

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Aileen Marshall Steven Christie (Vice Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer) Rebecca Kail (minutes) Bob Anderson Linda McKenzie Marilyn Kelly	Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Cllr John Divers Ian Todd, The Moray Council Robin Paterson, MCHSCP	Cllr Graham Leadbitter Catherine Sinclair Elizabeth Scott Daniel Scott Margaret –Anne Ramage

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	Welcome James opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2	Integration of Moray Health & Social Care Services Robin Paterson informed us about the above, provided us with written information and answered questions. There will be a single chief officer and a joint budget, with an integrated joint board that makes decisions. Initially, the integration will apply to adult care. There will be a shift towards focussing on what matters to people (including maximising independence at home) rather than improving the statistics. Community engagement and being accountable are key aspects of the programme. Robin offered to work on proposals for how best to do this and bring them to the forum.	Robin
3	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
4	Community Warden/Police Update No community warden or police were present. James advised us of the report to the community council that identified a small number of sneak-ins, thefts and vandalism. Road policing continues to be a priority.	
5	Previous Minutes of 19th August 2014 7.g There is concern that <i>proposed</i> new housing in R13 would have an impact on the golf course. With the above amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Steven. Seconded: Aileen.	
6	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	
6.a	Elgin High School The planning application is due on the website today and the usual 21 day consultation period applies. The drop-off point has been moved and a separate planning application is needed for this. James will circulate the link and collate responses.	James

6.b	<p>Local Plan/Planning</p> <p>The Local Plan has been passed by the council. ESAF and the community council sent a report to Gary Templeton with their priority issues. Advice has been given not to include the housing at R13 in order for the plan to go through promptly.</p> <p>Disappointment was expressed that the Barmuckity Park & Ride scheme was not included. However, this could still be implemented.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion about the Local Plan process. Was there real engagement? Has the consultation led to any changes? Has it been worth being involved? Concern was expressed about the lack of feedback.</p> <p>It was decided to wait until the new director was in post to invite him/her to discuss community engagement in Planning in a proposed joint meeting with the community council.</p>	
6.c	<p>Schools Consultations</p> <p>The review will be presented to councillors next week and the report will then be made public.</p>	
6.d	<p>Roads</p> <p>Street Audit Training. Those that attended found it informative. The forum was keen to stay involved, and was advised that they could help by identifying routes that would benefit from improvement. The bottom of Reidhaven St was identified as an area with pavement surface problems and inconsiderate parking.</p>	
6.e	<p>SPICE</p> <p>The AGM was held and Stephen Duff is the new vice chair. The group have had training on funding and intend to apply to Zero Waste Scotland. They'd be grateful for a letter of support from the forum.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to man the SPICE stall at the food and drink festival on Saturday.</p>	James All
6.f	<p>Welfare Benefit Changes</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
6.g	<p>Any Other Community Issues and Updates</p> <p><u>Boots.</u> The Boots response to the forum's letter was discussed. Members were not satisfied that it dealt with the issues fully, and it was decided to ask both Alistair Boyd (Boots) and Sandy Thomson (MHSCP) to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Proposed Cycle Path.</u> The forum is supportive of the development of this new path, for which planning permission has been applied recently. Various points relating to the route were discussed. A letter of support to be written, mentioning the need for: continuation of the path to the east to make a link to Lhanbryde, 2-way cyclist access to the route at Oldmills, re-instatement of the bridge on the old railway line to Lossiemouth, safe crossing of the road south of Johnstons near the new bridge and separation of cars and cyclists around the pond in Cooper Park. This path is being funded by Sustrans and several community trusts.</p>	Rebecca Rebecca
7	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>	
	<p>The balance is £7, 527.24</p>	
8	<p>FORUM ISSUES</p>	
8.a	<p>Future Meetings and Minutes</p> <p>The next meeting is 21st October 2014. James to chair the next meeting, Christine to take</p>	

	minutes. Aileen will chair the AGM in November, minutes yet to be decided.	
8.b	Moray Forum The NHS, Milne's School and community planning issues were discussed.	
9	Correspondence Street Scene is a short film project – pop-up studio in the St Giles Centre. More needed here?	
10	Any Other Competent Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alterations to council housing: a forum member asked whether is it correct that houses need to be returned to their original condition before a tenant can 'downsize'? The answer is 'yes', even when the changes are improvements. Steven is working with at least one tenant to negotiate with the council on this issue. ▪ Brownmuir windfarm is about to go to planning application. 	
11	Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting is 21 st October 2014 at 7pm.	