



ELGIN SOUTH AREA FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7.00 pm in NEON, New Elgin.

Present:

Catherine Sinclair (Chair)	James Wiseman (Minutes)
Steven Christie (Vice Chair)	Christine Clerk (Treasurer)
Aileen Marshall	Daniel Scott
Elizabeth Scott	Margaret-Anne Ramage
Bob Anderson	Marilyn Kelly

In Attendance:

Cllr Graham Leadbitter	Cllr John Divers
Alastair Kennedy (ECC)	Ian Todd (Community Support Unit)

Apologies:

Linda McKenzie	Rebecca Kail
Cllr James Allan	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Catherine Sinclair welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Community Warden/Police</p> <p>No Report</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes from Previous Meeting</p> <p>Proposed: Christine Clerk; Seconded: Aileen Marshall.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Invite Frank Roach to May meeting for Hitrans update.</p>	JW
6.	<p>Community Issues / Action Group Updates</p>	
	<p>Elgin High School - Update</p> <p>Option B (800 pupils with enhanced core) was approved. Possible future expansion to 1000 pupils was appreciated.</p> <p>Sustainable education review due out this week. Public consultation expected.</p>	Noted
	<p>Western Link Road - Update</p> <p>Recent proceedings noted.</p>	

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	Discussion on various aspects including the fears of the level crossing closing and how is Edgar Road to be protected from becoming a viable alternative to the A96 through Elgin.	
	<p>SPICE - Update</p> <p>ACE training coming up. Invitation issued to partner groups including ESAF. Aileen Marshall encouraged attendance as the training is excellent.</p> <p>The SPICE 2014 programme of events is being mapped out including litter picks etc.</p> <p>Meeting held with Street Pastors to discuss public conveniences.</p>	All
	<p>Welfare Benefit Changes - Local Actions Update</p> <p>No update available.</p>	
	<p>Any other Community Issues and Updates</p>	
	<p>OPRG - Update report,</p> <p>Dr Gray's was inspected re' performance and patient care was rated highly although a number of other concerns were raised.</p> <p>Letters of praise have been seen in the press and Daniel Scott offered a positive example from his own experience.</p> <p>Meeting with NHS scheduled for April.</p> <p>Re the merging of Health and Social Care, Aileen Marshall has been asked to join one of the working groups (Joint Outcomes Group) as an OPRG rep. She will keep us informed of the progress of this project.</p>	AM
	<p>Castle to Cashmere trail - ES & DS</p> <p>Daniel & Elizabeth Scott attended the event in the library and reported Castle to Cathedral to Cashmere event was at a pivotal point in the project where they are testing their idea with a reference group before seeking funding. The concept is great and the supporting detail is there. Turnout was disappointingly low.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on Grant Lodge, Cooper Park Pond, Café in the Library and the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Find out about the Heritage Centre move.</p>	GL
7.	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>Balance is £6,487.04 with £40 payment pending.</p>	
8.	<p>Forum Issues</p> <p>Minutes & Forward Planning, Social Media</p>	
	No issues with future bookings for ESAF meetings. Confirmation received of	

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	<p>planning permission for the NEON. No indication of our use of the venue being curtailed.</p> <p>Next month Chair is Rebecca Kail and Minutes are by Christine Clerk.</p> <p>Margaret Ramage tabled a report on Social Media. It was agreed to further investigate a Facebook account for the Forum supported by various examples. It was agreed to focus on the new Facebook page for the forum for now, and possibly look at a website in future. It is good practice to plan Facebook campaigns/posts. Consideration also needs to be given to comment moderation.</p> <p>Thanks to Christine for setting up the page, and to Margaret for her expertise and research.</p>	<p>RK/CC MR/CC</p>
	<p>Forum Action Plan</p> <p>Checked at management team meeting.</p>	
	<p>Membership Forms</p> <p>Membership forms were issued to anyone requiring one.</p>	
	<p>Check AGM minutes (November 2013)</p> <p>Noted error in accounts, balance should have been £6,686.57</p> <p>Otherwise minutes provisionally OK.</p>	<p>CS Noted</p>
	<p>Moray Forum</p> <p>James Wiseman to attend Moray Forum 24th February 2014. A discussion followed on the role of the Forum versus the Community Council and it was agreed that clarity should be sought on ESAF connection to Community Planning which is not clearly understood. There was a disagreement about the performance of community engagement and there appears to be a wider lack of understanding of ESAF's link to Community Planning.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Correspondence - Taken as read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCDC Achieving Community Empowerment Guide (for info) 22.1 - Acknowledgement of Community Empowerment Bill submission 23.1 - Fire & Rescue Service Consultation 23.1 - Proposed Elgin East/West Cycle Route (RK) for submission 24.14 - The Moray Council - Public Entertainment Licence consultation 31.1 - TSI Moray - Bulletin 31.1 - Report on Elgin High School development 31.1 - The Moray Council January Planning Applications Ward List - 2.2 - It's Your Neighbourhood - February Newsletter 4.2 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Moray Council - Elgin High School Feb Update 5.2 - Elgin Community Council - Fair Trade Report 10.2 - The Moray Council - 8 Queen St, Buckie, surplus property 10.2 - TSI Moray - Invitation to Join the Dots event 15.2 - TSI Moray - ebulletin 17.2 - SPICE - Clean Up Scotland February newsletter 17.2.14 - TSI Moray - Positive Behaviour Support training 18.2.14 	
10.	Any Other Competent Business	
	<p>Community Awards</p> <p>The forum would like to support this initiative to recognise the contribution of individuals in Moray.</p>	CS
	<p>Chair Training</p> <p>Thanks to Ann Griffin for the Chair Training. Aileen to circulate report.</p>	AM
	<p>Taxi Review</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy reported the Community Council's response to the Taxi Review which was compiled with the aid of George Littlejohn, who had worked on it for some time before leaving the Community Council.</p> <p>There was a short discussion on the level and consistency of taxi fares.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall proposed we support the Community Council's viewpoint. Circulate the response and keep us updated.</p>	AK
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting 18th March 2014 NEON, 7 pm</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	