

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

**Present:**

Aileen Marshall (Chair)  
Steven Christie (Vice chair)  
Christine Clerk (Treasurer)  
Marilyn Kelly  
Linda McKenzie

Mary Dow  
Rebecca Kail  
Danny Scott  
Elizabeth Scott  
Catherine Sinclair (Minute Secretary)

**In Attendance:**

Cllr John Divers  
Cllr Graham Leadbitter  
Cllr John Sharp  
PC Ivor Gunn (Grampian Police)  
Caroline S Webster (EDSAG)  
Ian Smart (EDSAG)

Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)  
Ian J L Bournier  
James Smith, Moray Council Roads Dept.  
Sheila Hollis (ENAF)  
May McGarrie (ENAF)  
James Wiseman

**Apologies:**

Louise Ellerby

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting including members from Elgin North Area Forum, Elgin Designing Streets Action Group and James Smith, Moray Council</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Short Presentation: <i>The Traffic Order Process</i>, James Smith, Traffic Engineer, Moray Council</b></p> <p>A presentation was given explaining the process and different types of traffic orders.</p> <p>Any objection must be made clearly, in writing before the deadline. The Forum need not respond if they support an order, however expressing strong support can be useful.</p> <p>If there is a split decision within the forum, a system needs to be in place to deal with this e.g. majority carries.</p> <p>Requests for more information or an objection must be made clearly i.e. general support if a few things were to be changed is not useful.</p> <p>Objections go to the Committee who deal with them on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Committee reports will now be sent with traffic orders to give some background.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Speakers: <i>Elgin Designing Streets Action Group</i></b></p> <p>Aileen Marshall reported that she and Rebecca Kail had attended the Western Distributor Road (WDR) pre-design meeting which covered speed limits, provision for cyclists, pedestrian use, residents' parking etc.</p> <p>Key points from speakers:</p>	

	<p>The group does not object to the distributor road in principle. It has lost some trust with Moray Council about the process undertaken. Members of the group feel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- News seemed to break rapidly</li> <li>- Least popular route chosen, plan 'rushed through'</li> <li>- Actions by Moray Council suggest Wittet Drive had always been the preferred option</li> <li>- Conflicting information on who had removed A96 turn-off option</li> <li>- Objection by Cllr Divers overturned by Roddie Burns, Moray Council Acting Chief Executive and Chief Legal Officer</li> <li>- Concern that when Alexandra road becomes a boulevard, WDR will become a temporary A96</li> <li>- Concern that demands of developers and monies paid by them to Moray Council are outweighing needs of residents</li> </ul> <p><b>Designing Streets</b> is a Scottish Government policy. Roads should be viewed as a multi-use space, not only for conveying traffic. A sense of place should be preserved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design should be sympathetic to residents' needs</li> <li>- Speed is kept to a minimum to support vulnerable road users</li> <li>- Speed management is designed in</li> <li>- Safe road crossings are in place</li> <li>- On street parking is retained</li> <li>- Visual impact is designed out</li> </ul> <p>The group is seeking more groups and members to provide a greater weight of public opinion. The group has to decide how to proceed as continuing to consult with Moray Council could be seen as tacit acceptance of the current junction proposals. There is potential for design decision undertake on Wittet Drive to be rolled out to the rest of the Distributor Route so now is a good time to take action.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall commented that the area of road between Wittet Drive and Edgar Road, proposed to have a 40mph limit is also an area of concern and has no group looking after its interests.</p> <p>It was agreed EDSAG should go on the next ESAF agenda for discussion</p> <p>Rebecca Kail advised the Designing Streets policy was very readable (<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/03/22120652/0">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/03/22120652/0</a>)</p>	<b>AM</b>
5.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record:</p> <p>Proposed: Rebecca Kail      Seconded: Steven Christie</p>	
6.	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b></p> <p>Equipment purchase for the Forum has been delayed until data protection policy is in place and admin support is resolved</p>	
7. 7.1	<p><b>Community Issues/action group updates</b></p> <p><b>Elgin High School</b> – Cllr Divers and Cllr Leadbitter advised Moray Council has submitted a bid of £7 million for a new School. No decision will be announced until after elections. A Regional Sports Facility had fallen off plans but has been reinstated while a feasibility study is undertaken. Continued lobbying for this after elections is advised especially as Moray Economic Strategy and Elgin City of the Future Strategy mention using a hangar at RAF Kinloss.</p>	

<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p><b>Cockmuir Place speed limit</b> – Aileen Marshall had written to say the Forum welcomed this Road Order.</p> <p><b>Litter Group Update</b> – due to meet 18.1.12. The Draft Strategy is starting to take shape and will incorporate Govt. Legislation and public conveniences.</p> <p><b>Maternity Services Consultation and Other Dr Gray's Issues</b> – a discussion was held that, although the summary does not appear to suggest much change, it would be worth attending the Public Meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to gain further information. It is of concern that there may be gradual attrition of clinics and skilled staff. Alastair Kennedy suggested the Forums and Community Council work together. An extra Forum meeting to be arranged to discuss how to respond by the deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012</p> <p><b>Sports Forum Proposal</b> – Aileen Marshall is to respond suggesting Harry Torry explore this with Moray Spots Council and report back to the Forum.</p> <p><b>Management Restructuring of Education &amp; Social Care</b> – it was agreed to respond in support provided the administrative changes work within the department, the. Further consultations should be examined as they may lead to service delivery changes.</p> <p><b>Any other Community Issues</b> Living Longer event 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Change Fund Allocation meeting for Older People</p> <p>Heritage Exhibition and Proposals, Elgin Library till 7<sup>th</sup> March – Danny and Elizabeth Scott advised there was a computer presentation and 4 large documents to look at</p> <p>Referendum Consultations – Scotland Office website closes 7<sup>th</sup> March, Scottish Government due out Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – respond as individuals rather than a Forum</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The balance of account stood at £5,272.88</p> <p>£30.00 was spent on newsletter training £24.96 was spent on an AGM advert in The Northern Scot</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Third Sector Single Interface – circulated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011.</li> <li>- City of Elgin Taxis – (not circulated as not in electronic form) Aileen Marshall to write in support of this letter and that it is hoped the Litter Strategy Group and Elgin BID can progress this. Cllr Divers reported the Licensing Committee will look at this after the election</li> <li>- Telecare Service – Temperature Monitors – circulated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011</li> <li>- Community Planning Partnership Newsletter – circulated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011</li> <li>- Winter Takes Hold in Moray - circulated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011</li> <li>- Change Fund Third Sector event - circulated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Aileen Marshall attended part of the event)</li> <li>- Litter Group information circulated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011</li> <li>- ECC meeting on WDR circulated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012</li> <li>- ECC letter from George P Littlejohn to Scottish Government re Rail</li> </ul>	<p>AM</p>

	<p>Upgrading circulated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rural Direct Roadshow circulated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012</li> <li>- Young Scot of the Year awards - circulated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012</li> <li>- North Alliance Third Sector CPD needs survey - circulated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012</li> </ul> <p>Marketing Skills Workshop 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – FOC from Community Support Unit. Aileen Marshall to attend. Christine Clerk will attend if available. Any others wishing to attend to let Aileen Marshall know</p>	<b>Any</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Forum Issues</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>ESAF reps for Moray Forum, Elgin Community Council</b> – Steven Christie to act as Representative at ECC as currently co-opted. Aileen Marshall requested one other Forum member attend Moray Forum meetings with her	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Membership Forms</b> – were filled up at the meeting	
<b>10.3</b>	<b>Future meetings, Choice of Speakers</b> – it was agreed there would be no speaker at the next meeting in order to discuss matters arising from January meeting	
<b>10.4</b>	<b>Time spent on Forum Business</b> – please log hours spent on Forum business as agreed and return at the next meeting or to Aileen Marshall if unable to attend	<b>All</b>
<b>10.5</b>	<b>Inspection Feedback</b> – link to final report was circulated. It mentions ESAF for information only	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	Linda McKenzie advised the new bus shelter at Glenlossie Drive was of poor design as it was not weatherproof and had glass panels. A discussion was held. Cllr Divers agreed to take up this issue so the design would not be used elsewhere.	<b>JD</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.00pm in NEON Building. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.	