

Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on

Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building

ATTENDANCE:

Present:	In Attendance:	Apologies:
James Wiseman (Chair) Aileen Marshall (Vice Chair) Christine Clerk (Treasurer) (Minutes) Steven Christie Marilyn Kelly Linda McKenzie	Alastair Kennedy (ECC) Kathy Grant, Community Warden Cllr John Divers Cllr Graham Leadbitter	Cllr James Allan

MINUTES:

ITEM	RECORD	ACTION
1	Welcome Jim Wiseman took the chair	
2	Apologies Apologies were noted as above.	
3	Minutes From Previous meeting – Tuesday 16th June 2015 The minutes were accepted without amendment. Proposed James Wiseman Seconded Christine Clerk	
	<p>Matters arising</p> <p><u>Item 4.c Community Warden.</u> James Wiseman reported that Andrew Mackie will be working in Elgin later on this year.</p> <p><u>Item 5.a WLR</u> Jim Wiseman and Rebecca Kail went to the WLR Stakeholder event on Thursday 29th June at the Moray college.</p> <p><u>Item 5.b Substation at Wardend Place</u> The ragged edge has now been repaired. Doug Reid, The Senior Health and Safety officer for The Moray Council said that a grid skirt inside the Substation prevented children from crawling inside. The Forum expressed concern that the contact number for the SSE was not available on their website.</p> <p>Action Jim Wiseman to write to the SSE about their communication links and lack of response to emails.</p> <p><u>Item 5.c Play park at greenwards</u> The seesaw is still rusty. . The Forum was informed that the bins are not being emptied and as the rubbish is attracting seagulls. Ian Bruce environmental protection manager at The Moray Council could be contacted to address this matter.</p> <p><u>Item 5.d allotments</u> The allotment association have had a meeting with Jim Grant Head of Development Services – Planning and economic development in The Moray council. The allotment association is now looking for more information on the Community Empowerment Bill. Action Jim Wiseman to write to the allotments Group to offer the support of the ESAF.</p> <p><u>Item 5.h Health and wellbeing</u> The ESAF will write to Malcolm Wright the new CEO of NHS Grampian to invite him to a future ESAF meeting. The <i>Affa Sair</i> group represent people in the Moray area who suffer chronic pain have sent information to the ESAF. They have been invited to meet the ESAF to explain about their activities.</p> <p>Action James Wiseman</p>	<p>ACTION JW</p>

	<u>Item 5.i Any Other Community issues</u> Land on Glenlossie Drive- No further information on this piece of land is yet available. Amphitheatre in cooper Park has now been built.	
4	COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP REPORTS	
4.a	Community Warden Kathy Grant reported about a new initiative the- <i>Young Persons Fair Travel Scheme</i> offering discount bus travel for children in Secondary School. This scheme is to encourage children from outside Elgin to travel into town. Discount vouchers are available for a variety of retail outlets.	
5	COMMUNITY ISSUES	
5.a	Community Empowerment Bill Information from John Ferguson, The Moray Council Community Planning and Development Manager has been circulated. The CEB will be incorporated into the ESAF Action Plan which would have to become a 3 year action plan. A discussion arose on whether the ESAF is a Community Body. It was felt that as the ESAF has been recognised by the community Planning Partnership Community Board then it is a competent member. The ESAF are able to draw larger numbers to meetings for specific topics of Community Interest. Ordinary meetings have the usual members. A discussion took place on the CE Bill and its relation to the ESAF. It was decided to wait for training on the CEB and how the Forum can engage with the Community. Due to the limited number of members it is only possible to focus on a few topics. A community Participation body has to be recognised by the Community Planning Partnership. Moray might publish a list of Community Bodies which it recognises. It was decided to wait until the CPP makes a decision on the list of recognised bodies. Action Approach Marco Diago , Chair of the Moray Forum to organise an event which highlights what the ESAF can do for the Public.	ACTION AM
5.b	Health and Wellbeing including follow up to meeting with Richard Lochhead The meeting discussed the letter received from Alan Gray, Director of Finance, NHS Grampian in response to the letter sent from Richard Lochhead MSP	
5.c	Pain clinics and Affa Sair support group . It was proposed to send a letter to "Affa Sair" support group to explain the ESAF progress in ensuring the Local delivery of Pain Services in Moray. The ESAF will support this Group in their aim and are aware of how many patients in Moray are in need of a Pain Clinic in Elgin to avoid the long journey to Aberdeen ARI. It was hoped that a new consultant could be based in Elgin. There have been four Consultant Doctors who have stated that they would be willing to travel to Elgin but NHS Grampian will not fund the travel costs. The Rheumatology clinic can send a Doctor through and a Nurse for the Clinic. The next Affa Sair meeting is on the 13 th September. The question needs to be asked why if there are four consultants willing to travel why are they being prevented. We need a date for when the pain clinic will become established.	ACTION
5.d	Western Link Road There was a stakeholder meeting for the WLR. Jim Wiseman has the notes for the meeting. The works at Edgar Road nearly finished There has been a 20 mph limit for Local Delivery Lorries going to the site. On Glen Moray Drive cars are hitting a hole in the road and creating a lot of noise. A breach of Health and Safety by the contractor Balfour Beatty occurred when a workman was observed searching for a gas leak whilst smoking. It was asked how this safety observation by a member of the public was acted upon. Was it recorded by Balfour Beatty? Action JW to find out A brief on the exercise was to be written after the stakeholder meeting. There will be a completed Plan at the end of the year. There is a balance to be struck between different kinds of road users. The road design has shortened Glen Lossie Drive. You cannot see what is coming until you are in the middle of the road. There is a refuge in the middle of the road. There have been unrecorded utilities pipes. The sound barriers erected at	ACTION JW

	<p>Grenwards are temporary which have been put in to shield the classrooms from noise. There will be a signalled junction not a roundabout. We are waiting for the next step in the process.</p> <p>Action There will be an awareness session about intermittent noise.</p>	
5.e	<p>Any Other community Issues</p> <p><u>Elgin high School Delay</u> There was a suggestion that the Elgin High School should not be disadvantaged by the delays in the building of the school. There has been a hold up due to the changes in European Legislation and the Office of Statistics. There is not much which can be done. The Scottish Future Trust has not got in touch with The Moray council. The Process of financing has been changed. The Scottish Government will fight against PPI. There has been a review in the financial model. There will be a Children's and Young People meeting on Wednesday 19th August when further answers might be forthcoming. A discussion arose on the various financial models available. The ESAF want the Scottish Government to be aware that this is of great concern to the Community.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter on Glen Lossie Drive</u> This bus shelter is facing the wrong way round. There is a good Bus shelter on Birnie Road where no bus passes. Could this bus shelter be moved? The meeting was informed that this bus shelter was payed for by Springfield Properties for Glasgreen which was going to have more buses. It was put in before the road was blocked. The meeting was also informed that two bus shelter have been removed from Robertson Drive today, 18th August. These bus shelters belong to Sandy Allen Action If the street is adopted by The Moray Council then the bus stop might be used later. CCI Divers will speak to Mr McRae to see what is happening.</p> <p><u>Greenwards Playpark</u> CCLr Leadbiter will find out what is happening.</p> <p><u>Elgin South Long Masterplan</u> A meeting was held on Friday 14th August 2015 at the AGBC, The Moray College, Elgin. Jim Wiseman and Alastair Kennedy attended the workshop. The aspirations of the developers and the constraints of the site were outlined. There will be 2, 500 houses over a thirty year period. There will be a Regional Sports Facility, a school , a Community Hub and a Gateway Hub to the A9. School Zone boundaries may have to be changed. Active Travel and Designing Streets will be implemented. A general Public event may happen in the future. This is a significant development for Elgin.</p> <p><u>Site now derelict near the Railway Crossing</u> The former site near the Railway line sis now lying derelict. It is a category B listed building. The roofs had to be refelted when the lead flashing came off. The Pagoda structure is the first example of this type of building The area was to have a block of flats but there is insufficient parking for the tenants. The building needs to be protected it is up to the developer to come forward with a solution.</p>	
6	ELGIN SOUTH AREA FORUM	
6.a	Treasurer's Report The balance is £6,988.25. The Grant from the Moray council has not been received yet.	
6.b	Moray Forum The Community Empowerment Bill will be explained to the Moray Forum by John Ferguson.	
6.c	Next Meeting Aileen Marshall to Chair. James Wiseman to undertake correspondence. Christine Clerk to be minute-taker.	ACTION JW
7	AOCB CCLr Leadbitter has received two Emails from a constituents about the possibility of a	

	<p>path through the cemetery by making a gateway in the Cemetery Wall near the Cottar Hoose on Linkwood Road. This was discussed at the meeting and it was decided that it was inappropriate to have people walking through the cemetery.</p> <p>Action Cllr Leadbitter to respond to the questions to say that it would not be possible to have easy access through the Cemetery .</p>	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting Date of next meeting is 15th September 2015 at NEON</p>	

Correspondence List

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