

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Aileen Marshall Steven Christie (Vice Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer)(minutes) Catherine Sinclair Elizabeth Scott Daniel Scott Bob Anderson	Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Cllr John Divers Ian Todd (Community Support Unit) Kathy Grant (Community Warden)	Cllr James Allan Cllr Graham Leadbitter Rebecca Kail Marilyn Kelly Linda McKenzie Margaret–Anne Ramage

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	Welcome James Wiseman took the Chair at 7:00pm, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
3	Community Warden Update Kathy Grant (Community warden) gave her report. The Early Engagement Team was active in the Barlink area of Elgin for half a day every week. Reaching children in the 7 to 8 years age range in order to reduce anti-social behaviour. On the 31 May Kathy will have a surgery stall in St Giles centre Elgin from 10.00 to 4.00pm to display surveillance cameras and to promote the work of the Community Wardens. In June on market day, the Community Wardens also have a stall in Elgin High Street and, on the 5 th and 6 th of July, in Asda. At present the Community Wardens are busy with neighbourhood disputes.	
4	Previous Minutes The minutes of the Health Joint Forum and NHS Grampian Meeting on Tuesday 15 th April 2014 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Danny Scott; seconded: Christine Clerk The minutes of the ESAF meeting on Tuesday 18 March 2014 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Aileen Marshall; seconded Catherine Sinclair	
5	Matters Arising <u>Tuesday 18 March 2014 Minutes</u> 6. Community Issues The report from Aileen Marshall on the Sustainable Education Review has been sent out. 6. NEON Need to look at the NEON bookings for the next Management Team meeting <u>Tuesday 15th April minutes</u>	

	<p>3.15 Children's Ward</p> <p>The meeting was informed that as the NHS management is based in Aberdeen then the Children's ward in Elgin will become a day ward.</p> <p>Action Contact Richard Carey to get a definite answer on the future of the Children's Ward in Elgin.</p> <p>3.2 Pain Clinics</p> <p>There is still no pain clinic in Elgin and patients have to travel to Aberdeen for treatment. The option of a half way house for the pain clinic between Elgin and Aberdeen has not happened.</p> <p>Action Approach Richard Carey again about the pain clinic.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that NHS Grampian is the poorest funded health board. There is understaffing in the medical wards.</p> <p>Action Try to get more money allocated.</p> <p>5. Correspondence - Widening of Sandy Road Consultation</p> <p>Rebecca Kail noted the slowness of response to the Forum's submission. The Moray Council will liaise with Springfield Properties first and will then respond to the ESAF.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>
6	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	
6.a	<p>Schools Sports and Recreation matters</p> <p>A replacement for Martine Scott is being sought. Nick Goodchild is presently handling the work. There is going to be an urgent prioritising to address the overcrowding in New Elgin schools. If the Greenwards boundary changes then a new Active Travel route will be established.</p> <p><u>Elgin High School</u>. The contract with the Scottish Futures Trust for the design and build of the school has been confirmed. The contract is proceeding well and Graham Jarvis is handling the situation. The gym will be separate from the school. The numbers to be accommodated at the school have gone up to 800. Planning permission for the access road to the school needs to be finalised. The new school cannot be built until the section up to the school is finished. This road will have to go through as a separate planning application. The first phase of the planning application is complete. It will then go to the full planning committee. The schools review goes first to the elected members then to the full committee. A final decision is likely after the referendum. The consultation can go ahead but no decision can be made.</p> <p>The consultation for the Sports and Leisure Recreation Facilities Review can be discussed but no decision can be made.</p>	
6.b	<p>Roads and Transportation Including Western Link Road</p> <p>The Forum thanked Rebecca Kail for collation of the ESAF response to the Western Link Road. The deadline for responses is 27 May 2014. The Forum discussed the present situation of different deadlines for different interested parties. It was felt that one date should be used for everyone. A discussion arose on the comments on the objections to the plan being made available to the public. Redacted comments have been edited for the public. All comments are edited before posting. Councillors can ask to see the full objection. The planning officer collates the data. The planning officer can decide whether the objection is a planning matter. Also, the comments posted on-line on the last day are not visible. Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) stated that he has been assured that all the comments will be made available to the public. He expressed his concern that the community council cannot see the public response to the consultation. The Western Link Road will be dealt with by the full council due</p>	

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	to the number of documents received.	
6.c	<p>Health and Wellbeing Matters including Dr Grays</p> <p>The Old People’s Reference Group and the Joint Outcomes Group consider health and well being matters. Merging of services will have an impact on everyone. There are new designs available for sheltered Hanover Housing. The old residential block will be demolished. These houses will be situated at the rear of Springfield Properties offices. The houses are available to over 55s. They are step-down housing and are private, not rented.</p> <p><u>Self Directed Support</u> People can choose how their care money is spent. The question of what is going to happen to Elgin when it grows was discussed. Existing practices will have to increase their workload. They will be known as ‘Vanguard practices’. There are only two Vanguard practices and no plans for increasing the numbers. Spynie is now the head quarters for the new partnerships. There is nothing planned at Dr Grays. £3million has already been spent. The video facilities in the Alexander Graham Bell wing in the Moray College are being used by the Health Board. There is to be a consultation on the Hanover wing which has been kept empty.</p>	
6.d	<p>Housing and Welfare</p> <p>No news.</p>	
6.e	<p>Environmental Matters</p> <p>There is to be a month long initiative to clean up Moray. There will be an increase in penalties for dog fouling and littering. The fine for fly tipping is about the same as that for using the dump. When asbestos is dumped it costs a large amount of money to dispose of properly. Domestic waste can be taken to recycling. Contamination of fields and grass can cause cows to abort. The local authority does not have the power to raise the fines for dog fouling. There is still work to be done in cleaning up Alexandra Road.</p>	SC
6.f	<p>Any Other Community Issues and Updates</p> <p>There will be a joint response to the Moray Local Development Plan 2014</p> <p><u>Cemeteries</u>. There have been bore tests done by Gary Morrison from the Moray Council following an application for a crematorium near Linkwood distillery. There is a high water table at that location. SEPA has issued new legislation about cemeteries near high water tables. The cost of graveyard flood prevention is prohibitive.</p> <p>A second field owned by Pitgaveney Estates near the Buccaneer has been identified as a possible location for a new cemetery. Springfield Properties want to include this site but the owner does not wish it to be used as a cemetery. It has been assessed that there is space for around five more years in Elgin Cemetery. The space has been reassessed, as regards additional ground which could be used and this figure could be increased to 10 years. It was felt that the areas of grass and trees are a feature of the cemetery and should not be used. Some trees have been cut down recently.</p> <p>The need for community groups to consult on possible locations for cemeteries was discussed. There are no plots in Elgin, but there are plots in Birnie. It is not necessary to obtain planning permission to increase the number of lairs.</p> <p><u>Joint Area Forum and Elgin Community Council response to the Moray Local Development Plan</u></p> <p>It was decided that item no 14 <i>Junction Improvements and Transport Links</i> had not been</p>	

	<p>agreed upon and was removed from the document.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy commended highly the work of James Wiseman in collating the data and in producing the document. The committee expressed their thanks to James Wiseman for his outstanding work.</p> <p>It is not yet known how the comments of the report have been received. Gary Templeton will need some time to digest the contents of the report.</p> <p>James Wiseman was requested to email round the committee the completed copy of the report. It was discussed whether in the final version of the LDP report whether it was worth while including expanding the provision of cemetery space at Birnie Churchyard.</p> <p>The LDPs are ongoing. They are evolving and not set in a five year plan. They will inform the development for the next twenty years and will have less diversion from the Local Plan. No location has been identified for a cemetery needed in 10 or 20 years' time. There will have to be a consultation with community groups to identify a location. They will have to be out of town. The possibility of cemeteries similar to the one at Nethy Bridge was discussed. Some cemeteries are like country parks and trees can be planted instead of gravestones erected. This development of green space can be used as another aspect of development of the Local Area Plan.</p> <p><u>Grant Lodge</u></p> <p>There will be a short life working group supported by the Moray Council. The consultation will encourage representation in the project. The Moray Council is looking for people who would like to be involved in the project. They will encourage representatives once the vision and focus of the project has been agreed.</p> <p><u>New Elgin Hall</u></p> <p>The toilets have been refurbished at a cost of £36,000. The main hall has been redecorated. Money was obtained from the Common Good Fund. The NE Hall is run by a committee who hold events and charge admission.</p>	
7	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	Christine Clerk advised the remaining balance is £6,363.24. £40 was spent to pay for minute taking at the last meeting. .	All
8	FORUM ISSUES	
8.a	<p>Future Meetings and Minutes</p> <p>Christine Clerk offered to take minutes at the next meeting on June 17 2014.</p> <p>The Chair for the June meeting will be Rebecca Kail.</p> <p>There will possibly be a Management Meeting on Tuesday 3 June</p>	
8.b	<p>Forum Action plan</p> <p>To be updated at the next management team meeting</p>	MT
8.c	<p>Membership</p> <p>No new members</p>	
9	<p>Moray Forum</p> <p>James Wiseman is unable to attend the Moray Forum meeting. There was a meeting at tsiMORAY</p> <p>Ian Todd was at the Transport Seminar. There is £2million available for community groups to</p>	

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	use. This is from the contractors' contributions for being allowed to develop land.	
10	CORRESPONDENCE The correspondence was taken as read. James Wiseman confirmed that the correspondence listed below had been circulated. 24/4/2014 – Fiona Rolt – Moray Forum Invitation and February Minutes. 24/4/2014 – Aileen Marshall – Response re: widening of Sandy Road. 25/4/2014 – Moray Council – Future of Grant Lodge. 1/5/2014 – Moray Council – Surplus Property Milnefield Avenue, Elgin. 5/5/2014 – TSI Moray – Bulletin. 5/5/2014 – SPICE – Litter Pick. 6/5/2014 – CSU – Elgin South Forum Handbook. 7/5/2014 – TSI Moray - Volunteer Managers Network Meeting Wed 14 May 2014. 9/5/2014 – TSI Moray – It's Your Neighbourhood Bulletin. 12/5/2014 – Rebecca Kail – WLR Response. 14/5/2014 – Royal Horticultural Society – BBC Gardeners World. 16/5/2014 – TSI Moray – Bulletin. 20/5/2014 BBC Gardeners World	
11	Any Other Competent Business The meeting discussed the current use of NEON. The child size chairs were thought to be unsuitable. The Management Team was urged to find another venue. In order to use Cedarwood someone in the meeting needed to be a key holder.	
12	Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting is 17 th June 2014 at 7pm The meeting closed at 8.51pm.	