

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 21st October at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer) (minutes)	Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC) Cllr John Divers Cllr Graham Leadbitter	Catherine Sinclair Elizabeth Scott Daniel Scott Margaret –Anne Ramage
Bob Anderson Linda McKenzie Marilyn Kelly	Sandy Thomson, Pharmacy Manager, Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership(MCHSCP) Brian Donaldson, Police Scotland	Ian Todd, The Moray Council Rebecca Kail Aileen Marshall Steven Christie (Vice Chair)

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	Welcome James Wiseman took the Chair and welcomed everyone.	
2	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
3.1	<p>Community Issues- Prescription Shortages</p> <p>Sandy Thomson answered the concerns raised by the Forum on shortages of medicines and why Prescriptions were held by Pharmacists when there were insufficient medicines to supply the prescription, leaving the patient unable to go elsewhere.</p> <p>Sandy stated that there were ongoing shortages of common medicines. These medicines can be sold abroad for more money. The products are also rationed to Community Pharmacies, who get a monthly quota. This may not be enough if it is supplied pro rata based on a yearly use. Sandy stated that Boots the Chemists have their own distribution networks. Many medicines have only one supplier of the active product. This ingredient is then supplied to different manufacturers who make up the drug. A shortage with the supplier makes a shortage everywhere of that particular drug. Members of the Forum outlined the inconvenience of only having half a prescription available at one time because that necessitated further trips to the pharmacy. The meeting was told that at present patients can take their prescription to any pharmacy but in the future they will have to register with one pharmacy. This should help supply difficulties and will give the individual pharmacies an opportunity to predict future demand. At present the pharmacies have no control over the supply of drugs. They are dependent on a daily supply from their wholesaler. Boots the Chemists buy nationally, they are their own wholesaler. At present patients on chronic medication can obtain a 48 week prescription which enables the pharmacy to know in advance what is required. The concern about prescriptions not being ready on time was discussed. Patients have a responsibility to go to the pharmacy in sufficient time to obtain their prescription. If on repeat medication it is advisable to have about a week's supply left before reordering. The system of text reminders to patients has issues about confidentiality. Also several hundred texts may be required per day for a busy pharmacy.</p> <p><u>How are pharmacies funded?</u></p> <p>The pharmacies are placed in a band according to the number of patients. The pharmacies are paid the fee for that band. It is not per patient. An extra prescription</p>	

	<p>does not make much difference. The pharmacy can buy cheaper drugs but the Government reviews drug costs regularly. Also the Government can claw back money from the pharmacies. Small pharmacies get additional money to support their services. Regular Customers can help the efficient running of the pharmacy.</p> <p>Action Write to Alastair Boyd, Lead Pharmacist of Boots the Chemist to clarify issues with checking that there are sufficient medicines available before accepting prescriptions. JW</p>	
3.2	<p>Community Warden/Police Update</p> <p>Brian Donaldson of Police Scotland gave his report. There were 140 crimes recorded and 475 calls. There were two housebreak- ins, 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 16 vandalisms. Fogwatt Lane was given passing attention (given higher attention by the Police) as cars were causing congestion on the road.</p> <p><u>Local Priorities</u></p> <p>Targeting anti-social behaviour. There are local community initiatives when more officers are targeting problem areas. There are issues with speeding past houses. There is a rise in these problems in the school holidays. There are enforcement activities in accident black spots where there are more crashes and more speeding. There were a number of local Police Officers deployed at the Ryder Cup. Vandalism incidents are on car windows, spray painting, litter and smashing bottles.</p> <p><u>Pavements</u></p> <p>It is against the law to park on the pavement. It is also an offence to drive on the pavement. The Officer was asked if it was an offence to park on a pavement causing an obstruction, (such that a wheelchair for instance could not get past)</p> <p>Action PC Donaldson to find this out.</p> <p>It was mentioned that a car on Reiket Lane was parking on the grass verge and that it had to cross the pavement to get there. It was stated that this can block access for fire engines. This vehicle is now parking normally.</p> <p>Random Breathalysing tests are being carried out.</p>	
4	<p>Previous Minutes of 16th September 2014</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed: James Wiseman. Seconded: Christine Clerk</p>	
5	No Item 5 on the Agenda	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Item 9</u> James Wiseman stated that all correspondence had been circulated to those on the mailing list.</p> <p><u>Item 6b A</u> new director has not yet been appointed. The appointment process will need to be gone through again and this will take around 6 months. In the meantime Renee Millburn is the Acting Director of Planning.</p> <p><u>Item 6b Review on the Local Plan</u> There was a general discussion about the Local Plan and the Community Engagement Issues rose.</p> <p>Action Alastair Kennedy to take notes on the discussion and raise any issues.</p> <p><u>Item 6g Proposed Cycle Path</u> Oldmills Road To Barmuckity Elgin.</p> <p>Cllr Leadbitter suggested that due to changes in the Flood Alleviation scheme at Oldmills it is likely that the design of the cycleway has also changed, which is possibly why the present planning application has been withdrawn.</p>	
7	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	

7.1	Schools Consultation- no updates	
7.2	<p>Roads- WLR</p> <p>There is to be a Planning Hearing from the 12 to 14 November 2014. The ESAF response has been circulated .</p> <p>Action James Wiseman to consult with Rebecca Kail for guidance.</p>	JW RK
7.3	<p>SPICE</p> <p>Litter Pick on 25th and the 26th October. Meet at the Bailey Bridge beside the Moray Leisure Centre in Elgin.</p>	
7.4	Health – no update	
7.5	<p>Moray Local Development Plan</p> <p>There was a general discussion about the Local Plan and the Community Engagement Issues raised and whether the process complied with the National Standards of community Engagement</p> <p>Action Alastair Kennedy to take notes on the discussion and raise any issues.</p>	all
7.6	<p>Community Engagement.</p> <p>The issue of Community Engagement was discussed concerning the Moray Local Development Plan. Suggestions were made about how the Moray Council could engage more effectively with the community.</p>	
7.7	<p>Community Planning 10 year Plan</p> <p>The ESAF is not consulted about the 10 year plan.</p>	
7.8	<p>High School Application</p> <p>The Plans of the Elgin High School have gone to the school and parent Teachers Council. There will not be any changes within the school itself due to budget constraints. The school will have 780 pupils but can take 1000 pupils. The school running track is not on the Plan. Morriston Playing fields is designed to flood. The Forum feels that there should be an athletics track at the new school, but there is insufficient money. There is funding from Sports Scotland for a 3G pitch. When the financial situation improves then the athletics provision will be considered again. The meeting was shown the plans for the new improved drop off point, different to that shown on the Elgin High School plan. This is a separate Planning Application and is funded by the Moray Council. The meeting discussed the plans provided and made some recommendations for increased disabled parking to be made at the sports facility and the Sensory Garden. It was also pointed out that the roundabout at the end of Edgar Road shown on the plans was now a junction. Access for Arnold Clark vehicle Transporters was discussed with a suggestion that there should be no loading or unloading at lunchtime. This is a peak period when pupils are using that route. When Wards Road is cut off and that would provide quiet area for loading and unloading. Cllr Divers observed that the present cycle space provision at Elgin High School was under used and that there should be no need for more cycle spaces. It is hoped that pupils will be encouraged to use Active Travel options.</p> <p>Action Jim Wiseman will submit a response to the planning Application from the South Forum.</p>	
7.9	<p>Any Other Community Issues and Updates</p> <p>There will be an awards ceremony for the Moray Community Awards on the 21st November 2014.</p> <p>The Friends of Grant Lodge will have their AGM on the 18th November. They are looking for volunteers who wish to become more involved with this project. They will be setting up a Trust for the Friends of Grant lodge and will be looking also for Board Members.</p>	

8	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	The balance is £7,487.24. Aileen Marshall has requested that the books be submitted for Audit before the AGM. Action CC to deliver the books for Audit	
9	FORUM ISSUES	
9.1	AGM Tuesday 18 th November 2014. Aileen Marshall will chair the AGM in November, Rebecca Kail to take the minutes.	
9.2	Future Meetings and Minutes The next meeting is Tuesday 18 th November 2014 followed by the AGM. Aileen Marshall will chair the AGM in November, Rebecca Kail to take the minutes.	
9.3	Social Media Ongoing. Could be discussed at the next Management Team meeting	
9.4	Forum Action Plan Revised at the Management Team meetings.	
9.5	Moray Forum Jim Wiseman attended the last meeting. The Moray Forum wants £200 from the ESAF to help distribute the Moray Transport Booklet. Jim Wiseman has asked for more information and is awaiting a reply.	JW
9.6	Membership Forms The meeting was asked how many members the ESAF has. Possibly around 12.	
10	Correspondence All the correspondence has been circulated by email.	
11	Any Other Competent Business There is to be a consultation on the accessibility of Polling Stations. This will look at the whole process and whether there is a need for temporary Polling Stations. Contact election.enquiries@moray.gov.uk	Clr L
11	Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting is Tuesday 18 th November 2014 at 7pm in NEON followed by the AGM	