

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on
Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

Present

Aileen Marshall (Chair)
Steven Christie (Vicechair)

Mary Dow (Secretary)
Louise Ellerby (Treasurer)

In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers
Cllr John Sharp

Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)
PC Stuart Sim

Apologies:

Christine Clerk
PC Jamie Macmillan, Grampian Police
Cllr Graham Leadbitter

PC Christopher Harris, Grampian Police
Rebecca Kail

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.	<p>Minutes of meetings held on 19th April 2011 and 17th May 2011.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record:</p> <p>Proposed: Steven Christie Seconded: Louise Ellerby</p> <p>Louise Ellerby congratulated Mary Dow on the format of the Questions and Answers layout in the minutes of 17th May 2011.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes</p> <p>19th April 2011</p> <p>2. Cllr Divers advised that the meeting with Colin Mowat had not yet taken place, however, Community Groups would be informed when the Open Day has been arranged.</p> <p>5.8.1 Cllr Divers reported that two football pitches together with single storey changing facilities at Thornhill Road would possibly be ready by next Spring.</p> <p>6.5 Louise Ellerby advised that the Post Office were not notified of the 'No Waiting Proposals' discussed at the previous meeting. Aileen Marshall agreed to write to James Smith to ask why businesses were not informed of these changes and find out if they have now been finalised.</p>	AM
4.	<p>Community Issues</p> <p>4.1 Elgin High School Improvements – Mary Dow gave an update on the Parent Council's campaign to secure appropriate funding for the much needed improvements to Elgin High School. She advised that MSP's had visited the school and, as stated in the Northern Scot, they are supporting the Parent Council's campaign to obtain match-funding from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Cllr Divers advised that Moray Council were fully aware of the work required to the High School.</p> <p>Following a lengthy discussion, the following actions were agreed:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aileen Marshall to write to the Elgin High School Parent Council pledging the Elgin South Area Forum's support of their campaign. 	AM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aileen Marshall and Alastair Kennedy (Chairman of the C&RBoECC) to liaise and compose letters to John Swinney MSP and Mike Russell MSP in support of the Parent Council's campaign after the Parliamentary recess (August 2011). It was agreed that the letters should be shown to the EHS Parent Council before being sent. 	AM/AK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight at the Cabinet meeting in September 2011. 	AM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Dow agreed to keep the Forum up to date with progress. 	MD
4.2	C&RBoECC – Alastair Kennedy advised that the C&RBoECC have written to The Moray Council requesting they look at the disabled parking spaces in the High Street. It was suggested using parking spaces at TK Max's car park and highlighting this to the Disability Forum.	
4.3	Asda Steps – On-going.	RK
4.4	Future of Grant Lodge – Steven Christie advised that a second meeting to discuss Grant Lodge was due to take place on 23 rd June 2011. Steven Christie agreed to report back at next meeting.	SC
4.5	Elgin North Area Forum – Aileen Marshall advised that following Kieron Green's resignation as Chair, Sheila Hollis and Donnie McKay have agreed to become Joint Chair.	
4.6	Changes to Community Support Unit – Aileen Marshall advised that this document had been circulated to all members. Aileen Marshall stated that should the Forum require support then this should be made available. Gillian Bailey has agreed to attend the Office Bearer's meeting to be held on 6 th July 2011.	
	Alastair Kennedy advised that the C&RBoECC had responded to this letter raising a number of concerns. Alastair Kennedy agreed to forward a copy of this letter to Aileen Marshall for information.	AK
4.7	Consultation on Changes to Community Care Programme – After a lengthy discussion, the following actions were agreed:-	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aileen Marshall suggested Louise Ellerby look through document and make comments. The possibility of Sandra Gracie bringing someone to next meeting who would be in a position to answer questions on the document. 	LE
	Aileen Marshall advised that a response could wait until after the next meeting as the Consultation does not close until 19 th August 2011.	
4.8	Housing Allocation Policy – Cllr Divers advised that he has requested a review of the Allocation Policy in view of the problems recently experienced in Hossack Drive.	
	It was agreed to invite a representative from Housing at the meeting in September 2011. This would be discussed further at the Office Bearer's meeting.	
5.	Treasurer's Report	
	Louise Ellerby advised that the balance of account stood at £5,327.40. It was suggested that members claim expenses to reflect a true record of the running costs of the Forum.	ALL

<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p> <p>6.6</p> <p>6.7</p> <p>6.8</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Proposed temporary closure of Glover Street – Circulated 18th May 2011.</p> <p>Glassgreen Path – Circulated 20th May 2011.</p> <p>DTA Community Ownership of Assets.</p> <p>Elgin Flood Workshop – Aileen Marshall advised that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss ways of keeping members of the public informed of progress of work.</p> <p>Climate Change Action Plan – circulated 13th June 2011. Aileen Marshall advised that Rebecca Kail will be attending the follow-up workshop on 1st July 2011 and will represent the Forum but not give views of Forum.</p> <p>Moray Transport Seminar – Anyone interested in attending please let Aileen Marshall know.</p> <p>Community Spaces/Big Lottery – Information passed to Louise Ellerby.</p> <p>Cabinet Meeting in Elgin on 6th September 2011 – Circulated 16th June 2011. Aileen Marshall advised that she would like to attend and anyone else interested can apply direct.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Questions for next month’s speaker – Sandra Gracie, Strategy Development Officer, MCHSCP</p> <p>Overview of Change Fund</p> <p>What are health influences?</p> <p>How is current thinking changing?</p> <p>Changes to Social Care and background information.</p> <p>MCHSCP –How does Moray measure up re. Report on MCHSCP.</p> <p>What differences are there to present set-up?</p> <p>Mary Dow to pass questions to Sandra Gracie.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>Area Forum Draft Code of Conduct</p> <p>Members present were happy to sign up to the new draft Code of Conduct and had no issues/concerns.</p> <p>Forum Membership</p> <p>Aileen Marshall advised that she had contacted the Linkwood Residents Association to invite a representative to attend, but did not receive a response. Aileen Marshall agreed to ask Gillian Bailey to contact the Linkwood and Westfield Residents Associations’ in an attempt to increase Forum membership.</p> <p>Louise Ellerby suggested a leaflet be circulated to houses giving information on the Elgin South Area Forum and details of their local Representatives. It was agreed to discuss further at the next Office Bearer’s meeting.</p> <p>Northern Scot article – Aileen Marshall agreed to follow-up article.</p>	

9.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 19 th July 2011 at 7.00pm in NEON Building. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.	
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