• Book Bug Training</li> <li>• Job Opportunity with Quarriers</li> <li>• Hope UK Presentation</li> <li>• Saltire Awards Training</li> <li>• Elgin Practitioner Network Meeting - Children, Young People and Families</li> </ul> Rotary Swimathon 2015	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b> <b>Bus Stop Issue.</b> Marilyn Kelly brought up the lack of convenient bus-stop for returning Rothes/Dufftown passengers from the Bilbohall area. Alastair Kennedy agreed to take this to ECC who have ongoing links with the bus company.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Date of next meeting is 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7pm in NEON	