

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on  
Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.00 pm in the NEON Building**

**Present:**

James Wiseman (Chair)  
Christine Clerk (Treasurer)  
Aileen Marshall  
Daniel Scott  
Margaret-Anne Ramage

Steven Christie (Vice Chair)  
Catherine Sinclair (Minutes)  
Rebecca Kail  
Elizabeth Scott

**In Attendance:**

Insp. Ewan Strachan (Police Scotland)  
Alastair Kennedy (ECC)

Cllr Graham Leadbitter  
Martine Scott (The Moray Council)

**Apologies:**

Cllr John Divers  
Ian Todd (Community Support Unit)

Cllr James Allan

<b>ITEM NO</b>	<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<b>Welcome</b> James Wiseman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were noted.	
3.	<b>New Elgin High School</b> Update from Martine Scott. The design update is ongoing and 3 viable options will go before full council on 5.2.14 The application for funding for 3G pitch was unsuccessful, which was not a great surprise as Sport Scotland prefer local authority facilities to paid for in full by the authority, however a further application will be made this year.  There will be some enabling works over the summer holidays in advance of construction.  Margaret-Anne suggested enquiries be made into laying a spare fibre-optic cable. The High School is the IT hub for other schools so this is worth considering.  Discussion was held on how best to inform nearby residents.	
	<b>ACTION: James to liase with Martine nearer the time of enabling work</b>	<b>JW</b>
4.	<b>Community Warden/Police</b> Discussion was held on the annual review of priorities for Elgin City South Multi-member Ward Plan. Forum priorities included dog fouling, littering, road safety - including children crossing roads without care and use of mobile phones - and parking issues, and domestic violence, bullying and cyber-crime. The Multi-member plan will be updated monthly on the Police Scotland website. Discussion was held on the usefulness of Police social media, including Twitter.  Sneak-ins have settled down but the community can be involved in raising awareness around this issue.  It is appropriate to call the police regarding young people causing disturbances in the bus station waiting room.	
	<b>ACTION: Insp. Strachan to look into reinstating the monthly Police Scotland update leaflet for community meetings</b>	<b>Insp. ES</b>
5.	<b>Minutes from Previous Meeting</b> Proposed: Aileen Marshall    Seconded: Christine Clerk	

<p>6. 6.1</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> <b>ACTION C/F: Invite Frank Roach to May meeting for an update on Whisky Rail Freight</b></p>	<p><b>JW</b></p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p><b>AOCB: Bus Shelter Glen Lossie Drive</b> Repaired.</p>	
<p>7.  7.1 7.1.1  7.1.2     7.2 7.2.1  7.2.2  7.3 7.3.1  7.3.2  7.4  7.5 7.5.1  7.5.2</p>	<p><b>Community Issues/action group updates</b></p> <p><b>School, Sports and Recreation Matters</b> <b>School Estate Review</b> Aileen attended. Report from Consultation Workshop 21.2.14 circulated. The review group provided assurances that they aware of the capacity and zoning issues in Elgin South. Responses will be analysed and proposals will got to the community for consultation in March.</p> <p><b>Review of Sport, Leisure and Recreation</b> Aileen attended. Report from briefing meeting 10.12.13 circulated. Concern that loudest voices will prevail, and that diverting facilities into schools will mean they will only be available in evenings, therefore not suitable for some older people.</p> <p>Discussion was held on management of the Leisure Centre and subsidy levels.</p> <p>There is concern that the Town Hall will be overlooked in this review. It is the only large performance area in Moray.</p> <p>The survey is available online until 2.2.14 and there will be an opportunity to comment on options after this.</p> <p><b>Roads and Transportation</b> <b>Western Link Road</b> There have been some objections lodged to the Compulsory Purchase Orders applied for. The planning application is due to be submitted in March, although this may slip again.</p> <p><b>A96 Duelling</b> Discussion was held on the bypass. Submissions may be made now at the constraints stage. The forum will respond during the period of consultation.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Well-being Matters</b> <b>Dr Gray's</b> Bed occupancy levels are still of concern. This will be taken up at the April meeting. Jane Mackie, Head of Community Care, will attend, along with Sandy Dustan and Richard Carey, NHS.</p> <p><b>Integration of Health and Social Care</b> Currently pre-consultation. Aileen will respond via the Older Persons Reference Group and report back.</p> <p><b>Housing and Welfare Issues</b> No updates at present</p> <p><b>Environment Matters</b> <b>SPICE update</b> The proposed reduction in Lands &amp; Parks services suggests the central island at Murdochs Wynd is to be reduced from 15 to 3 cuts per year.</p> <p>There are plans to remove shrubbery at the bus station to improve CCTV coverage. A meeting has been held with The Moray Council regarding Big Belly Solar bins and they will investigate the cost-effectiveness further.</p> <p><b>Sustrans Community Links Programme</b> Proposals are being drawn up to use the banks of flood alleviation areas to</p>	

<p>7.5.3</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.6.1</p> <p>7.6.2</p> <p>7.6.3</p>	<p>create cycle paths from East to West, with the intention of applying to Sustrans. There are a few short questions regarding the proposed paths and the difference they might make. Several forum members have responded as individuals, but a forum response will add weight.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Rebecca to submit a forum response</b></p> <p><b>Scottish Water Business plan</b> - As circulated.</p> <p><b>Third Sector Exemption of Charges</b> - As circulated.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Email comments to James for collation James to submit forum responses</b></p> <p><b>Any other Community Issues and Updates</b></p> <p><b>Public Entertainment License</b> As circulated. Aileen has circulated a proposed forum response. It was agreed it should be submitted. <b>ACTION: Submit PEL consultation</b></p> <p><b>Taxis consultation</b> Circulated. Elgin Community Council and SPICE will respond</p> <p><b>Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere Trail</b> Circulated 22.1.14. A meeting will be held 30th January at Elgin Library at 5.30 for 6pm. <b>ACTION: Elizabeth and Daniel Scott to attend</b></p>	<p>RK</p> <p>ALL JW</p> <p>AM</p> <p>ES &amp; DS</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Balance is £6527.04. £2.30 was spent on meeting expenses</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Forum Issues</b> <b>February Meeting</b> <b>Minutes:</b> James <b>Co-Chair:</b> Catherine</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Moray Forum</b> James has agreed to be our rep for Moray Forum</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> - Taken as read  Scottish Water - Third Sector Charges Exemption  Scottish Water - Business Plan  Moray Council - Autism Training  Moray Council - Public Entertainment Licences  Moray Council - Lighting reductions for carbon and cost  Moray Council - Taxi Conditions Public consultation  Moray Council - Flood Alleviation exhibition  Moray Council - Update letter Sports, Leisure &amp; Recreation review  TSI Moray - Volunteer Managers Network  TSI Moray - Community Awards proposal</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business</b> <b>Community Empowerment Bill Consultation</b> Circulated. Discussion was held. <b>ACTION: Respond to community planning and allotment sections</b></p> <p><b>Community Awards</b> The forum would like to support this initiative to recognise the contribution of individuals in Moray.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Date of next meeting 18th February 2014 NEON, 7 pm <b>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</b></p>	