

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

**Present**

Aileen Marshall (Chair)  
Steven Christie (Vicechair)  
Christine Clerk, Resident  
Marilyn Kelly, Resident  
Lyn Young, EHS Parent Council

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

**In Attendance:**

Linda Adam, Community Support Officer  
Cllr Graham Leadbitter

Cllr John Divers  
Murray Ross (C&RBoECC)

**Apologies:**

Sandra Dow  
Cllr John Sharp

Moira Sutherland

ITEM NO	ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	Apologies were noted.	
2.	<b>Minutes of meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011.</b>  The minutes were accepted as a true record:  Proposed: Rebecca Kail      Seconded: Christine Clerk	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b>	
3.1	Elgin High School – It was noted that following the budget announcements, no money was to be spent on Elgin High School in the next financial year. Disappointment was noted and it was agreed for Mary Dow to draft a letter to the EHS Parent Council advising that the ESAF is 100% in support of the School and will be willing to assist in anyway possible.	MD
4.	<b>Community Issues/Action Group Updates</b>	
4.1	Handbook Launch – Linda Adam distributed a copy of the Elgin South Area Forum Handbook to all members. Linda Adam also advised that an Induction Session and Powerpoint presentation was available for use by the Forum. Linda Adam agreed to e-mail members a copy.	LA
4.2	Climate Change Public Consultation – This document was discussed and it was suggested that there should be links to waste strategies included in the document. Aileen Marshall agreed to respond accordingly.	AM
4.3	Roads Consultation – Aileen Marshall advised that it was too late to respond as a Forum and felt that the timescale to respond was unreasonable. Murray Ross advised that this was a consultation on preferable options and when planning permission was submitted members of the public would have another opportunity to make comments. Concerns were raised regarding the possible increase in	

	<p>traffic in Edgar Road and the need for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Divers advised that he would insist on an appropriate crossing being installed.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, five members preferred the Wittet Drive option and one member preferred the 'do nothing' option.</p>	
4.4	<p>Budget – Aileen Marshall asked members if they had any concerns regarding the recent budget announcements. Concerns were raised concerning the outcome of the Community Support Unit as it was felt that this service would be needed more than ever with the possibility of more Community Groups being formed.</p>	
4.5	<p>C&amp;RBoECC Update – Linda McKenzie and Marilyn Kelly advised that they had attended the recent C&amp;RBoECC Meeting and the following items were discussed:-</p> <p>Notice Boards, Mosaic, update on cycle paths.</p> <p>Murray Ross advised that the C&amp;RBoECC Planning Committee were looking into the possibility of a path from Thornhill Road to the Medical Centre.</p> <p>Linda McKenzie and Marilyn Kelly agreed to e-mail Mary Dow an update following future meetings.</p>	LM/MK
4.6	<p>Elgin North Area Forum Update - Litter at Elgin Academy – working to form a group with residents, school staff and pupils and police representation.</p> <p>Construction of Elgin Academy – regular meetings with The Moray Council and Contractors to deal with residents concerns.</p> <p>Ivy – concern by resident over growth of ivy leading to tree death - survey of trees being organised.</p> <p>Parking in centre of Elgin since introduction of charges in Lossie Green Car Park – contacting Council.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Louise Ellerby advised that the recent changes in signatories have now been accepted.</p> <p>The balance of account stood at £4,454.37.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	
6.1	<p>Reshaping Care for Older People Seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 - Aileen Marshall and Lyn Young agreed to attend. Mary Dow to forward full details to Lyn Young.</p>	MD
6.2	<p>Deprivation Seminar on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Aileen Marshall to attend.</p>	AM
6.3	<p>Moray Forum – Aileen Marshall advised that the Moray Forum has now decided to have their own Constitution. Aileen Marshall and Steven Christie agreed to attend the next meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7pm in the NEON building. Aileen Marshall to forward details to Steven Christie.</p>	AM/SC
6.4	<p>Proposed new Springfield Development at Glassgreen – Concerns were raised with regard to pedestrian/cycling access routes and whether or not these would be linked to the new paths. Aileen Marshall agreed to write to Springfield Properties regarding this issue.</p>	AM

7.	<p><b>Questions for Calum Macpherson, Highlands &amp; Islands Enterprise</b></p> <p>Where do you see Highland &amp; Island Enterprise in the future?</p> <p>What is the worse case scenario for Moray should RAF Lossie close and what opportunities can we capitalise on?</p> <p>What are the opportunities for off-shore renewables for Moray coast.</p> <p>Update on Task Force.</p> <p>What is the difference between the Highlands &amp; Islands Enterprise and Economic Development Section.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Any other Competent Business</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> Aileen Marshall advised that the Northern Scot have agreed to carry an article on the ESAF and requested ideas as to what the feature should include. The following ideas were put forward:-</p> <p>Promote work of Elgin South Area Forum. Representatives and Groups etc. List of previous speakers. Use of halls. Link photo's with consultations which the Forum has been involved in i.e. Boots/Dookit Park/Car Park at Springfield.</p> <p>Cllr Divers advised that the two pitches at Thornhill Road are now in use.</p> <p>Linda Adam, Christine Clerk and Rebecca Kail agreed to discuss further and e-mail Aileen Marshall ideas by end of week. Cllr Leadbitter and Cllr Divers agreed to inform Cllr Sharp for his ideas.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Steven Christie advised that the Tenants Forum would like to have a barrier installed at the far end of the cycle path (by Arnold Clark). Cllr Divers agreed to take forward.</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Steven Christie advised that the Moray Tenants Group were to hold a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Town Hall and that Community groups would have the opportunity to set-up displays etc. Steven Christie will inform the Forum when further details are available.</p>	<p>LM/CC/RB</p> <p>GL/JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>SC</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00pm in NEON Building.</p>	