

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Aileen Marshall (Vice Chair) (Minutes) Christine Clerk (Treasurer)	Andrew Mackie, Community Warden Paul Watson, Senior Education Advisor, The Moray Council Graham Jarvis, Head of Lifelong Learning, TMC Marilyn Kelly member ESAF Linda McKenzie member ESAF Cllrs John Divers, Graham Leadbitter, TMC Lindsey Masson, Mosstowie Parent council Elaine Buchan, New Elgin Parent council Angus Dixon Margaret Anne Ramage Alison Hanna , TMC, Community Support Unit Ian Todd, The Moray Council, CSU	Steven Christie Cllr James Allan Alastair Kennedy (ECC) Oliver Baylis, Condition Survey Co-ordinator at The Moray Council

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	Welcome Jim Wiseman took the chair and welcomed everyone.	
2	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
3	Minutes From Previous meeting –21 April 2015 The minutes were accepted after the date for the earlier minutes was altered to March 2015. Proposed James Wiseman Seconded Aileen Marshall	
4	Matters arising Jim Wiseman has responded to the consultation on the western Link Road	
4	Community Planning Partnership Reports	
4a	School Rezoning Paul Watson, Senior Education Advisor and Graham Jarvis, Head of lifelong learning listened to the response from the assembled meeting from a community planning perspective on the current consultation on school rezoning which will alter the boundaries of the present catchment areas for the Primary Schools in Moray. Paul Watson told the meeting that he had attended four public meetings and had met with all the Parent councils and responded to questions and answers on various topics. . The general feedback so far was broadly supportive of the proposals. The Moray council now has a revised admissions policy. Graham Jarvis noted that the first meeting on zoning was requested by ESAF which he attended with Martine Scott. Mostowie Primary was	

affected by the new zoning. Rural pupils will get an opportunity to attend a rural school. Westend will be extending to accommodate Mosstowie pupils. There will be a change of zoning of Birnie and Fogwatt into Mosstowie. The present roll at Mosstowie is between 50 and 60 pupils. This number is expected to rise to over 60 in the August 2015 intake. The maximum capacity of Mosstowie is 75 pupils although there is no incentive for The Moray council to place more than 70 pupils, 69 will be the maximum as there is no funding to support them as there will be increased transport costs. Generally parents want to place their children in a smaller school. There is no requirement for the Moray council to build extra capacity for out of zone pupils. Miltonduff can hold three full classes of 25 in three classrooms. The Miltonduff playgroup meets in a hall nearby which is used for other activities. Cllr Leadbitter noted that the community use of the hall was important and was a source of income for 40 weeks of the year.

It was noted that there was no desire to split the community by moving children from Fogwatt and Birnie to Mosstowie. If this split occurs then there will be more transport costs. At present some children from Birnie go to Mosstowie but the parents are responsible for the transport. The School bus is only available to in-zone children.

There may be answers to some of the outstanding questions by September 2015. The report on School Zoning will be completed by 9th November 2015 and will be available for the councillors to make further queries before a final decision is made. The question was asked what will happen to children who move out of zone when they have sibling already at school and that school is full. Graham Jarvis said that the admissions policy would be amended for siblings. There will be temporary arrangements in place for two or three years until the new school is built. All schools are covered by one blanket policy, but there is now a revised admissions policy. As some children will be affected by zoning The Moray Council can make short term provision. If New Elgin School is full then in-zone children can be accommodated. There are two reserve places for in-zone pupils. There are no reserve places for out of zone pupils. The discussion moved to the new school which will be built in Elgin north. This will not provide sufficient places. In two years the school will be full. In five years time there will be no spaces. There will be around 3,000 new houses being built and there will be a requirement for another two schools in Elgin south and the planned school in Elgin north. This will mean an additional need for improved infrastructure and also more employment opportunities. This requires forward planning both in the short and long term. There was then a discussion about what could be done to improve the facilities in New Elgin Primary. Graham Jarvis said there were no plans to improve this school. Then a discussion arose over the safe route to school when crossing over Thornhill Road. The Roads Engineers will be putting camera in place to monitor this situation and decide whether new traffic lights need to be installed. Options to solve the safe route to school include Lollipop Wardens, Traffic Lights or an increase in the number and size of the traffic islands.

The zoning in Greenwards will be active on 1st January 2016. The option of a temporary sports provision or classrooms was discussed. If this was done it would need a Portacabin to be placed on the existing playing ground Graham Jarvis told the meeting that it would take a minimum of 30 months to build plan and design such a venture. It was pointed out that there is at present many delays to the new Elgin High School for unforeseen circumstances. If a new school is built at Findrassie then this will double the school capacity available in Elgin. The Moray council is at present in talks with developers to acquire land for new schools. If a new sports Centre is to be built then Sports Scotland will only fund the project if it is attached to a school. The school roll is expected to peak in 2020. It was stated that zoning of secondary schools was been looked at. Any unresolved questions outside the consultation could be answered by the Councillors. The Moray council officers do not make the final decision. Jim Wiseman thanked the attendees for their comments and stated that the ESAF can

	<p>input their views into the Local Plan. He urged the parent council members present to consider sending a representative to the ESAF meetings.</p> <p>Graham Jarvis, Paul Watson, Alison Hannah, Angus Dixon left the meeting at 8.00pm</p>	
4b	<p>Moray Drug and Alcohol consultation</p> <p>The meeting was informed that people can self refer to this programme. GP's can also refer people. All the Community Planning Partners are able to engage with this consultation. The Hospital Manger, the A&E manager and Police Scotland have seen the consultation. The community wardens have been involved with Operation Avon which tackles underage drinking. They are now in the partnership. This consultation ends on Friday 22nd May 2015. Cllr Leadbitter said that there was a problem with heavy drinking between the level crossing and Asda. Also the signal box on the railway had been Graffitied. This was felt to be associated with the alcohol consumed in that area. Network Rail need to be approached before the graffiti can be cleaned up.</p> <p>Action JW to collate responses for the consultation.</p>	JW
4c	<p>Community Warden</p> <p>Andrew Mackie reported as follows.</p> <p>2 noise complaints, 4 dog-fouling incidents and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice served.</p> <p>3 neighbour disputes, 4 abandoned vehicles, two people warned about dropping litter, one incident of graffiti on the side of the B&Q building. A Mackie has also assisted in two litter picks in the Elgin area. A Mackie was asked what happens when the sign stating "no Ball games" is ripped off the wall. This sign is advisory and not enforceable. A dispute between neighbours concerning unwanted balls in gardens was discussed and the Community Warden offered to mediate between the parties involved.</p> <p>There has also been an issue of vandalism in Cooper Park toilets, when sinks have been ripped out. The community Warden will be involved in trying to resolve this. A report of a break in and car theft at the nearby Barratt houses was discussed. The meeting was informed that this was an isolated incident and Elgin was generally a safe place to live. The community warden also informed the meeting that he would be returning to cover the Buckie area from 6th June and that Kathy Grant was returning to her post. The meeting was informed that the Housing Officers of TMC would be passing on their work with problem tenants to the Community Wardens.</p> <p>Action The Forum could put in a request to Andy Jamieson to retain the present CW. A Mackie left the meeting after giving his report.</p>	JW
5	COMMUNITY ISSUES & UPDATES	
5a	<p>Play Park at Greenwards</p> <p>Nothing so far has been done to remedy the problems described at a previous Forum meeting on Tuesday 17th March, TMC Lands and Parks are sorting out the bins. Closed bins deter the seagulls. The spring rocker on the play equipment has not been replaced. The seesaw might be replaced. Money has been found to tidy up the area. A discussion arose about the lack of play equipment in the area. Cooper Park has lost all its play equipment. The general lack of play equipment for young children under 5 was discussed.</p> <p><u>Linkwood Burn</u></p> <p>Trees have been pulled down to obstruct the path along the Linkwood Burn. There was a question as to whether this was the work of vandals or due to natural damage. It was noted that this recreation area is generally looking very untidy.</p> <p><u>Electric Box</u></p> <p>The meeting was told that the issue of an open jagged edge in the electric box near Greenwards school had not been addressed. This was discussed in the ESAF meeting of Tuesday 17th March 2015.</p> <p>Action Jim Wiseman to approach Scottish Hydro Electric about this health and safety matter.</p>	

5b	<p>Litter Picks There will be a litter pick between Reiket Lane and Shaw Place on 30th May 2015</p>	
	<p>Network Rail The implication of the closure of The Wards Level Crossing was discussed. There is at present no specific plans to close The Wards. Network Rail is undertaking an assessment of the line. Action The ESAF needs to be vigilant to ensure that the Wards Road remains open both for pedestrians and for vehicular traffic. Businesses on The Wards need two way access for delivery.</p>	
5c	<p>Local Development Plan ESAF worked with the ECC on the Local Plan on 24th June. The new Local Plan will be adopted. This has implications for the Link Road. The Reporter has looked at the Link Road in the context of the Local Plan. This part of the Plan has approval but the Plan does not have Planning Permission. There was some discussion about the Road, as to whether it was settled that the Link Road will be built. The issue will come forward as a Planning Application and will then go to a Hearing. Points of objection will have to be addressed. This will then come back to the Planning committee to look at the objections and how they will be dealt with. The impact of traffic on the new Findrassie development was discussed by the ESAF. The Plan will be ready for June 2015</p>	
5d	<p>Findrassie Development for Elgin North There will be a similar process for Elgin south. There was joint discussion with the ECC in Cedarwood on 11th May. A set of plans for the development was available. Jim Wiseman is at present collating everyone's response. It is hoped that there will be a range of housing types with mixed and affordable housing. It is desirable that the Findrassie community will be able to move into appropriate housing according to their changing needs. It is desired that segregation of housing will be avoided.</p>	
5e	<p>WLR –Elgin community council subgroup report Views gathered by JW will be incorporated into the consultation for the Local Development Plan.</p>	<p>Action JW</p>
5f	<p>Health and wellbeing -ESAF Health Updates 19/5/15 Joint Outcomes Group 12/5/15 Main Points from the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Joint Integration Board, now in shadow form. Work ongoing across the board to ensure readiness for legal start April 1st 2016. • Ways are being discussed to fill the Training Co-ordinator role. • Strategic Plan is in preparation. It must cover Localities planning and will be consulted upon. There will be further consultation once there is an implementation plan. There are likely to be changes in community engagement personnel. <p><i>Aileen Marshall</i></p> <p>Older People's Reference Group 13/5/15 Main Points from the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further update on the 8 Pillar model pilot. All the Steering Group now in place apart from a GP lead. • Further discussion and update on the Health and Social Care integration as per JOG report. • Looked at Emotional Touchpoints being used as a tool in older people's care settings. The information gained will be used to help improve aspects of care. • Looked at ideas for the Annual Event. Timing possibly September. • Consideration of who we would like as guest speakers. <p><i>Aileen Marshall</i></p>	

5g	<p>School Sport and Recreation</p> <p>The steering group for the Elgin high School will be meeting on Thursday 28 May 2015. The Scottish futures Trust are waiting for more information. No decision has yet been made on the European directive. This needs to be done before the project can be signed off. There is a temporary gas supply being put in place at EHS. The EHS and Greenwards have their own supply of gas but the new High School needs an increased supply of gas which cannot be supplied through the existing pipes. New reinforced pipes need to be installed which will take another three years. The temporary gas supply will be used until then.</p>	
5h	<p>Any Other Community Issues and Updates</p> <p>none</p>	
6	Elgin South Area Forum	
6a	Treasurer's Report	
	The balance is £7028.25. The Treasurer informed the meeting that money was available for expenses to attend the meeting both for travel and childcare costs. The money will be paid by cheque as no cash is now held by ESAF.	
6b	<p>Moray Forum</p> <p>Jim Wiseman gave his report on the Moray Forum AGM. The Moray Forum now has a full complement of Office bearers and Anita Milne is the Chairperson. Lorna Creswell of the Forres Area Forum gave some ideas on how the Moray Forum could progress and these ideas can also be used by the ESAF to progress its activities. There was an update on Health and social care and how it fits in with NHS Grampian. There was a discussion on how the joint board will be responsible for new GP's</p>	
6c	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The June meeting venue confirmed as NEON. AM will be minute-taker. JW Chair. The meeting discussed the possibility of finding more people willing to take on the duties of writing up the minutes of the ESAF.</p> <p><u>Forum Action Plan</u> No update</p>	Action JW
6d	<p>Membership Plan</p> <p>The new attendees of the meeting were encouraged to join the ESAF when their concerns could be progressed through the Community Planning Partnership.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <p><u>A96 Dualling</u></p> <p>The ESAF has to respond to the consultation. A number of routes have been identified but no decision has yet been taken. As strategic Environmental assessment will be undertaken. The implications of the A96 Dualling on the bus routes and the community through which the new road will be built were discussed. There are concerns with flooding and large amounts of standing water for the north routes. The residents of Mosstowie will be affected if a dual carriageway is built through their area. This is also the ESAF area and the forum will need to work closely with TMC to maximise the economic benefits for the community. The issue of Severance was discussed as there will be a reduced number of junctions off the new road. The new road cannot be built in Moray without splitting the community.</p> <p>Action Jim Wiseman to email with thoughts on how this will affect the ESAF area.</p>	JW
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting is Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7pm in NEON</p>	

