

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

Present

Aileen Marshall (Chair)
Steven Christie (Vicechair)
Christine Clerk, Resident
Marilyn Kelly, Resident

Mary Dow (Secretary)
Louise Ellerby (Treasurer)
Rebecca Kail, Resident
Linda McKenzie, Resident

In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers
Cllr John Sharp

Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)

Mr Iain MacDonald re. Users Group for NEON for duration of Item 2.
Mr Alex Bottrill, Sustrans for duration of Item 3.

Apologies:

Linda Adam, TMC, CSO
Cllr Graham Leadbitter

Lyn Young

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.	<p>Iain MacDonald gave details of the programmes and support available in the NEON building and advised that the vision of the NEON building was for members of the public to access support and encourage community use.</p> <p>Iain MacDonald circulated a leaflet used for publicity purposes and asked the Forum if they felt it was worthwhile continuing to encourage people to make use of the facilities. He also advised that Inspector Colin Mowat was keen to hold another Open Day in the future.</p> <p>Members felt that more marketing was needed and the following suggestions were put forward:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibility of including the NEON Building in the Elgin South Area Forum's Northern Scot Article. - Inform Parent Councils/PTA's. - Keep pushing the Vision. - Computer access/Library service. - Leaflets in various places i.e. Voluntary Action Moray. <p>Iain MacDonald to arrange a meeting with Inspector Colin Mowat, Cllr John Divers, Cllr John Sharp and Cllr Graham Leadbitter to discuss further.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked if the Forum could be kept up to date with any plans/details of the Open Day.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy suggested this be mentioned at the next City & Royal Borough of Elgin Community Council meeting. Cllr John Divers agreed to speak to Inspector Mowat regarding this.</p>	
3.	<p>Alex Bottrill gave a detailed presentation on the role of Sustrans Scotland and in particular the street design project currently taking place at Cockmuir Place.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to ask questions:-</p>	

	<p>Q. What happens to maintenance after? A. Sustrans will not put anything in place that will increase maintenance costs.</p> <p>Q. Do Sustrans fund alterations? A. This is funded by Government, Sustrans and Moray Council.</p> <p>Q. When will this project be completed? A. Hoping for plans to be sent to community in early September 2011 for approval.</p> <p>Q. What percentage of residents gave input? A. Approximately 50%, but we are keen to get everyone involved and the designs will be circulated to all houses.</p> <p>Alex Bottrill agreed to keep the Forum updated on progress.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes from previous meetings</p> <p>The following corrections were proposed and approved for previous minutes of 15th February 2011.</p> <p>Page 2 Item 4.3 – should read “five members preferred the Wittet Drive option, one member preferred the “do nothing” option and one member preferred the Inner rural option”.</p> <p>With these corrections recorded, the previous minutes of the 15th February 2011 and 15th March 2011 were approved as accurate.</p> <p>Proposed: Steven Christie Seconded: Christine Clerk</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising from Minutes:</p> <p>15th February 2011</p> <p>8.1 Cllr Divers advised that there was one football pitch currently available at Thornhill Road with temporary changing rooms.</p> <p>8.2 Steven Christie advised that a fence has now been constructed at Arnold Clark.</p> <p>15th March 2011</p> <p>3.2 Aileen Marshall advised that the Roadside Signage response had been acknowledged.</p> <p>4.1 Aileen Marshall agreed to contact Springfield Properties for an update.</p> <p>4.3 Aileen Marshall thanked Rebecca Kail for responding to Carin Schwartz’ letter regarding the Zero Waste Scotland Project. Carin Schwarz was delighted to have received our support.</p>	
6.	<p>Community Issues/Action Group Updates</p> <p>6.1 Marilyn Kelly had produced a report following her attendance at the C&RBoECC meeting and Alastair Kennedy gave the report as follows:-</p> <p>Future of Mosaic – ongoing discussions. The C&RBoECC agreed that three hours parking should be allocated at the Library. Discussion on standardising roof signs on Taxis to show City of Elgin. Notice Boards – ongoing.</p>	

	<p>Youth Committee – A connection has now been made with Cllr Hamilton. Shop Jackets – ongoing. Deanshaugh – Will become playable following completion of the Flood Alleviation Scheme.</p>	
6.2	<p>Alastair Kennedy reported that he had attended the Social Enterprise Seminar and advised that an explanation was given of what a Social Enterprise is and how they benefit the community/environment. The money made is ploughed back into the business.</p>	
6.3	<p>Police/Fire Consultation – Alastair Kennedy advised that the C&RBoECC were in the process of gaining more information and will hold a special meeting when this was available. Alastair Kennedy agreed to inform Aileen Marshall of this meeting. It was agreed that the ESAF could possibly feed into the C&RBoECC response.</p>	
6.4	<p>Asda Steps – Rebecca Kail raised concerns at the steps being inadequate at the link between Asda and the train station. These were recently damaged and Rebecca Kail wrote to Asda to highlight her concerns and request for these to be made better when the work was carried out. Unfortunately the steps were reinstated as they were before. It was felt that the access route to the train station was not easily accessible. Rebecca Kail agreed to investigate who is responsible for this access route and let Aileen Marshall know if backing by the Forum is required or letters written.</p>	
6.5	<p>New Elgin Streets – No waiting Proposals – The proposals were discussed with the No Waiting area outside the Post Office being highlighted as a concern by one member who did not agree to this as they felt it could affect the trade of the Post Office.</p> <p>It was felt that the corner by the Post Office can be dangerous and buses will miss the junction if they cannot get through.</p> <p>It was agreed to raise the concerns regarding parking at the Post Office and suggest the cut-off be beyond the archway to allow parking for a few cars. Aileen Marshall agreed to respond accordingly.</p>	
6.6	<p>Elgin Plan – Aileen Marshall suggested this be discussed further when information is available (after 12th May 2011). Alastair Kennedy advised that David Duncan would be speaking about this at the next C&RBoECC meeting.</p>	
6.7	<p>BCE Final Report – Aileen Marshall stated that the ESAF was mentioned in Dispatches.</p>	
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report – Louise Ellerby advised that the balance stood at £4,204.96.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence</p>	
8.1	<p>Elgin Ear – Louise Ellerby read out a report produced by Alex Macmillan advising that 18 reports had been handled in the year and due to the lack of responses the Elgin Ear would be wound up and the facility removed. He thanked all the stakeholders and in particular the volunteers who ran the project.</p>	
8.2	<p>Moray Plan Review – Aileen Marshall advised that the deadline for responses has been extended but there was no need to respond further.</p>	
8.3	<p>VAM website now live, also on Facebook and Twitter.</p>	
8.4	<p>VAM – Mentoring Scheme – correspondence regarding mentoring volunteers.</p>	

<p>8.5</p> <p>8.6</p> <p>8.7</p>	<p>Trading Standards Letter – e-mailed to members.</p> <p>Moray Great Bike Ride – Sunday 26th June 2011.</p> <p>OSCR Newsletter</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Questions for Dave Gowans, Flood Alleviation Team</p> <p>Basic information regarding the Flood Alleviation Scheme. Timeline. What is it designed to do? From the heritage aspect, how will Elgin look? Where are all the trees going to be planted and why? Area covered. How high are the banks going to be? Visuals.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Future Speakers – It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting. Suggested possible speakers:</p> <p>Rep from the Youth Council. Change in Care of Older People – Change Fund.</p>	
<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p> <p>11.4</p> <p>11.5</p> <p>11.6</p>	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p>Northern Scot Article – Aileen Marshall advised that she has spoken to Mike Collins, Northern Scot, and he is keen to pursue a feature on the New Elgin area and the ESAF. He would also like to speak with Old New Elginers. Members felt they could possibly suggest one or two people prepared to do this. Aileen Marshall to inform Mike Collins of this.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall thanked Louise Ellerby for the chart she had produced.</p> <p>Draft Conditions of Funding/Conduct for Area Forums – Aileen Marshall gave brief details of the document and advised that members would have to sign-up to this. She also advised that the Moray Forum would be considering this and possibly suggest amendments. Mary Dow agreed to e-mail a copy to all members for comment and put on Agenda for discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>Community Support Unit – Aileen Marshall advised that 50% of staff would be going from the CSU. Ongoing.</p> <p>Change Management – Team Plan by end of month.</p> <p>Possible Crossing at Reiket Lane– Cllr Divers advised that a site meeting to discuss safer routes has been arranged for 2pm on 25th April 2011 at the Junction of Bain Avenue, Reiket Lane. Rebecca Kail advised that she could possibly attend and would inform Aileen Marshall if she could not attend.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that final funding for the Life Science Centre has gone through.</p> <p>Steven Christie advised that VCM has moved to Lhanbryde.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.35pm.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 7.00pm in NEON Building.</p>	