

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 18th September 2012 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
Aileen Marshall (Chair) Steven Christie (Vice Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer)(minutes) Marilyn Kelly Linda McKenzie	Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Cllr John Divers Ian Todd (Community support Unit) Sheila Hollis (Elgin North Area Forum)	Cllr James Allan Mary Dow Cllr Graham Leadbitter Louise Ellerby James Wiseman Elizabeth Scott Daniel Scott Catherine Sinclair Rebecca Kail Kathy Grant (Community warden) Gillian Bailey (Community support Officer)

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1.	Welcome Aileen Marshall took the Chair at 7:00pm, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
3	Previous Minutes The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Steven Christie; Seconded: Marilyn Kelly	
4	Matters Arising From Any other Community Issues Item 4.4. Safe Route to School Cllr Graham Leadbitter sorted this matter on Wednesday 22 nd August. Item 4.4 Linda Adam, former Support Worker for the Forum thanked them for their good wishes on the occasion of her leaving to take up a new post. Item 4.4 Oldmills. The Reporter's decision has been upheld and the owner has three months to remove the articles listed in the schedule. A report will be sent to Historic Scotland about the issues surrounding Oldmills. Item 7 Jessie Farquhar had agreed to check the Books for the end of this financial year. Item 8.2 Richard Carey has indicated that he would return to the Forum next year (2013) and has sent two possible dates. Item 8.5 Community Fair. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant John Dacre will open the community Fair on Saturday 22 nd September, not the Lord Lieutenant as advertised. <u>From Response to Richard Carey and Elaine Brown meeting 30th May 2012 at Neon</u> Aileen Marshall asked the meeting for immediate questions for Elaine Brown, Service Planning Lead NHS Grampian. It was felt the response did not answer the point about the Pain clinics starting in Elgin. It was felt that consultants could come to Elgin for a	Action

	<p>few nights to avoid patients having long journeys to Aberdeen. The meeting also felt that the savings made by the merging of budgets for care of the elderly should stay in Moray. The question was asked as to who the responsible officer Amanda Croft was.</p> <p>Signage- Adequate</p> <p>A&E- There has been no feedback to the Forum as to whether Triage is happening.</p> <p>Geriatrician – An appointment was made at the end of August 2012</p> <p>Podiatry – Lynn Parton (Moray Disability Forum) has responded that Maryhill Health Centre, Elgin would recruit enough people to deliver the service if it was cost effective.</p> <p>Information and Engagement –Elaine Brown is in communication with the Forum</p> <p>Glassgreen Medical- There are no plans for a Patient Forum at Glassgreen.</p> <p>It was generally felt in the meeting that their concerns were being addressed and they were grateful for the response. The Chair asked the meeting whether any points needed to be added to the list of questions for Richard Carey. No decision has yet been made as to whether questions will be sent. The point was raised that there was no mention made about bringing clinics closer to Elgin. The meeting was informed that there was still time to respond to the document.</p>	<p>AM to find out.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Copy of the meeting to Lynn Parton</p> <p>Action</p> <p>AM to respond to Elaine Brown</p>
5	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	
5.1	<p>WLR (Western Link Road)</p> <p>The public exhibition has been postponed until October. Frank Knight has contacted the Forum about the Community Engagement session in the Territorial Army Hall, Elgin on Wednesday 10th October from 12 to 8.00 and Thursday 11th October from 9.00 to 5.00pm</p> <p>The workshop materials have already been sent. The option of traffic lights instead of a roundabout is being looked at. Rebecca Kail will not be available for the workshop and would like to link up with Frank Knight prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Linda Mackenzie informed the chair that she was not in receipt of Group emails about the WLR only emails which had been sent individually.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>A further meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>Emails to Linda Mackenzie sorted</p>
5.2	<p>Wind Energy Consultation Wednesday 5th September 2012</p> <p>The chair informed the meeting that she had a very positive meeting with Gary Templeton (Department of Environmental Services, The Moray Council) at the Consultation. Also she commended the letter sent by James Wiseman about the proposed Brown Muir wind farm which was sent on behalf of the Community council. The chair praised the attention to detail and strategic thinking in this letter. Alastair Kennedy ((C&RBoECC) informed the meeting that no response had yet been received to the letter.</p>	
5.3	<p>Elgin High School</p> <p>There will be an announcement on Elgin High school about the 25th of September. The meeting acknowledged the positive signs for funding and awaited the result.</p>	
5.4	<p>UNIVERSAL CREDIT and Welfare Reform</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the system put in place by Ian Duncan Smith had not been tested. There will not be a consultation on this legislation. All welfare groups are concerned and Dame Anne Begg (Labour MP for Aberdeen south) has stated that people will end up homeless as a direct consequence of this reform</p>	

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5.5	<p>ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES AND UPDATES</p> <p>SPICE – and Taxis.</p> <p>Spice was now involved with the concerns that Taxi Drivers should wear smart dress. The Taxi drivers have met up with Jaqui Taylor (Elgin BID) for discussions. There will be no proscriptive collar and tie rule but advice has been given on what not to wear.</p> <p>Spice has put in an application for around £25,000 to mount an anti-litter campaign. He described the "butt- pouch" a portable ashtray.</p> <p>These would be distributed where there are many cigarette stubs. Cllr Divers stated that people on community Payback orders might be involved in clearing up litter. There would be decision on this in the next few days.</p> <p>A litter pick with schools had been organised to cover the area near the railway. The rubbish will be sorted into tins and bottles with all other rubbish collected together.</p> <p>The old Railway beside the Cottar Hoose has been identified as a focus for underage drinking. The Grampian Police are aware of this.</p> <p>Community consultation on budget cuts</p> <p>Moray Council needs to cut £30 million (11%) from its budget over the next four years.</p> <p>To do this the council will have to reduce spending significantly, which will impact on many of the services TMC provides. To identify the services and facilities that are most important to you, The Moray council are holding a variety of events to gather your views: Roadshows will allow you to meet the councillors and managers, discuss your ideas and get a deeper understanding of TMC services.</p> <p>Cllr Divers informed the meeting about The Moray Council's plans to engage the whole community on the forthcoming consultation.</p> <p>Fair Trade</p> <p>The community engagement exercise for Fair trade has only one target left out of the five needed to get Moray recognised as a Fair trade area.</p> <p>Community support Unit update</p> <p>Ian Todd (Community support Unit) informed the meeting that there would be no loss of support to the Forums due to the leaving of Linda Adam. The 24 hours for that post would be reallocated. Denise Gormley would now be working full-time. She would now be the main point of contact for the Forums. The remaining 11.65 hours would be advertised as a separate post in the CSU. Ian informed meeting that he would now be attending the Forum meetings to gather information.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) questioned Ian Todd on the continued level of support to the community council. Ian Todd assured the meeting that there would be no loss of support. There was a dedicated Community council liaison officer with 20 hours.</p> <p>Elgin town hall</p> <p>Concerns were expressed in the meeting as to what was happening with the town Hall. The Pantomime was concerned that it would lose its venue. There was no other suitable venue. The Elgin and strathspey fiddle society has no venue. There were also problems obtaining insurance .</p>	SC
6	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	Christine Clerk advised the remaining balance is £5,938.49. £40 was spent to pay for minute taking at the last meeting. The Chair advised the meeting to submit	All

	outstanding expenses before the end of the financial year on 30 th September.	
7	FORUM ISSUES	
7.1	<p>Future Meetings and Minutes</p> <p>Rebecca Kail offered to take minutes at the next meeting. The meeting was informed that a minute taker was required for the Forum and this needed to be addressed at the AGM.</p> <p><u>Margaret Cowie offer of a talk on Open Volunteers with The Moray Council</u></p> <p>The meeting decided to postpone the visit until next year. Cllr Divers informed the meeting that TMC had 1600 volunteers on its books.</p> <p><u>Pupil representative from Elgin High School</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall undertook to contact Andy Simpson from Elgin High School regarding pupil representative at the Forum.</p> <p><u>AGM of ESAF</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked the meeting if any of the office Bearers were demitting office at the AGM. She offered to draw up a timetable of next years meetings which would still be on the third Tuesday of every month.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>AM to write to M Cowie to suggest a time after Christmas</p> <p>Action</p> <p>AM</p>
7.2	<p>Community Empowerment Consultation</p> <p>The meeting collectively responded to the consultation. Responses were collated and Aileen Marshall undertook to fill out and return the form.</p>	AM
7.3	<p>Community Fair Saturday 22 September</p> <p>Aileen Marshall informed the meeting that she would be present at the community Fair all day.</p>	AM CC
7.4	<p>Membership Forms Timesheets</p> <p>Aileen Marshall informed the meeting that she had spent 19 hours on forum business and responded to 94 emails.</p>	
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The correspondence was taken as read. Aileen Marshall confirmed that the correspondence listed below had been circulated.</p> <p>TSI Bulletin Circ 22/8</p> <p>Correspondence with Richard Carey NHS Grampian Circ 22/8</p> <p>Correspondence with G Templeton re Wind Energy Consultation Circ 22/8</p> <p>Correspondence with Elaine Brown NHS Grampian Circ 22/8</p> <p>Correspondence re Sandy Road Roundabout Circ 22/8</p> <p>ECC Brown Muir Response Circ 23/8</p> <p>ENAF Meeting Papers Circ 29/8</p> <p>Annotated Survey Results Circ 29/8</p> <p>Community Fair Info Circ 29/8</p> <p>Community Fair Poster Circ 30/8</p> <p>TSI Bulletin Circ 4/9</p> <p>Community Fair Quiz Question Circ 4/9</p> <p>Letter from Margaret Cowie Circ 4/9</p> <p>SPICE Minutes Circ 4/9</p>	

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	Oldmills Appeal Outcome Circ 7/9 ECC Papers Circ 9/9 Invite to Health Matters Launch Circ 17/9	
9	Any Other Competent Business none	
10	Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting 16 th October 2012 7pm The meeting closed at 9:30pm.	