



Minutes of Elgin South Area Forum Tuesday 8th September 2009

Aileen Marshall
Elizabeth Scott
Daniel Scott
Linda McKenzie
Marilyn Kelly

Louise Ellerby
Steve Christie
Susan Leonard (Community Support Unit)
Rebecca Kail

In Attendance

Cllr John Sharp
Cllr Graham Leadbitter
Cllr John Divers
Lynne Farquharson (Grampian Police)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the lateness of the postal distribution of the evenings Agenda and previous minutes. Rebecca also thanked John Ferguson (Moray Council) for his help with the Forum recently.

Apologies were received from Amy Cheer (Moray Council, Youth Team), Christine Clerk and Moira Sutherland.

2. Minutes from last meeting – Pharmacy

Points Raised:

- Elizabeth confirmed her surname is Miller not Murray as in point 9 of the draft minutes.
- The Pharmacy move is proposed for November.
- Boots Store will be moving to Edgar Road in November 20th without the pharmacy; this is still waiting for NHS permission.
- Susan is to arrange a meeting with Fairer Scotland Manager, Jacqui Taylor, to discuss the Loose Ends proposal.

Proposed – Steve Christie
Seconded – Aileen Marshall

3. Group Updates

Active Travel	Possibility of a Steering Group being set up.
Allotments	Heard from the Moray Council's Planning Dept who advised that allotments may not possible at the moment because all the green space in Elgin has been allocated to other uses in the Local Plan. Ongoing correspondence with the Moray Council's Planning Dept is taking place. Possible future discussions to take place with Linkwood Residents about area off Reikit Lane.
Dookiteers	No updates available due to Amy Cheer's absence. Aileen advised there is possible funding available from the Moray Forum. Susan is to pass this information on.

Elgin High Litter Group	No meeting has taken place as yet, however a meeting is scheduled for the end of September.
Elgin Beautification	No updates available due to Murray's absence.
Library Project	<p>Susan has received further completed questionnaires. She will be meeting with Sheila and Alistair as a group to interpret the outcomes of the questionnaires.</p> <p>Cllr Divers advised talking to Graham Jarvis with regards to the use of NEPSA, Susan confirmed that she has spoken to Jodi Glowacki.</p> <p>As yet, no venue has been confirmed.</p>
Linkwood Residents	Susan confirmed that a meeting has taken place with regards to the school crossing for both children and adults. A reassessment of a previous survey will take place with regards to the number of children and the need for a lollipop crossing.

4. Elgin South Area Forum – ideas for the future

Rebecca and Susan met recently to discuss how to support the Forum and how it should proceed. Examples of how to proceed are:

- Smaller Action groups who meet regularly.
- Span out the Forum meetings and reintroduce monthly updates and newsletters.
- Community Smaller Issues – sub groups to try and involve others who would not necessarily attend Forum meetings.

It was agreed to obtain feedback from the Forum as to their thoughts on ideas for the future. (Please review attached feedback sheet).

5. Moray Forum News

No updates at present.

6. Treasurer's Report – Aileen Marshall

No updates at present.

7. Correspondence

Wards Road

A prompt reply was received stating "*no immediate attention required continual review long term resurface plan*"

It was decided that a follow up letter should be sent, as the residents feel that immediate action needs to be taken. It is dangerous when cycling on this surface, especially when it is raining as the holes are difficult to see.

Playpark Proposal – Beechfield Housing Estate

Eddie Couldar has contacted Susan with regards to the Forum being involved with the playpark proposals.

Cllr Divers suggested getting the Young Dookiteers involved via Amy Cheer. The Forum decided to get involved with providing advise and support and to get others involved. Susan is to contact Eddie and provide feedback to the Forum.

8. Community Issues

The Tenants Forum Conference will take place on the 17th September and a stand will be available to the Forum . Susan confirmed that Lee Barton (Community Support Worker) will be available to provide support to Aileen who volunteered to help out on the day.

Shops Group, Steve highlighted in the Tenants Forum the problem with the rear wall and can confirm that Building Control are currently dealing with the issue.

Recent Flooding – Cllr Divers advised that ongoing discussions are taking place with the Moray Council and Scottish Water.

9. Date of Next Meeting

AGM/Meeting – November 10th at New Elgin Primary School Annexe at 7pm.

Action

Susan is to contact John Ferguson to clarify the Audit process for the accounts of the Forum.