

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on
Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

Present:

Aileen Marshall (Chair)	Mary Dow
Steven Christie (Vice Chair)	Rebecca Kail
Christine Clerk (Treasurer & Minute Secretary)	Elizabeth Scott
Linda McKenzie	James Wiseman
Louise Ellerby	Mary Dow

In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers
Cllr Graham Leadbitter

Apologies:

Daniel Scott	Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)
Marlyn Kelly	Linda McKenzie
Cllr James Allan	Catherine Sinclair

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted on the attendance sheet.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2012</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record with the following amendments</p> <p>Item 3.1 & 3.2 Steven Christie's name was misspelled.</p> <p>Item 5 Western Link Road. The minute that Councillor Leadbitter "explained that Councillors have difficulty refusing a Planning Applications which are recommended for approval because going against that advice removes support of Council Officers were a legal action to be raised", should have referred to the fact that this was in the context of applications for developments that are in the local plan which councillors have voted on previously. He also emphasised that is made it "difficult" but not "impossible" to refuse.</p> <p>Item 6.3A about Elgin High School said that Councillor Divers confirmed that the existing school could not be refurbished when in fact he said that it had been proven that a refurbishment option would be more costly than a new build option.</p> <p>Item 7 Treasurers Report should have reported the balance of ESAF account as £5,103.90 and not £5,103.88.</p> <p>Proposed: Steven Christie Seconded: Jim Wiseman</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes 17th April 2012</p> <p>None</p>	

<p>5.1</p>	<p>Community Issues/action group updates</p> <p>Western Link Road(WLR)-Update</p> <p>Concern was expressed in the meeting that the three parent councils who have a vested interest in the WLR are not entitled to send a representative to the Pre Design Value Management Workshop on June 1st.</p> <p><u>Action.</u> Aileen Marshall to write to Dave Gowans</p> <p>Cedarwood had been contacted for their opinions on how the road would affect their residents. No action requested</p> <p>Clarification was given on the walk through the WLR route on Friday 31st May. A Roads Officer would stop at various points throughout the route to identify specific issues to deal with. The walk will not be an opportunity to revisit the necessity of building the road. <u>Action</u> Forum members participating in the walk to meet up at Aileen Marshall's house after 8.30pm</p> <p>A request was made for a representative who was familiar with designing Streets from SUSTRANS. <u>Action</u> Aileen Marshall to write to Dave Gowans requesting he invite Alex Botrell, SUSTRANS to attend the workshop on Friday 31st</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Meeting with Richard Carey, NHS Grampian</p> <p>This meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th May in Room 5, NEON at 7.00pm. It will be a joint meeting with Elgin North Area Forum and Elgin community council. It was agreed that Catherine Sinclair would take the minute and would receive £40 as standard payment for minute taking at Forum meetings.</p> <p>A discussion arose on possible questions for Richard Carey. No questions were to be sent in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Possible Questions for Richard Carey</p> <p>Areas of Concern</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining Service Levels 2. Maintaining Quality of Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Dementia • Geriatricians • Foot care issues • Integration with Community Services – how will the cash be re-distributed? Will this affect the viability of Gray's? E.g. UTIs. Did this consultation pass us by? <u>Staffing Issues</u> Surgical Staff dealing with Medical Issues and vice-versa. Adequacy of staffing levels, staff morale. Staff per category/over time GP Out-of-hours cover working in A&E so no cover Split Management does not make for coherence. • Children's Ward – what is happening – staffing at Consultant level. • Clinics – what is going on e.g. Epilepsy, Pain. Plans to move clinics to GPs? • Mixed Wards? • Quality of NHS Consultations – no real engagement or communication 	<p>All</p>

<p>5.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulation with Highland/Raigmore • 'Convalescent' hospital beds in Elgin • Mental Health Services (Ward 4) • Signage within Dr Gray's inadequate. • Dr Gray's 5/10 years time – what will the hospital be doing? What input will the community have? How and when will reviews take place? <p>Elgin High School Update Mary Dow advised that Elgin High School Parent Council have written to Alex Salmond, Mike Russell and constituency MSP's advising of Moray council's commitment of funding and EHS being their sole priority in the bidding process. Bids are to be submitted by 21st July 2012. The outcome should be known by early Autumn 2012.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Universal Credit issues –Update Steven Christie reported that he had attended meeting in Aberdeen the previous week on UC. The Bill has been passed but no system to administer the benefit has been put in place. He alerted the meeting to changes to Housing Benefit which will depend on the age and number of occupants in a tenancy. This measure will lead to an increase in homelessness. Also a disadvantage to lower income families due to most benefit claims requiring to be made on line.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall thanked SC for his report and advised him to keep the Forum informed of developments.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Litter Pick Steven Christie informed the meeting that SPICE (Strategic Partnership for the Improvement of the City of Elgin) had organised a litter pick. After the litter pick there will be an awareness campaign with the Grampian Police. The Police will be running spot checks and giving fines for littering.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The balance of account stood at £5,063.90</p> <p>£40.00 was paid to James Wiseman for minute taking on 17 April 2012</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p>Forum Issues</p> <p>Future Meetings The next forum meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 June and James Wiseman agreed to take the minutes.</p> <p>Farmers Market This will be a joint venture between the Elgin North and Elgin south Forums, to be held on the Plain Stones, High Street, Elgin on 30th June. The event intends to publicise the work of the forums who will share the cost. Elgin North's support worker Rhona will formulate the questions. Volunteers are asked to attend for about 1 ½ hours. It was suggested that Business cards might be of assistance for the Forum. <u>Action</u> Office Bearers to investigate the cost.</p>	<p>AM, CC SC</p>

<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p>	<p>Admin assistance No other candidates for the position have been identified.</p> <p>Records Management/Data protection This business has been set aside until the Moray Forum discuss the issue.</p> <p>Membership Forms Aileen Marshall welcomed the return of Louise Ellerby to the Forum Any new members, who have not filled in a form, please do so. Although all residents are welcome to attend, membership allows voting.</p> <p>Time spent on Forum Business Aileen Marshall logged 25 hrs 31min. Steven Christie logged 49 hrs</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Correspondence VAM Competitive Tendering Circ 21/4 ENAF Farmers Market Circ 21/4 Litter Pick Info Circ 22/4 ENAF Papers Circ 26/4 CCB Training Opportunities Circ 26/4 Litter Pick Areas Circ 27/4 ECC Minutes Circ 27/4 EHS Letter Circ 2/5 Moray Forum Letter re Data Management Circ 2/5 Suicide Prevention Plan Circ 3/5 ECC Papers Circ 7/5 Community Fair Minutes Circ 11/5 CSU Web Page Circ 11/5 Volunteers Tea Party Circ 11/5 VAM EBulletin Circ 14/5</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 19th June 2012 at 7.00pm in NEON Building. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>	