

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 19th June 2012 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
Aileen Marshall (Chair) Louise Ellerby Steven Christie (Vice Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer) Elizabeth Scott Daniel Scott Catherine Sinclair Rebecca Kail James Wiseman (Minutes)	Cllr Graham Leadbitter Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Thelma Fraser	Cllr John Divers Cllr James Allan Marilyn Kelly Linda McKenzie Mary Dow

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 with 1 minor spelling error. Proposed: Stephen Christie; Seconded: Louise Ellerby.	
4	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	
5	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	
5.1	WDR – Deferred pending Rebecca Kail's arrival.	
5.2	NHS MEETING – 30/6/2012 Aileen Marshall said that the meeting with Richard Carey, Chief Executive NHS Grampian & Elaine Brown, Service Planning Lead NHS Grampian was a resounding success as it addressed our concerns about the quality and future of NHS Services in Moray and she noted that the NHS appeared receptive to our concerns and undertook to return in 6 months to update us on the progress. Compliments were passed to Catherine Sinclair on the quality of her minutes of the meeting from Aileen Marshall (in person) and Richard Carey (by email). Following the meeting documents were provided by NHS on their 2020 vision inter alia and circulated by Aileen Marshall on 2/6/2012.	
5.3	Elgin High School Aileen Marshall described her visit to the new Elgin Academy 21/5/12 saying, Some Points from the Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent and innovative facilities including Communal Areas, PE, Technical Subjects and Additional Support Needs • State of the art heating, lighting and ventilation – advice was taken from <i>The Carbon Trust</i>. • Innovative pupil toilet design based on Elgin High pupil ideas when two schools were planned and both schools were involved. • Could not get an answer to the question of pupil capacity of the building. It was built to accommodate 1050 pupils but in practice probably holds more. There are 900+ pupils at the moment. This may be a concern for EHS. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual cost of the building is £4million+, £3million+ coming from the Government. Moray Council will be paying about £20,000 per week for 30 years. This was a PPI school. I do not believe that any EHS new build will be done this way. Some of the facilities can be booked by the Community in the usual way. Should Elgin High get the go-ahead it may be worth arranging a visit for ESAF. <p>I am extremely grateful to Elgin North Area Forum for inviting me to join them in their visit.</p>	
	<p>(Rebecca Kail entered the meeting during 5.2)</p>	
<p>5.4</p>	<p>UNIVERSAL CREDIT</p> <p>Steven Christie reported there was no news on this.</p>	
<p>5.5</p>	<p>ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES AND UPDATES</p> <p>SPICE – Litter Pick was successful (120 bags of rubbish, 3 shopping trolleys and a bike). Elizabeth Scott commented that the Mart was an area where litter is prevalent in recent times. Steven Christie to action.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT –The Community Council had organised the planting of the Ladyhill Flowerbeds. Elizabeth Scott commented that it was looking nice.</p> <p>GRASS CUTTING – Elizabeth Scott raised the issue that grass was being left on the paths at Dovecot Park and asked if the grass cuttings could be removed. Cllr Leadbitter gave an insight into the Council’s policy that grass cuttings were not lifted due to the inordinate cost associated with that activity with the exception of the Cricket Pitch.</p> <p>SENSORY GARDEN – Rebecca Kail advised that the Sensory Garden at the High School is having a grand opening on <u>Tuesday 26 June 2012</u> and commented that it is really worth seeing.</p> <p>TAXI LICENCING – Cllr Leadbitter advised that the Licensing Committee were looking at Standardisation of Taxi signage and uniform. Following a question from Elizabeth Scott he commented that it was generally being well received by the taxi drivers.</p> <p>FLEMING SAWMILL – Following a question on litter about litter in the Flemings Sawmill site Cllr Leadbitter undertook to find out who was responsible and ask them to take some action.</p> <p>BOWN MUIR WINDFARM – Alastair Kennedy advised that the Planning Application was out and plans can be viewed at the Library and other locations in Moray. The question of what impact it would have was put.</p> <p>COCKMUIR PLACE – Aileen Marshall to congratulate Alex Bottrill on behalf of the South Forum for the work done on Cockmuir Place. Rebecca Kail commented that children had said it felt like someone was interested and she undertook too obtain brochures of the development for the forum. Rebecca Kail also stated that the costs are not exemplary because it can be done cheaper and the ideas are not exclusive to the Council.</p> <p>OLDER PEOPLES REFERENCE GROUP 14 May 2012 –</p> <p>Aileen Marshall reported the main points from the Meeting as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/12 Change Fund – All projects now under evaluation. Some are complete and some will be ongoing. • 12/13 Change Fund – Projects now getting underway. • Commissioning Plan. Service Mapping analysis now taking place. Focus will be on Carers, Community Capacity Building, Dementia, Intermediate Care, Housing, the Frail Elderly and Long Term Conditions. • Questions were raised about the genuineness of NHS consultations, and other issues including Foot Care, GP Appointments and Continuity of Care. 	<p>SC</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr GL</p> <p>All</p> <p>AM</p>


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5.1	<p>Western Link Road (WLR)</p> <p>Rebecca Kail described the site visit and Community Engagement Workshop noting that the site visit was hijacked by protesters and the workshop did not contain any discussion on the remit ie whether or not the road was needed. Otherwise the workshop was constructive and generated many good points for consideration but seemed to be wrapped up very quickly. The Council have produced a report on the workshop which contains all the output but it was not clear which elements would be taken up and which would not.</p> <p>James Wiseman Attended the follow up meeting 15/6/2012 on behalf of ESAF as well as another group and confirmed that Rebecca's feedback was pretty much in line with the others and her concerns over the wrapping up and uncertainty over which ideas will be looked at were echoed by others at the meeting.</p> <p>Rebecca Kail and James Wiseman outlined the route and some of the ideas discussed.</p> <p>A96 Junction – Roundabout may change to lights and move west.</p> <p>Wittet Drive – Provision for cycling, pedestrians, parking and two way traffic within the width of the existing street.</p> <p>Pluscarden Road Junction – Lights with crossings. Vehicle and pedestrian numbers would drive the best design and the concerns of neighbours would have to be addressed.</p> <p>Bridge – Now appears to be less controversial. Provision for access and crossings (People & Animals) were discussed.</p> <p>Link Road – Needs to be linked to development and burdens on developers would be one way to do that. At this point Cllr Leadbitter advised that the Council owned the affordable housing land and was banking it for Grampian Housing which was an unusual arrangement necessitated by the current economic climate.</p> <p>Greenwards – The proposed roundabout could become a junction and road surface textures and colours are to be considered to retain the rural look and to alert drivers to the hazard.</p> <p>Edgar Road – parking and access to be provided and the effect of moving the road will slow traffic.</p> <p>Wild Ideas – One such idea was raised by Chris Thomson and was about a walking/cycling bridge and use of the Mayne Farm bridge.</p> <p>Rebecca Kail outlined that she was hoping the principles of Designing Streets would be adopted including permeability and integrated design of the street and adjacent housing.</p> <p>The meeting generally discussed the likely impact of the Dualling of the A96.</p> <p>Cllr Leadbitter also clarified that the Scottish Government does not think Elgin is suitable for a bypass because of the small proportion of traffic that will use it.</p>	RK
6	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>	
	<p>Christine Clerk advised that we have received our funding payment from the Moray Council of £1,053.09. We have paid out £80 for minutes and the remaining balance is £6,036.99.</p>	
7	<p>FORUM ISSUES</p>	
7.1	<p>Meetings</p> <p>Aileen Marshall proposed that we join the North Area Forum on 3 July 2012 for our July 2012 meeting because they are having Moray Council Officials (David Gowans et al) to talk on the Elgin Flood Prevention and the Western Distributor Road. This was agreed and Aileen Marshall to confirm arrangements with ENAF. In the light of the joint meeting it was agreed that the ESAF scheduled meeting on 17th July should be cancelled.</p>	AM
7.2	<p>Farmers Market – Aileen Marshall & James Wiseman to represent ESAF at the Farmers</p>	AM/JW

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	<p>Market Stall on <u>Saturday 30th June 2012.</u></p> <p>Community Fair - Aileen Marshall asked if we wanted to attend the Community Fair on <u>22 September 2012</u> and reminded the meeting that if it was agreed then helpers would be required. It was agreed we will attend the Community Fair and the application be made and the associated fee be paid.</p> <p>Business Cards – Christine Clerk circulated samples of business card designs and the following design was chosen</p>  <p>Elgin South Area Forum Meetings held the third Tuesday of every month in NEON, New Elgin Primary School Annexe at 7.00pm</p> <p>Your community, your voice</p>	All
7.3	Joint ENAF Meeting - see 7.1	
7.4	<p>Membership Forms</p> <p>No new members were present.</p>	
7.5	<p>Timesheets</p> <p>Aileen Marshall reported 50.5 hours of ESAF business and 140 emails-in in the month.</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>Correspondence with Frank Knight re WLR Circ 17/5</p> <p>Forum pre-Invite info re Cockmuir Place Opening Circ17/5</p> <p>WLR Workshop Info Circ 24/5 (Hard Copies Available)</p> <p>Invite from Elgin North. Circ 25/5</p> <p><i>Generations Working Together</i> e-Bulletin Circ 29/5</p> <p>Food and Health Certificate Circ 29/5</p> <p>SPICE Papers Circ 29/5</p> <p>WLR Steering Group Minutes Circ 29/5</p> <p>Official Invite Cockmuir Place Circ 31/5</p> <p>NHS Documents from Elaine Brown Circ 1/6</p> <p>SPICE Minutes Circ 6/6</p> <p>Community Capacity Building Survey Circ 11/6</p> <p>Community Fair Minutes Circ 11/6</p> <p>ECC Papers Circ 11/6</p> <p>Info for WLR Meeting Circ 13/6</p> <p>PEL Briefing Note Circ 14/6</p> <p>Env Imp Action Plan Circ 14/6</p> <p>WLR Steering Group Notes Circ 18/6</p>	

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	Updated WLR Deign Workshop Report Circ 18/8	
9	Any Other Competent Business	
9.1	Community Warden – The Community Warden has started work. Our one is Kathy Grant and can be contacted through via Andy Jamieson.	
9.2	Closes – Elizabeth Scott asked if we could get our closes referred to by their proper names rather than by the nearest shop to retain a historical perspective in the town. Alastair Kennedy agreed to take the idea to BID.	AK
9.3	Recycling – James Wiseman reported hearing an article on radio about recycling and a request from Cllr Murdoch to do more to help. Cllr Leadbitter clarified that Moray's recycling performance was no longer ahead of other areas and that it was food waste that lets us down. Food waste is easily recycled but if binned causes the nasty leachates from the tip.	
10	Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting 3 rd July 2012 7pm Joint with ENAF in the new Council Offices. Thereafter the next ESAF meeting proper is 21 st August 2012 at NEON at 7pm. Rebecca Kail to take the minutes The meeting closed at 9:30pm.	